

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 444 (Senator Blount, et al.)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

Design Professional Boards - Imposition of Monetary Penalties

This amended bill authorizes the State Board of Architects, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the State Board of Professional Engineers, and the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to impose a monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 against a licensee or an applicant who violates certain provisions of the law or the code of ethics adopted by the board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the monetary penalty provisions provided by this bill. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase due to the monetary penalty provisions provided by this bill. Any increase should be minimal for the following reasons: (1) the bill does not authorize a penalty against unlicensed practitioners; (2) there are few complaints filed annually against licensed professionals or applicants; and (3) the maximum penalty is \$1,000.

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