



DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
Office of the Commissioner
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To: Senate Finance Committee
From: John C. Dove, Jr.,
Commissioner of Occupational and Professional Licensing
Re: SB0559- "Household Good Movers-Special Fund and Fees"
Date: February 22, 2024

In 2019, the Legislature passed SB712, which prohibits a person from providing household goods moving services with a commercial vehicle, as defined by current law, in the State unless the person is registered with the MD Department of Labor. The 2019 bill also established a registration cycle, requirements for original and renewal registration applicants, and grounds for registration application approval or denial and regulatory action against a registrant.

By directing that the fees generated by the Household Goods Movers Registration Unit be deposited in a special fund, the Unit will be able to cover the costs of administering the fund and thereby better serve the respective industry as well as the citizens of Maryland. Further, ensuring the operation of the Unit is cost efficient and that services provided to the industry and the public are competent, efficient, and productive is in the best interest of the citizens of Maryland.

To summarize, the proposed bill will create a Household Goods Movers Registration Unit Fund in the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing at the Maryland Department of Labor. By directing that licensing fees be deposited in the Fund, as well as authorizing the Household Goods Movers Registration Unit by the Secretary of Labor, to set fees by regulation in amounts that will lower the Unit's costs, the bill will allow the Unit to continue to serve the respective industry, and the citizens of Maryland. Without this dedicated funding, the Unit would lack the financial resources to adequately carry out statutory responsibilities.

Thank you for your time, and we are asking for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Dove, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John C. Dove, Jr.
Commissioner,
Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing