

Chapter 317

(House Bill 69)

AN ACT concerning

State Board for Professional Engineers – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board for Professional Engineers 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 for Professional Engineers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 14–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(21)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

14–602.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2013] **2023**.

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:

(21) Engineers, State Board for Professional (§ 14–201 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2012, the State Board for Professional Engineers shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. The report shall provide an update on the Board’s actions concerning the following issues:

(1) reallocating the Board’s special fund resources and staff in light of privatization of examination administration responsibilities, the new continuing professional competency requirements, and the growing licensing workload;

(2) implementing the examination administration process through a private contractor;

(3) establishing and implementing continuing professional competency requirements;

(4) establishing firm permits or certificates of authorization with uniform requirements for the State Board of Professional Engineers, State Board of Architects, State Board of Certified Interior Designers, State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, and State Board for Professional Land Surveyors;

(5) implementing the new structural engineering exam; and

(6) instituting computer-based testing and establishing more rigorous educational requirements for licensure.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.