

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1024 (Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)
Economic Matters

State Board of Master Electricians - Waiver of Examination Requirements

This departmental bill allows the State Board of Electricians to waive the examination requirement for an applicant who is licensed in another state and meets the seven-year experience requirement in providing electrical services, at least four of which must have been gained prior to licensure in the other state under the supervision of a master electrician or similarly qualified employee or governmental unit. It also allows the board to grant an applicant up to three years credit toward the seven-year experience requirement if the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund increase of approximately \$6,000 in FY 1998; future years reflect a biennial licensing cycle and a decline in new reciprocal licenses. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GF Revenues	\$6,000	\$14,300	\$4,600	\$16,100	\$3,600
GF Expenditures	---	---	---	---	---
Net Effect	\$6,000	\$14,300	\$4,600	\$16,100	\$3,600

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has determined that this bill has a meaningful impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services agrees with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues would increase an estimated \$6,000 in fiscal 1998 as a result of the reciprocal licensure requirements for master electricians provided in the bill. This increase is based on an estimated 80 new master electrician reciprocal licenses issued at a fee of \$75 each. The out-year projections are based on the following assumptions.

- Reciprocal master electrician licenses are issued for two-year terms (except in the first term due to the bill's October 1, 1997 effective date).
- Licenses expire on June 30 of the first odd numbered year after the license was issued.
- The fee for a new reciprocal license is \$75.
- The fee for the renewal of a reciprocal license is \$100.
- The number of new reciprocal licenses issued will decline by a rate of approximately 25% each year until fiscal 2001, when the number of new reciprocal licenses issued annually is assumed to stabilize.
- Approximately 85% of reciprocal licensees will renew their licenses biennially.

Information Source(s): Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

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