

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 442 (Delegate Goldwater. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Nursing - Expulsion from Rehabilitation Program

This bill authorizes the Board of Nursing to immediately suspend the license of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who is expelled from the rehabilitation program for noncompliance with the nurse's agreement if: (1) prior to suspending the license, the board provides the nurse with an opportunity to show cause as to why the suspension should not occur; and (2) provides the nurse with an opportunity for a hearing which must occur within 30 days of a written request by the nurse and at which the licensee has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the licensee is not addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing procedure.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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