

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1358 (Delegates Bonsack and Bozman)

Environmental Matters

**Out-of-State Certified Social Worker-Clinical Licensees -
Exemption from Licensure**

This bill exempts an out-of-state certified social worker from licensure by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners if: (1) the individual has passed the national American Association of State Social Worker Boards' examination; (2) there is license exemption reciprocity between the state from which the individual is licensed and Maryland; and (3) the individual applies for the exemption.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues could decrease by at least \$1,900 in FY 1999. Future year revenue loss reflects inflation, biennial renewals, and attrition. No effect on expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
SF Revenues	(\$1,900)	(\$2,500)	(\$8,100)	(\$10,000)	(\$14,200)
SF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$1,900)	(\$2,500)	(\$8,100)	(\$10,000)	(\$14,200)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. To the extent that licensure costs for some self-employed social workers are eliminated, the bill would have a positive effect on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: It is assumed that absent this bill there would have been approximately 100 applications annually for a Maryland license from individuals with a valid out-of-state license. Under the bill, it is assumed that an indeterminate number of current Maryland licensees also hold licenses from another state, in which case they could elect not to renew their Maryland licenses when their current licenses expire.

As a result of this bill, the special fund revenue loss from initial license fees would be approximately \$1,875 in fiscal 1999 (75 applicants x \$25 initial license fee). The estimate accounts for the October 1, 1998 effective date. The special fund revenue loss in fiscal 1999 could be higher depending on the number of current licensees with a valid out-of-state license who choose not to renew their Maryland license. Biennial renewal fees are set at \$100.

Future year revenue losses account for annualization, biennial renewals, and 25% attrition.

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