

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 717

(Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment  
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Labor)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Economic Matters

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**State Board of Stationary Engineers - Sunset Extension**

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This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Stationary Engineers within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by 10 years to July 1, 2034.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained from FY 2025 through 2034.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** MDL has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The State Board of Stationary Engineers was established in 2005 to create “a licensing program to ensure that qualified individuals provide stationary engineer services to (1) protect the public; (2) provide for the safe operation of power plants, plants of machinery, and boilers; and (3) promote high professional standards.” Under statute, “[p]rovide stationary engineer services means to oversee the operation of a power plant, plant of machinery, or boiler, each generating pressure of more than 15 psi and operating at 30 or more horsepower,” but “does not include overseeing the operation of a heating boiler.”

The board may deny a license to an applicant, revoke or suspend a license, issue a reprimand, and impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for any violation of the stationary engineers licensing statute or regulations. Other than licensing, the primary function of the board is investigating violations of the stationary engineer licensing code.

The board is 1 of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, these entities may also be subject to an evaluation by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) within DLS prior to their termination. However, OPEGA may conduct an evaluation only if directed by specified entities or by legislation. The board is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2024; OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, the board has requested reauthorizing legislation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Labor; Department of Legislative Services

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