

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 400 (Delegate Bobo)  
Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

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**Acupuncture**

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This enrolled bill includes acupuncturists as health care providers under the Health General Article. Members on the Board of Acupuncture will be reimbursed at a rate determined by the board instead of under the standard State travel regulations. The bill also designates a member of the board to administer the Acupuncture Board Fund. In addition, demonstrated experience in acupuncture or an apprenticeship in acupuncture will no longer satisfy a requirement for licensure by the board. The bill requires applicants to have the ability to communicate in English and eliminates the minimum passing score requirement of the licensure examination.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice and makes technical changes to the application process.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact. Since demonstrated experience or apprenticeship in acupuncture no longer satisfies a requirement for licensure, applicants may incur additional costs meeting the education or training requirement in order to establish a business in acupuncture. It is anticipated that most acupuncturists are small businesses.

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