

## **CHAPTER 29**

**(Senate Bill 117)**

AN ACT concerning

### **State Board of Well Drillers – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Well Drillers 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 Well Drillers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 13–602

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)(68)

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 – Environment**

13–602.

Subject to the Program Evaluation Act, the provisions of this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title creating the State Board of Well Drillers and relating to the regulation of well drillers 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:

(68) Well Drillers, State Board of (§ 13–201 of the Environment Article: July 1, [2010] **2020**).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2009, the State Board of Well Drillers, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, 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, on its plans to:

(1) Increase fees and its ability to generate sufficient fee revenue for the General Fund to cover its expenditures; and

(2) Track consumer complaints and related disciplinary actions within a database or spreadsheet.

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.**