

# SENATE BILL 585

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

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators – Fee Setting, Sunset**  
3 **Extension, and Program Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators  
5 to set certain fees so as to produce funds sufficient to cover certain costs of regulating  
6 waterworks, wastewater works, and industrial wastewater works in accordance with  
7 certain provisions of law; continuing the Board in accordance with the Maryland  
8 Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination  
9 provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that  
10 an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board  
11 be performed on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board  
12 of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Environment  
15 Section 12–206 and 12–602  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – State Government  
20 Section 8–403(a)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – State Government  
25 Section 8–403(b)(55)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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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 MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Environment**

4 12–206.

5 (a) (1) The Board [may] **SHALL** set reasonable fees for the issuance and  
6 renewal of certificates and its other services.

7 (2) The fees [charged may] **SHALL** be set so as to produce funds [to  
8 approximate the cost of maintaining the Board] **SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ACTUAL**  
9 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF REGULATING WATERWORKS, WASTEWATER**  
10 **WORKS, AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER WORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**  
11 **PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.**

12 (b) In accordance with the State budget, the Board may pay expenses incurred in  
13 carrying out the provisions of this title.

14 (c) The Board shall pay all funds collected under this section into the General  
15 Fund of this State.

16 12–602.

17 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation  
18 Act, and except for the rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary, this title shall  
19 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2021] **2031.**

20 **Article – State Government**

21 8–403.

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

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

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

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

30 (55) Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators, State Board of (§ 12–201 of  
31 the Environment Article: [2018] **2028**); and

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2   1, 2019.