

**Senate Bill No. 249**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Tobacco Authority – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

FOR the purpose of continuing the Maryland Tobacco Authority 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 Authority; altering the number of members of the Authority, the membership criteria, and the process for nominating members; repealing a provision of law for compensation of certain members of the Authority; repealing a certain requirement that the Authority conduct certain studies and investigations; altering certain fees; requiring that an evaluation of the Authority and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Authority be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Authority to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland Tobacco Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 7–201.1, 7–202, 7–203(b), 7–206(c), and 7–412(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(b)(68)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Agriculture**

7–201.1.

Subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, the provisions of this subtitle and of any rule or regulation relating to the Tobacco Authority under this subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2006] 2011.