

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 796 (Delegate Kach)
Environmental Matters

Health Occupations - Physical Therapists - Licensure and Regulation

This bill alters the English proficiency and the educational requirements for licensure by the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. A physical therapy aide may perform certain procedures if directly supervised by a licensed physical therapist assistant. A physical therapist assistant may supervise no more than one physical therapy aide. This bill also modifies provisions relating to examination notification, the issuance of temporary licenses, and grounds for disciplinary action.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Some self-employed physical therapists may incur additional costs complying with the educational requirements for licensure.

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