
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee and Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2006

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Horse Industry Board - Sunset Extension and Program**
3 **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the inspection schedule for stables licensed by the
5 Maryland Horse Industry Board from an annual to biennial schedule;
6 continuing the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland
7 Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the
8 termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the
9 Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and
10 regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date;
11 repealing the abrogation of certain statutes relating to the Board; requiring the
12 Board to submit certain reports to certain committees of the General Assembly
13 by certain dates; and generally relating to the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Agriculture
16 Section 2-710
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article - Agriculture
21 Section 2-713(a) and 2-719
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article - State Government
26 Section 8-403(a)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article - State Government
3 Section 8-403(b)(31)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Chapter 223 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002
8 Section 2

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

11 **Article - Agriculture**

12 2-710.

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not engage in
14 the business of operating or maintaining any horse riding stable unless the person
15 has received a license and a certificate issued by the Board.

16 (b) This section does not apply to a holder of a livestock dealer's or livestock
17 market license issued under Title 3, Subtitle 3 of this article. However, a holder of a
18 livestock dealer's or livestock market license shall comply with the other provisions of
19 this subtitle.

20 2-713.

21 (a) Each horse riding stable licensed under this subtitle shall be inspected at
22 least [annually] EVERY 2 YEARS.

23 2-719.

24 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program
25 Evaluation Act, the provisions of this subtitle and of any rule or regulation adopted
26 under this subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after [July 1, 2006] JULY 1,
27 2016.

28 **Article - State Government**

29 8-403.

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

34 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before
35 the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation

1 shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and
2 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

3 (31) Horse Industry Board, Maryland (§ 2-701 of the Agriculture Article:
4 [July 1, 2005] JULY 1, 2015);

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Chapter 223 of the Acts of 2002

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
7 effect July 1, 2002. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
8 June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
9 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Horse
11 Industry Board shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education,
12 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means
13 Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before December
14 31, 2006, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, regarding the
15 administrative penalties the Board is authorized to impose under § 2-718(b) of the
16 Agriculture Article, including in the report any regulations that have been adopted
17 under § 2-718(b) of the Agriculture Article and a discussion of the number and
18 amount of administrative penalties levied under § 2-718(b) of the Agriculture Article.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Horse
20 Industry Board shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education,
21 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means
22 Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before October 1,
23 2006, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the
24 implementation of the recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services
25 contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2004.

26 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect July 1, 2006.