

HOUSE BILL 69

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

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board for Professional Engineers – Sunset Extension and Program**
3 **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board for Professional Engineers in
5 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset
6 law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the
7 statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of
8 the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be
9 performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a certain
10 report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board for
11 Professional Engineers.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
14 Section 14–602
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – State Government
19 Section 8–403(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – State Government
2 Section 8–403(b)(21)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

8 14–602.

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

12 **Article – State Government**

13 8–403.

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

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

22 (21) Engineers, State Board for Professional (§ 14–201 of the Business
23 Occupations and Professions Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1,
25 2012, the State Board for Professional Engineers shall submit a report to the Senate
26 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic
27 Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.
28 The report shall provide an update on the Board’s actions concerning the following
29 issues:

30 (1) reallocating the Board’s special fund resources and staff in light of
31 privatization of examination administration responsibilities, the new continuing
32 professional competency requirements, and the growing licensing workload;

33 (2) implementing the examination administration process through a
34 private contractor;

1 (3) establishing and implementing continuing professional competency
2 requirements;

3 (4) establishing firm permits or certificates of authorization with
4 uniform requirements for the State Board of Professional Engineers, State Board of
5 Architects, State Board of Certified Interior Designers, State Board of Examiners of
6 Landscape Architects, and State Board for Professional Land Surveyors;

7 (5) implementing the new structural engineering exam; and

8 (6) instituting computer-based testing and establishing more rigorous
9 educational requirements for licensure.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.