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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Authority - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the Tobacco Authority in accordance with the
4 provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending
5 to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and
6 regulatory authority of the Tobacco Authority; requiring that an evaluation of
7 the Tobacco Authority and the statutes and regulations of the Tobacco Authority
8 be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Tobacco Authority to
9 issue a certain report to the General Assembly containing certain information by
10 a certain date annually; and generally relating to the Tobacco Authority.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Agriculture
13 Section 7-201.1 and 7-206(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - State Government
18 Section 8-403(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article - State Government
23 Section 8-403(e)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1999 Replacement Volume)

26 BY adding to
27 Article - State Government
28 Section 8-403(m)
29 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article - Agriculture**

5 7-201.1.

6 Subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, the
7 provisions of this subtitle and of any rule or regulation relating to the Tobacco
8 Authority under this subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2001]
9 2006.

10 7-206.

11 (c) The Authority shall [conduct]:

12 (1) CONDUCT studies and investigations covering each phase of the
13 production and marketing of tobacco in the State and collaborate with any person or
14 government agency, including the University System of Maryland; AND

15 (2) REPORT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND SUBJECT
16 TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY
17 DECEMBER 1 ANNUALLY ON THE STATUS OF TOBACCO GROWING IN THE STATE,
18 INCLUDING:

19 (I) THE NUMBER OF ACRES BEING FARMED;

20 (II) THE NUMBER OF POUNDS EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCED AND
21 SOLD; AND

22 (III) INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
23 STATUS OF TRANSITION OR BUYOUT PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE.

24 **Article - State Government**

25 8-403.

26 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this section, on or before
27 July 1, 2000, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or
28 units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or
29 units:

30 (1) State Athletic Commission (§ 4-201 of the Business Regulation
31 Article);

32 (2) State Board of Barbers (§ 4-201 of the Business Occupations and
33 Professions Article);

1 (3) State Board of Cosmetologists (§ 5-201 of the Business Occupations
2 and Professions Article);

3 (4) State Racing Commission (§ 11-201 of the Business Regulation
4 Article);

5 (5) Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee (§ 11-531 of the
6 Business Regulation Article);

7 (6) Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee (§ 11-625 of
8 the Business Regulation Article);

9 (7) State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (§ 2-302 of the
10 Agriculture Article);

11 (8) State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators (§ 12-201
12 of the Environment Article);

13 (9) State Board of Well Drillers (§ 13-201 of the Environment Article);

14 (10) [the Tobacco Authority (§ 7-201 of the Agriculture Article);

15 (11)] Maryland Home Improvement Commission (§ 8-201 of the Business
16 Regulation Article); and

17 [(12)] (11) State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables (§ 2-701 of
18 the Agriculture Article).

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

23 (M) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,
24 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2005, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF THE TOBACCO
25 AUTHORITY AND THE REGULATIONS THAT RELATE TO THE TOBACCO AUTHORITY.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 June 1, 2000.