

Chapter 720

(Senate Bill 585)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators to set certain fees so as to produce funds sufficient to cover certain costs of regulating waterworks, wastewater works, and industrial wastewater works in accordance with certain provisions of law; continuing the Board in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to 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; and generally relating to the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators.

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

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

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

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

Article – Environment

12–206.

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

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

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

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

12–602.

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

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:

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

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.