

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 647 (Senator Teitelbaum, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists

This amended bill requires an applicant for a dental hygienist license to be a graduate from a State-approved school of dental hygiene that is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The program must require at least two years of education in an institution of higher education. The State Board of Dental Examiners may issue a temporary license to practice dental hygiene if the applicant satisfies the requirements in existing law and has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program. The bill also provides that the State or the board may maintain an action to enjoin unauthorized practice of dental hygiene.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill does not directly affect small businesses.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Dental Examiners), Maryland State Dental Association, University of Maryland System, Department of Fiscal Services

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