

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 819 (Delegate Doory, et al.)
Judiciary

Certificate of Merit - Licensed Professionals

This bill requires a plaintiff to file a “certificate of a qualified expert” from certain licensed professionals before pursuing a malpractice claim against a person licensed in the same profession. This bill covers architects, interior designers, landscape architects, engineers, and land surveyors.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This bill does not directly affect government operations or finances.
Local Effect: None. While the bill has the potential to reduce the number of professional malpractice claims in the circuit courts, it is not expected to measurably affect court caseloads.

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