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Senate Bill 110

(Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Health)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

**State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Licensure – Qualifications and
Examinations**

This departmental bill updates qualification and examination requirements for a license to practice podiatry in the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Under current law, in order to qualify for a license to practice podiatry, an applicant must pass an examination given by the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners. The board must give the examination at least twice a year and must notify applicants of the times and places of the examinations. The examinations must be conducted in writing but may include the use of supplementary oral and clinical examinations. Examinations must also include only subjects normally taught at an accredited school or college of podiatry or chiropody. The board must promptly act on each examination and record the results in the board's minutes.

The bill specifies that an applicant for licensure must pass (1) the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners licensing examination and (2) a written examination on the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners' statute and regulations (which must be administered by the board). The board must notify applicants of the *requirements* of its examination.

The bill repeals the (1) authorization for the board to use supplementary oral and clinical examinations in its examination; (2) requirement for the board's examination to include only subjects taught at a college of podiatry or chiropody; and (3) requirement for the board to record the results of the examinations in its minutes.

Background: MDH advises that the bill clarifies and updates statute to reflect existing practice. Applicants seeking licensure to practice podiatry in the State are already required to pass the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners certification examination and are also already required to pass the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners' jurisprudence examination. MDH also advises that the bill repeals obsolete provisions regarding oral and clinical examinations and examination subjects.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

**Department of Health
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TITLE: State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners -
Qualifications

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

 X WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

 WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

This proposal does not increase a fee or increase the qualifications for obtaining a license. The bill is clarifying in nature and repeals obsolete language.