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By: **Chairman, Economic Matters Committee**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Maryland Home Improvement Commission - Sunset Extension and Program**  
3                                   **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission in  
5 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset  
6 Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the  
7 statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of  
8 the Commission and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Commission  
9 be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Labor,  
10 Licensing, and Regulation to submit a certain report by a certain date; and  
11 generally relating to the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Business Regulation  
14 Section 8-702  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article - State Government  
19 Section 8-403(a)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1999 Replacement Volume)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article - State Government  
24 Section 8-403(m)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

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**Article - Business Regulation**

2 8-702.

3 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland  
4 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall  
5 terminate on October 1, [2002] 2012.

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**Article - State Government**

7 8-403.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (10) the Tobacco Authority (§ 7-201 of the Agriculture Article); AND

30 (11) [Maryland Home Improvement Commission (§ 8-201 of the Business  
31 Regulation Article); and

32 (12)] State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables (§ 2-701 of the  
33 Agriculture Article).

1 (M) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,  
2 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF THE MARYLAND  
3 HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION AND THE REGULATIONS THAT RELATE TO THE  
4 MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Labor,  
6 Licensing, and Regulation shall submit a report to the Senate Economic and  
7 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by  
8 October 1, 2002 that evaluates: (1) the number of complaints and claims processed by  
9 the Maryland Home Improvement Commission and the need for additional support  
10 staff and investigators; (2) the impact of a seventh commission member on the ability  
11 of the commission to timely process complaints and claims and the need for any  
12 additional commissioners; and (3) the status of the Home Improvement Guaranty  
13 Fund and the impact of the increase in the maximum amount that may be awarded  
14 from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund against a single contractor.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2000.