

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

Senate Bill 691 (Senator McCabe)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Plumbers - Backflow Certification**

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This bill provides that a licensed master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice is eligible to participate in a board-approved cross connection/backflow prevention certification program to be certified as an approved cross connection/backflow prevention technician. Only a master plumber or journey plumber possessing certification is authorized to certify the installation and testing of mechanical cross connection control devices. Local jurisdictions may adopt regulations or enact laws that have comparable or more stringent qualifications for the certification of the installation and testing of mechanical cross connection devices.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. This bill would not affect the number of licensed plumbers in the State or the finances of the State Board of Plumbing.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal effect.

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