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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 213
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after the semicolon, insert “requiring an independent evaluation of the Commission;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike “**2033**” and substitute “**2025**”; and after line 21, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “Department” means the Maryland Department of Labor.

(b) The Department, subject to subsection (c) of this section, shall hire a consultant to conduct an independent evaluation of the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors, to determine if the Commission is adhering to the most recent Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Standards’ diversity, equity, and inclusion guidelines in its regulation of real estate appraisers and appraisal management companies in the State.

(c) (1) The independent evaluation of the Commission required under subsection (b) of this section shall be conducted under the supervision of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services who, in consultation with the Department, may:

(i) write the proposal for the hiring of the consultant;

(ii) select the consultant; and

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(iii) distribute the evaluation to the committees of jurisdiction, in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act.

(2) (i) The Department shall pay the costs of the independent evaluation required under this section.

(ii) The Department may use funds from the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors Fund to cover the cost of the independent evaluation.

(d) The independent evaluation required under this section shall be:

(1) completed for consideration by the committees of jurisdiction during the 2023 legislative session; and

(2) submitted to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on or before January 1, 2023.”;

in line 22, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 23, strike “October” and substitute “June”.