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By: **Senator Hollinger (Chairman, Health Subcommittee)**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners of Psychologists - Sunset Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in
4 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset
5 Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the
6 statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of
7 the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be
8 performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit certain
9 reports to certain committees on or before certain dates; and generally relating
10 to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Health Occupations
13 Section 18-201
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Health Occupations
18 Section 18-502
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article - State Government
23 Section 8-403(a)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
27 Article - State Government
28 Section 8-403(b)(55)
29 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

4 **Article - Health Occupations**

5 18-201.

6 There is a State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in the Department.

7 18-502.

8 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program
9 Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall
10 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2003] 2013.

11 **Article - State Government**

12 8-403.

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

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

21 (55) Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of (§ 18-201 of the Health
22 Occupations Article: July 1, [2002] 2012);

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of
24 Examiners of Psychologists shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and
25 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee,
26 on or before October 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
27 Article, on the implementation of the recommendations of the Department of
28 Legislative Services contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2001.
29 That report shall include a preliminary financial plan.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of
31 Examiners of Psychologists shall submit a final financial plan to the Senate
32 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House
33 Environmental Matters Committee on or before March 1, 2003, in accordance with §
34 2-1246 of the State Government Article. The final financial plan shall:

35 (1) assess options for bringing expenditures in line with revenues,
36 including reducing expenditures;

- 1 (2) identify the need for any future fee increases, including determining
- 2 what appropriate increases would be relative to the fees charged by other boards;

- 3 (3) discuss how the Board can maintain an appropriate fund balance;
- 4 and

- 5 (4) institute a systematic, ongoing process for long-term financial
- 6 planning.

7 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

8 July 1, 2002.