

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1204 (Delegate Fulton)  
Environmental Matters

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**State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Chiropractors - Modifications**

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This bill alters provisions relating to the licensing and regulation of chiropractors. Members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners are required to be licensed chiropractors in “good standing” with the board. Components of the clinical competency examination are altered in a specified manner.

The list of reasons for disciplinary action is altered and expanded. The maximum \$5,000 current law fine is applied to the new violations. The bill applies the fine to each violation of each reason for discipline. Violators are required to reimburse the board for any court reporting services costs incurred. In addition, the bill requires that the use of a trade name be preapproved by the board.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund and Board of Chiropractic Examiners Fund revenues could each increase by \$7,500 in FY 1997. Future years reflect annualization. Expenditures would not be affected.

( in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
SF Revenues	7,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

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

**Local Effect:** None.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase due to the expansion of the list of reasons for which the Board of Chiropractic Examiners may take disciplinary action against a licensee, and any fines that might be imposed. The fines may only be imposed if the board finds for suspension or revocation of a license, and all such fine revenue is deposited in the general fund.

Based on past experience with disciplinary cases, it is estimated that this revenue could amount to approximately \$7,500 in fiscal 1997, which reflects the October 1, 1996 effective date of the bill. The out-years are annualized at \$10,000.

In addition, the board is required to provide court reporting services for all disciplinary hearings. Again, based on past experience with disciplinary matters, revenue to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners Fund could also increase by \$7,500 in fiscal 1997, and \$10,000 in each of the out-years, stemming from reimbursement collections for these services.

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