

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 661 (Delegate Stup, et al.)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Podiatrists and Psychologists - Complaints

This enrolled bill requires the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to provide specified notice to a licensee within 60 days if a complaint has been filed unless the board: (1) determines that the disclosure would prejudice the investigation of the complaint and notifies the licensee of the determination; or (2) disposes of the complaint within 60 days. The board is required to provide status reports to the licensee and complainant at least every three months.

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists is required to establish procedures for receiving and investigating complaints which must include the same provisions cited above.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None (see below).

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Both the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and the Board of Examiners of Psychologists report that this bill would necessitate the hiring of a one day per week clerk to handle the duties required by this bill, at an annual cost of less than \$5,000 each. However, Fiscal Services advises that special fund resources supporting each board carries an annual surplus more than sufficient to handle this additional staffing need on a contractual basis.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Examiners of

Psychologists and Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners), Department of Fiscal Services

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