

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 589 (Delegates Poole and Donoghue)  
Economic Matters

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**Mechanics' Liens - Architectural and Engineering Services**

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This bill adds architectural and engineering services to the list of services for which a lien may be established regarding the payment of debts for work done on or about a building.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Negligible. Any increase in the number of mechanics' liens filed is not expected to materially affect the Judiciary's operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on small architectural and engineering businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** This bill authorizes architectural and engineering firms to establish a mechanic's lien for services performed in the construction or repair of a building. There are 979 engineering firms and 362 architectural firms that are small businesses in Maryland. This could substantially increase the ability of these firms to collect payment for these services in certain circumstances.

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**Information Sources:** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Fiscal Services

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