

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 84 (Chairman. Economic Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Economic Matters

State Board of Barbers - Qualifications of Applicants for Licensure

This departmental bill allows an applicant for a barber license to earn up to 600 hours of credit toward an apprenticeship for time spent attending a barber school which (1) is located in a detention center or correctional facility; and (2) is approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission, or follows a curriculum similar to an approved program.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Under current law, in order to qualify for a barber license, an applicant must complete (1) 1,200 hours of student training in an approved barber school, or 2,250 hours as a registered apprentice in a licensed barber shop; and (2) pass an exam administered by the board. Under current practice, courses taken at an approved barber school housed in a correctional facility may be transferred to another approved barber school. The bill awards credit hours to applicants seeking to satisfy the licensing requirement by completing 2,250 hours as an apprentice.

This bill offers credit for courses already offered through the Maryland penal system. Therefore, no additional State funds are required to provide barber classes. Because this bill increases the likelihood that former inmates will complete the apprenticeship requirements outside of the prison system, it is expected that the number of applicants for a barber license will increase. Each new barber must pay a \$47 one-time fee for the barber exam and a \$50 bi-annual fee for a license. The additional revenues that DLLR collects will cover the costs associated with processing new applications and administering additional exams.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

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