

SENATE BILL 95

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By: **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2012

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program**
3 **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in
5 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset
6 law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the
7 statutory and regulatory authority of the board; requiring that an evaluation of
8 the board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the board be
9 performed on or before a certain date; requiring the board to submit a report to
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
11 generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 19–502
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – State Government
19 Section 8–403(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 8–403(b)(64)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 19–502.

5 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program
6 Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall
7 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2014] **2024**.

8 **Article – State Government**

9 8–403.

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

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

18 (64) Social Work Examiners, State Board of (§ 19–201 of the Health
19 Occupations Article: July 1, [2013] **2023**);

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1,
21 2013, the State Board of Social Work Examiners shall submit a report to the Senate
22 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and
23 Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
24 Government Article. The report shall include:

25 (1) an analysis of licensing trends for the licensed social work
26 associate (LSWA) license and options for increasing the number of individuals seeking
27 that level of licensure;

28 (2) an update on licensing fees, including a long–term financial plan to
29 ensure a sufficient fund balance; and

30 (3) an update on the board’s disciplinary process, including outreach
31 efforts and efforts to meet Managing for Results goals.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2012.