

SENATE BILL 585

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

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators – Fee Setting, Sunset**
3 **Extension, and Program Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators
5 to set certain fees so as to produce funds sufficient to cover certain costs of regulating
6 waterworks, wastewater works, and industrial wastewater works in accordance with
7 certain provisions of law; continuing the Board in accordance with the Maryland
8 Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination
9 provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that
10 an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board
11 be performed on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board
12 of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Environment
15 Section 12–206 and 12–602
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – State Government
20 Section 8–403(a)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 8–403(b)(55)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Environment**

9 12–206.

10 (a) (1) The Board [may] **SHALL** set reasonable fees for the issuance and
11 renewal of certificates and its other services.

12 (2) The fees [charged may] **SHALL** be set so as to produce funds [to
13 approximate the cost of maintaining the Board] **SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ACTUAL**
14 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF REGULATING WATERWORKS, WASTEWATER**
15 **WORKS, AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER WORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
16 **PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.**

17 (b) In accordance with the State budget, the Board may pay expenses incurred in
18 carrying out the provisions of this title.

19 (c) The Board shall pay all funds collected under this section into the General
20 Fund of this State.

21 12–602.

22 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation
23 Act, and except for the rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary, this title shall
24 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2021] **2031.**

25 **Article – State Government**

26 8–403.

27 (a) On or before December 15 of the evaluation year specified, the Department
28 shall:

29 (1) conduct a preliminary evaluation of each governmental activity or unit
30 to be evaluated under this section; and

31 (2) prepare a report on each preliminary evaluation conducted.

1 (b) Each of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and
2 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units are subject to preliminary
3 evaluation in the evaluation year specified:

4 (55) Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators, State Board of (§ 12–201 of
5 the Environment Article: **[2018] 2028**); and

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.