
By: **The Speaker (Department of Legislative Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2002

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Regulatory Boards and Committees - Sunset**
3 **Extension and Program Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists,
5 Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists, the State Board of
6 Professional Counselors and Therapists, the State Board of Occupational
7 Therapy Practice, and the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee in
8 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset
9 Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the
10 statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and the advisory committee;
11 requiring that an evaluation of the boards and the advisory committee and the
12 statutes and regulations that relate to them be performed on or before a certain
13 date; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to health occupations
14 regulatory boards.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Health Occupations
17 Section 2-502, 10-502, 15-502, and 17-502
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article - State Government
22 Section 8-403(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
26 Article - State Government
27 Section 8-403(b)(7), (16), (45), and (49)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Health Occupations**

4 2-502.

5 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the MARYLAND
6 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this
7 title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2016.

8 10-502.

9 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the MARYLAND
10 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this
11 title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2015.

12 15-502.

13 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland
14 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall
15 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2013.

16 17-502.

17 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland
18 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules or regulations adopted under this title
19 shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2009.

20 **Article - State Government**

21 8-403.

22 (a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a
23 governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a
24 preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this
25 section.

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

30 (7) Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language
31 Pathologists, State Board of Examiners for (§ 2-201 of the Health Occupations
32 Article: July 1, [2003] 2015);

33 (16) Counselors and Therapists, State Board of Professional (§ 17-201 of
34 the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2008);

1 (45) Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of (§ 10-201 of the
2 Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2014);

3 (49) Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (§ 15-201 of the Health
4 Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2012);

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2002.