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Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 1135 (Delegates Love and Kach)

Economic Matters

State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - License Renewals - Continuing Competency Demonstration

This bill requires the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to adopt regulations to require a demonstration of continuing professional competency for a license as a condition of license renewal.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$17,000 in FY 1999 to develop and implement the regulations required by this bill. This estimate includes postage, printing, computer programming, and consultation fees. In subsequent years, the bill would not affect the finances of the Board of Land Surveyors.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: There are currently 210 licensed land surveyors in the State. Most land surveyors work for small businesses. The bill requires the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to adopt regulations to require a licensee to demonstrate continued professional competence as a condition for license renewal. The board may promulgate regulations which subject licensees to examinations, simulations, demonstrations, or educational programs in order to demonstrate continued professional competence as required by the bill. Regardless of the type of regulation promulgated by the board, the cost of meeting the renewal requirements is assumed to be minimal in relation to total operating costs.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

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