

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 495 (Senator Teitelbaum. *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Health Occupation Boards - Sexual Misconduct

This bill requires each health occupation board to adopt regulations that: (1) prohibit “sexual misconduct”; and (2) provide for the discipline of licensees or certificate holders who are found guilty of sexual misconduct. A board may discipline a licensee or certificate holder for sexual misconduct by: (1) denying, suspending, or revoking the license or certificate; or (2) reprimanding, or placing on probation, the licensee or certificate holder. Each board must report annually to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the number of complaints of sexual misconduct and the resolution of each complaint. The Secretary must report the information received from the health occupation boards to the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect, depending on the regulations established by each health occupation board regarding appropriate interactions between a health care provider and a client.

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