

SENATE BILL 242

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance
4 with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to a
5 certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory
6 authority of the Board; requiring the Board to report certain information relating to
7 the issuance of licenses and the resolution of complaints to certain committees of the
8 General Assembly; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work
9 Examiners.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 19–201
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health Occupations
17 Section 19–502
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Health Occupations**

2 19–201.

3 There is a State Board of Social Work Examiners in the Department.

4 19–502.

5 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program
6 Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall
7 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2025] **2028**.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
9 2024, the State Board of Social Work Examiners shall report to the Senate Finance
10 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance
11 with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the following information for the
12 immediately preceding 6–month period:

13 (1) the average processing time, calculated from the date that the last
14 required document was received, for issuing:

15 (i) initial licenses; and

16 (ii) renewal licenses;

17 (2) the average length of time required to resolve a complaint; and

18 (3) the rate of compliance with the requirements of § 19–303(b) of the
19 Health Occupations Article.

20 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.