

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 762 (Senator Collins, et al.)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

Life Safety Protection Act

The amended bill establishes an 11-member task force to study and make recommendations on the licensure of fire sprinkler contractors. Task force members will be appointed by the State Fire Marshall and serve without compensation. The Office of the Fire Marshall must provide necessary support staff to the task force and submit a report to the State Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by December 1, 1996.

The bill is effective June 1, 1996 and sunsets December 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is assumed that task force members would be eligible for expense reimbursements in accordance with standard State travel regulations. Any reimbursements should be minimal and absorbable within existing resources. It is assumed that the Office of the Fire Marshall could provide support staff with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Based on information published by the American Fire Sprinkler Association, 33 states, including Delaware, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia, currently license fire sprinkler contractors.

Information Source(s): Office of the Fire Marshall, American Fire Sprinkler Association,
Department of Fiscal Services

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