

**SUBTITLE 7. SHORT TITLE; TERMINATION OF TITLE.**

**17-701.**

**THIS TITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS ACT".**

**17-702.**

**SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND REESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT, THIS TITLE AND ALL RULES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER JULY 1, 2019.**

**Article - State Government**

**8-403.**

(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

(16) Counselors and Therapists, State Board of Professional (§ 17-201 of the Health Occupations Article: [July 1, 2008] **JULY 1, 2018**);

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:**

**Article - Health Occupations**

**17-405.1.**

**(A) (1) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG UNDER § 17-402 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO:**