

SUBTITLE 7. SHORT TITLE; TERMINATION OF TITLE.

3-701. SHORT TITLE.

THIS TITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND PLUMBING ACT".

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This section is new language added to provide a convenient reference to this title.

3-702. TERMINATION OF TITLE.

SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND REESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT, THIS TITLE AND ALL REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER JULY 1, 1993.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: This section is new language derived from former Art. 56, § 462A.

The word "title" is substituted for the former word "subtitle" and, thus, excludes provisions that are transferred to public local laws. See the General Committee Comment. The Committee believes that the excluded provisions were not intended to be covered in the evaluation under the Md. Program Evaluation Act.

As to the Md. Program Evaluation Act, see Title 8, Subtitle 4 of the State Government Article.

GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT:

As part of the ongoing revision of the Maryland laws, the Division of Statutory Revision of the Department of Legislative Reference reviewed the laws that regulate plumbers with the intention of revising those laws in the proposed Business Occupations Article. The mandate of the Division is to rewrite the laws in a more organized, concise, and readable manner, without making substantive changes. The objective is to clarify the existing laws, but not to change their legal effect.

The problems inherent in the laws governing plumbing could not be resolved in a routine nonsubstantive revision, because of the numerous gaps, inconsistencies, and ambiguities in those laws.

Therefore, a Joint Subcommittee of the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee was appointed to consider the substantive problems in the plumbing law and to develop substantive legislation to address those problems.