

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 580 (Delegate Nathan-Pulliam. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

State Board of Nursing - Discipline

This bill authorizes the State Board of Nursing, while investigating an allegation against a licensee, to require the licensee to submit to an examination by a health care provider if the board has reason to believe that the licensee may cause harm to individuals while practicing nursing. Failure or refusal to submit to an examination is prima facie evidence of the licensee's inability to practice nursing competently, unless the refusal was beyond the control of the licensee. The board must pay the cost of the examination. The bill also expands the grounds under which the board may discipline a licensee. In addition, a person who disobeys a subpoena from or order by the board to take an oath, testify, or answer questions may be held in contempt of court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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