

SENATE BILL 89

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

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension and Program**
3 **Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists 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 report to
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
11 generally relating to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 18–502
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 8–403(b)(55)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 18–502.

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

8 **Article – State Government**

9 8–403.

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

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

18 (55) Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of (§ 18–201 of the Health
19 Occupations Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1,
21 2012, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists shall submit a report to the
22 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House
23 Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the
24 State Government Article. The report shall include:

25 (1) an update on the Board’s plans to require psychology associates to
26 renew their exemption status every 2 years and a determination by the Board as to
27 whether psychology associates should be required to take continuing education credits;

28 (2) an analysis of the role of psychology associates in the State and
29 whether it would be appropriate to certify or license psychology associates, as well as
30 whether additional disciplinary authority is needed; and

31 (3) a long–term financial plan that:

32 (i) assesses options for bringing expenditures in line with
33 revenues, including reducing expenditures;

1 (ii) identifies the need for any future fee increases, including
2 determining what appropriate increases would be relative to the fees charged by other
3 boards;

4 (iii) discusses how the Board can maintain an appropriate fund
5 balance; and

6 (iv) institutes a systematic, ongoing process for long-term
7 financial planning.

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