

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
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Senate Bill 105 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs Referred to Economic Matters

State Board of Master Electricians - Reinstatement Fees

This amended departmental bill reduces reinstatement fees on expired master electrician licenses and specifies that a person reinstating an expired license even after it has been expired for two years or longer is required to pay a \$100 reinstatement fee.

The effective date of the bill is June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund revenues could decrease by \$8,300 in FY 1998. Out-year reductions reflect the Board of Master Electricians biennial license renewal cycle and 3% industry growth. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GF Revenues	(\$8,300)	(\$2,700)	(\$8,600)	(\$2,800)	(\$8,900)
GF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$8,300)	(\$2,700)	(\$8,600)	(\$2,800)	(\$8,900)

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 minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services disagrees with this assessment as discussed below. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

## Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** The bill reduces the fees associated with reinstating a master electrician license from \$100 to \$25 for a renewal up to 30 days late, from \$200 to \$50 for a renewal up to 60 days late, and from \$300 to \$100 for a renewal more than 60 days late.

Under current law, during a renewal year the average reinstatement fee paid for late renewals is \$170. During a non-renewal year, the average reinstatement fee for late renewals is \$300. Based on this information, this bill is estimated to decrease revenues in fiscal 1998 by approximately \$8,300. Future year revenue projections reflect the biennial nature of the licensing process and 3% industry growth.

**Small Business Effect:** The proposed legislation will have a meaningful positive effect on those small businesses that are late in renewing their licenses. According to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, more than 75 individuals reinstate their master electrician's license each renewal cycle and all of these individuals are classified as small businesses.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (Board of Master Electricians)

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