

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 245 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee and
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
(Departmental – Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

**Criminal Procedure - Arrest Without Warrants - Department of Labor,
Licensing, and Regulation Police Force**

This departmental bill adds members of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Police Force to the list of police officers authorized to make warrantless arrests when acting in an official capacity.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. This bill would have no measurable fiscal impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. It is assumed that any arrests and charges that may arise as a result of the bill would not have a significant effect on the Judiciary or State correctional operations.

Local Effect: Minimal. It is assumed that any arrests and charges that may arise as a result of the bill would not have a significant effect on the circuit courts or local correctional operations.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: Members of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Police Force do not have warrantless arrest powers. Chapter 268 of 2000 added members of this police force to the definition of police officer under provisions relating to the Police Training Commission.

Additional Comments: Chapter 313 of 2000 added members of the State Forest and Park Service Police Force to the list of police officers authorized to make warrantless arrests when acting in an official capacity.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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