

## Chapter 394

**(Senate Bill 242)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension**

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board to report certain information relating to the issuance of licenses and the resolution of complaints to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Health Occupations  
 Section 19–201  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Health Occupations  
 Section 19–502  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health Occupations**

19–201.

There is a State Board of Social Work Examiners in the Department.

19–502.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, ~~[2025]~~ 2028 2030.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2024, the State Board of Social Work Examiners shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance

with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the following information for the immediately preceding 6-month period:

(1) the average processing time, calculated from the date that the last required document was received, for issuing:

(i) initial licenses; and

(ii) renewal licenses;

(2) the average length of time required to resolve a complaint; and

(3) the rate of compliance with the requirements of § 19-303(b) of the Health Occupations Article.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

**Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.**