

Chapter 316

(House Bill 67)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Architects – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Architects 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 relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the chairs of certain design boards to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Architects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

3–702.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2013] **2023**.

Article – State Government

8–403.

(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

(4) Architects, State Board of (§ 3–201 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2011, the Chair of the State Board of Architects, the Chair of the State Board of Certified Interior Designers, the Chair of the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the Chair of the State Board for Professional Engineers, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors shall jointly submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the sufficiency of the balance in the State Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards' Fund. The report shall specifically address the benefits of a fee increase in order to ensure that the collective revenue for the design boards covers total expenditures.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.