

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 455 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Finance

Health Services Cost Review Commission - Abrogation Date

This enrolled departmental bill extends the abrogation date for the provisions of Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1995 from June 30, 1998 to June 30, 2000. Chapter 319 provides that Health Services Cost Review Commission user fee revenues are special fund revenues rather than general fund revenues. It also increases the cap on the total amount of user fees that can be assessed by the commission in a fiscal year (from \$2.5 million to \$3.0 million) and specifies that user fees assessed cannot exceed the commission's special fund appropriation by more than 20%.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State finances for the Health Services Cost Review Commission would continue in FY 1999 and FY 2000 as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Fiscal 1999 and 2000 revenues would be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the user fee revenues collected by the Health Services Cost Review Commission as special funds. The fiscal 1998 budget includes \$2.7 million in special fund revenues for the commission. Future year revenues are expected to remain relatively constant.

State Expenditures: Fiscal 1999 and 2000 expenditures would be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the Health Services Cost Review Commission as special fund

expenditures. The fiscal 1998 budget includes \$2.7 million in special fund expenditures for the commission. Out-year expenditures are expected to remain relatively constant.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Services Cost Review Commission), Department of Fiscal Services

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