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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Law Examiners**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Law Examiners by extending to a  
4 certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory  
5 authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the  
6 statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a  
7 certain date; altering the maximum examination fee for applicants for  
8 admission to the Bar; requiring the fees charged by the Board to be set so as to  
9 produce funds to approximate the cost of maintaining the Board; requiring the  
10 Board to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a  
11 certain date; making a certain technical change; and generally relating to the  
12 State Board of Law Examiners.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
15 Section 10-208 and 10-218  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article - State Government  
20 Section 8-403(d)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
24 Article - State Government

1 Section 8-403(e)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article - State Government  
6 Section 8-403(k)  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

11 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

12 10-208.

13 (a) An applicant for admission to the Bar shall submit to the Board a petition  
14 to the Court of Appeals on the form that the Board provides.

15 (b) An applicant shall pay to the Board:

16 (1) an examination fee not exceeding [\$100] \$200, as set by the Court of  
17 Appeals; and

18 (2) any other fee set by the Court of Appeals.

19 (C) THE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE  
20 FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE BOARD.

21 10-218.

22 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland  
23 Program Evaluation Act, this subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after [July  
24 1, 1999] JULY 1, ~~2014~~ 2004.

25 **Article - State Government**

26 8-403.

27 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, on or before  
28 July 1, 2003, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or  
29 units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or  
30 units:

31 (1) State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board (§ 3-303 of the  
32 Business Regulation Article);

- 1           (2)     Apprenticeship and Training Council (§ 11-403 of the Labor and  
2 Employment Article);
- 3           (3)     State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers,  
4 and Speech-Language Pathologists (§ 2-101 of the Health Occupations Article);
- 5           (4)     State Office for Children, Youth, and Families (Article 49D, § 1 of the  
6 Code);
- 7           (5)     State Board of Electrologists (§ 6-201 of the Health Occupations  
8 Article);
- 9           (6)     State Board of Foresters (§ 7-201 of the Business Occupations and  
10 Professions Article);
- 11          (7)     Office for Individuals with Disabilities (§ 9-1102 of the State  
12 Government Article);
- 13          (8)     Division of Labor and Industry (Title 2 of the Labor and Employment  
14 Article);
- 15          [(9)     State Board of Law Examiners (§ 10-201 of the Business Occupations  
16 and Professions Article);
- 17          (10)]   (9)     Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board (§ 5-302 of the  
18 Labor and Employment Article);
- 19          [(11)]   (10)     State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (§ 10-201 of the  
20 Health Occupations Article);
- 21          [(12)]   (11)     State Board of Pilots (§ 11-201 of the Business Occupations  
22 and Professions Article);
- 23          [(13)]   (12)     Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates (§ 17-203 of the  
24 State Finance and Procurement Article);
- 25          [(14)]   (13)     State Board of Public Accountancy (§ 2-201 of the Business  
26 Occupations and Professions Article);
- 27          [(15)]   (14)     State Board of Social Work Examiners (§ 19-201 of the Health  
28 Occupations Article);
- 29          [(16)]   (15)     State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (§  
30 17-201 of the Health Occupations Article);
- 31          [(17)]   (16)     Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (Article 49D, §  
32 21 of the Code);
- 33          [(18)]   (17)     State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers (§ 16-201 of the  
34 Business Occupations and Professions Article);

1 [(19)] (18) State Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (§ 15-101 of  
2 the Health Occupations Article);

3 [(20)] (19) State Board of Certified Interior Designers (§ 8-101 of the  
4 Business Occupations and Professions Article); and

5 [(21)] (20) The licensing and regulation of security system technicians (§  
6 18-101 of the Business Occupations AND PROFESSIONS Article).

7 (e) On or before November 30 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a  
8 governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a  
9 preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this  
10 section.

11 (K) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,  
12 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, ~~2014~~ 2004, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF THE STATE  
13 BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Law  
15 Examiners shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House  
16 Judiciary Committee on or before October 1, 1999, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the  
17 State Government Article, on ~~the implementation of~~ what, if any, actions the Board  
18 has taken in response to the recommendations of the Department of Legislative  
19 Services contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 31, 1998.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 1999.