

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 299 (Senator McFadden)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Board of Plumbing - Licenses and Certification - Exception

This bill exempts, from the State Board of Plumbing licensing requirements, an individual who is licensed as a gas fitter in Baltimore City while acting within the scope of the license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal decrease in general fund revenues due to the licensing exemption.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect. Small businesses providing gas fitting services in Baltimore City would no longer incur expenses related to qualification, examination, and licensure as plumbers.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Individuals who exclusively perform gas fitting services in Baltimore City would not have to obtain a State plumbing license. The licensing fees for plumbers, effective July 1, 1998, are \$70 for a Master license, \$35 for a Journey license, and \$15 for an Apprentice license. At this time, it is not possible to quantify the decline in the number of licenses issued as a result of this bill because the State Board of Plumbing cannot distinguish whether a licensee is getting a plumbing license to do the full range of plumbing work or just gas work. However, the decline in the number of licenses issued is assumed to be small. Therefore, excluding gas fitters in Baltimore City would cause a minimal decrease in general fund revenues.

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