

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 437 (Senator Hollinger)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Business Regulation - Industrial Hygiene Services

This bill states that it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide legal recognition to the professional delivery of industrial hygiene services. It prohibits an individual from representing that the individual is a certified industrial hygienist or industrial hygienist in training unless the individual meets the appropriate training, educational, or certification requirements. A business may not represent itself as a provider of industrial hygiene services furnished by a certified industrial hygienist or industrial hygienist in training unless the individuals are qualified to use the title as specified by the bill. A person who violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: As a result of this bill, some small businesses may have to reclassify their employees or take steps to ensure that their employees meet the qualifications of their title, either by training them or hiring new employees. Some self-employed industrial hygienists may incur additional training and educational costs.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (Division of Labor and Industry); Department of Budget

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