

CHAPTER 123

(House Bill 62)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–316

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(b)(66)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

2–316.

The provisions of this subtitle creating the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and relating to the regulation of veterinarians and any regulations

promulgated under this subtitle are of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, [2011] **2021**.

Article – State Government

8–403.

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

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

(66) Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of (§ 2–302 of the Agriculture Article: July 1, [2010] **2020**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2009, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. The report shall address the following issues as outlined in the Department of Legislative Services preliminary sunset evaluation dated December 2008:

- (1) Registered veterinary technicians;
- (2) Penalty authority;
- (3) Public outreach; and
- (4) Disciplinary caseload.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.