

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1003 (Delegate Rawlings)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Pharmacists - Licensure - Oral Competency Exams**

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This amended bill authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to waive specified educational and clinical training requirements for applicants who are graduates of a “foreign school or college of pharmacy,” if the applicant passes an additional examination.

The bill also requires license applicants to demonstrate oral competency in the English language by passing a board approved standardized test. The board is required to establish procedures for oral competency testing applicable to persons with a speech or hearing impairment. Required oral competency testing is also applied to disciplinary matters. The board is prohibited from requiring oral competency testing of license applicants previously licensed in another state under specified circumstances.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The requirements of this bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Board of Pharmacy.

**Local Effect:** None.

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