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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 49 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Professional Land Surveyors - Licensing

This departmental bill changes the requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor. Under current law, there are 5 tracks to obtain a professional land surveyor license, each of which includes an educational, experience, and examination component. The bill provides 4 licensing tracks and generally alters the licensing requirements by reducing the requisite years of work experience and narrowing the educational requirement to include land surveying and not civil engineering. Additionally, the bill authorizes the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke a license if that license has been suspended or revoked in another state for a cause that would justify suspension or revocation in Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in general fund revenues resulting from new professional land surveyor licensees.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: There are currently 521 licensed professional land surveyors in Maryland. The new licensing requirements could cause the number of licensees to increase marginally causing a slight increase in general fund revenues.

Furthermore, the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors expects to hold 1 additional hearing per year as a result of the disciplinary authority provision of the bill. Any associated costs could be handled with existing resources.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

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