

# HOUSE BILL 549

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in  
5 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law)  
6 by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory  
7 and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board to report to the Governor  
8 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; and generally  
9 relating to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Agriculture  
12 Section 2–301(a) and (b) and 2–302(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Agriculture  
17 Section 2–304(f)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Agriculture  
22 Section 2–316

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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 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Agriculture**

6 2–301.

7 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

9 2–302.

10 (a) There is a State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in the Department.

11 2–304.

12 **(F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT**  
13 **TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE**  
14 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY**  
15 **ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

16 2–316.

17 The provisions of this subtitle creating the State Board of Veterinary Medical  
18 Examiners and relating to the regulation of veterinarians and any regulations promulgated  
19 under this subtitle are of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, [2021] 2031.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.