

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1131 (Delegate Love, et al.)
Economic Matters

Design Professional Boards - Reinstatement of Licenses - Fees

This bill changes the reinstatement fee to \$100 for any license reinstated by the State Board of Architects, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the State Board for Professional Engineers, and the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors. In addition to the reinstatement fee, a licensee must pay all past due renewal fees. The board may waive the reinstatement fee for a licensee who provides evidence that he or she did not practice that profession during the time that the license was lapsed.

The bill establishes reinstatement rights and rules concerning the reinstatement of a license issued by the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by an average of \$42,000 annually beginning in FY 1997. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The bill increases the license reinstatement fees for architects and professional engineers, reduces the license reinstatement fee for land surveyors, and imposes a reinstatement fee for the first time for landscape architects. In addition, the bill provides that an applicant must pay all past due renewal fees and that the board may waive the reinstatement fee under certain circumstances. Based on historical experience, it is estimated that the bill would impact about 500 professionals annually and that general fund revenue would increase by about \$42,000. This estimate is based on the assumption that the boards would waive the reinstatement fees for 20% of all reinstatement applicants.

The estimate reflects the average annual impact on general fund revenues. Due to the biennial nature of the licensing process, revenues may be higher or lower in any given year.

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