

Chapter 419

(Senate Bill 90)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners 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 Board to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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)(52)
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 – Health Occupations

16–602.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2012] **2022**.

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:

(52) Podiatric Medical Examiners, State Board of (§ 16–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2011] **2021**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2015, the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding the status of the Board and the regulation of podiatry in the State. The report shall include information for the years fiscal 2011 through fiscal 2015, inclusive, that addresses:

(1) the number of podiatrists licensed by the Board;

(2) whether the Board has implemented any new requirements for the licensure, certification, or registration of individuals who practice or assist in the practice of podiatry, and the number of individuals licensed, certified, or registered as a result of any new requirements implemented by the Board;

(3) the number of complaints received by the Board for individuals who practice or assist in the practice of podiatry and the resolution of the complaints;

(4) a summary of any major legislative or regulatory changes impacting podiatry, including changes to fees charged by the Board; and

(5) an update on the Board's finances including the revenue and expenditures for each fiscal year.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.