

Chapter 57

(Senate Bill 190)

AN ACT concerning

Elevator Safety Review Board – Sunset Extension, Program Evaluation, and Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of continuing the Elevator Safety Review Board 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 govern the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Board to report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Legislative Services, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Elevator Safety Review Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Public Safety
 Section 12–842
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 8–403(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 8–403(b)(17)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

12–842.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, the provisions of this title that create or relate to the Board and any

regulations adopted by the Board shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2019] **2029**.

Article – State Government

8–403.

(a) On or before December 15 of the evaluation year specified, the Department shall:

(1) conduct a preliminary evaluation of each governmental activity or unit to be evaluated under this section; and

(2) prepare a report on each preliminary evaluation conducted.

(b) Each of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units are subject to preliminary evaluation in the evaluation year specified:

(17) Elevator Safety Review Board (§§ 12–819 through 12–841 of the Public Safety Article: [2016] **2026**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before October 1, 2018, the Elevator Safety Review Board shall submit a report to the Department of Legislative Services and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on:

(1) the results of the Board’s assessment of licensing activity and its projected revenues and expenditures; and

(2) how the Board plans to ensure that it has sufficient funding to continue operating.

(b) The report shall include discussion on options related to:

(1) reducing spending;

(2) increasing the license fees charged by the Board to the maximum allowed under § 12–824(b) of the Public Safety Article;

(3) increasing the maximum license fees authorized under § 12–824(b) of the Public Safety Article;

(4) the feasibility of increasing the inspection and registration fees collected under § 12–809(c) and (d) of the Public Safety Article that support the Elevator Safety Review Board Fund; and

(5) modifying the reversion requirement in § 12–824.1(j) of the Public Safety Article to allow the Board to retain a greater percentage of the Elevator Safety Review Board Fund balance annually.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 11, 2017.