

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 Board; clarifying a certain inspection policy; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a certain report by a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Morticians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 7-409 and 7-602

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(b)(41)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

7-409.

(A) All inspections of funeral establishments shall be unannounced AND MAY TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE BOARD.

(B) AN UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION MAY INCLUDE ADVANCE NOTICE THAT AN INVESTIGATOR MAY BE IN THE REGION OF THE FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, IF:

(1) THE ADVANCE NOTICE IS NO MORE THAN 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION;

(2) NO SPECIFIC DATE OR TIME IS PROVIDED FOR THE INSPECTION; AND

(3) THE ADVANCE NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO ENSURE THAT A LICENSED MORTICIAN WILL BE ON-SITE FOR THE INSPECTION.