

Department of Fiscal Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 344 (Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
 (Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)
 Economic Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Board of Certified Interior Designers - Certification

This amended departmental bill alters the eligibility requirements for a candidate seeking certification as an interior designer to conform more closely with national standards. The bill also alters the reinstatement requirements for an interior designer who has failed to renew a certification by (1) providing that the designer must earn two continuing education units within the two-year period immediately preceding the request for reinstatement; and (2) repealing the board's authority to extend the reinstatement period under certain circumstances.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues would increase by an estimated \$3,000 in FY 1997. Future year projections include the biennial renewal fees and turnover. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$6,000
GF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$6,000

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect the amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The bill would impact about 15 interior designers annually who want to become certified by the State but do not currently qualify for certification. These applicants must pay a \$50 application fee and a \$150 certification fee. Assuming 15 applicants are certified in fiscal 1997, general fund revenues would increase by \$3,000.

Revenue projections for fiscal 1998 and 2000 include application and certification fees for another 15 designers; however, the fees are prorated to reflect the time remaining in the certification term. Revenue projections in fiscal 1999 and 2001 reflect application and certification fees for 15 designers, renewal fees for 15 designers, and include a 50% turnover rate. This high turnover rate is consistent with current experience.

Information Source(s): Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Fiscal Services

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