

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 200 (Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Maryland Insurance Administration)
Economic Matters

**Insurance Professionals - Corporate Certificate of Qualification -
Responsible Agent or Broker**

This departmental bill requires corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies applying for a certificate of qualification from the Maryland Insurance Administration to designate a person responsible for compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The responsible agent or broker must be qualified to transact insurance business in each line for which the company has applied for a certificate and must be a person with direct control over the fiscal management of the company. By regulation the Commissioner may require other entities to designate responsible agents or brokers. The bill applies to companies holding certificates of qualification as of June 1, 1997 and requires compliance before January 1, 1998.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. To the extent this bill requires procedural changes, the Maryland Insurance Administration could handle them within existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Insurance Administration has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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