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Senate Bill 50 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)
 (Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Plumbers - Licensing - Waiver of Examination Requirement

This departmental bill allows the State Board of Plumbing to waive the examination requirements for a master plumber license or a journey plumber license provided that the applicant: (1) holds an active license in good standing in another state in which the licensing requirements are at least equivalent to the Maryland licensing requirements; (2) otherwise meets the Maryland licensing requirements; and (3) pays the requisite fee. The board is only authorized to waive the examination requirements for applicants licensed in states with similar legislation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Due to an increased number of licensees, general fund revenues could increase by \$1,800 in FY 2000. Most of the new licensing activity is expected to occur in FY 2001 (the second year that the bill is in effect). Future year projections reflect steady licensing renewal and a constant decline in the number of new licensees.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	\$1,800	\$5,300	\$5,600	\$8,100	\$5,300
GF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$1,800	\$5,300	\$5,600	\$8,100	\$5,300

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

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: Currently there are 2,966 master plumbers and 2,073 journey plumbers licensed in Maryland. This bill would permit plumbers in other states to obtain a license in Maryland by reciprocity. As a consequence, the number of licensees would increase. The following chart describes the expected number of new licensees coming into Maryland from other states, and the associated general fund revenue generated through original licensing and renewal fees.

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004
Master	20 new x \$70	65 new x \$70	45 new x \$70 20 renew x \$70	35 new x \$70 65 renew x \$70	20 new x \$70 45 renew x \$70
Journey	10 new x \$35	20 new x \$35	20 new x \$35 10 renew x \$35	10 new x \$35 20 renew x \$35	5 new x \$35 15 renew x \$35
Total Revenue	\$1,750	\$5,250	\$5,600	\$8,050	\$5,250

Additional Comments: It should be noted that Michie Company made a printing error in the Business Occupations and Professions Article § 12-307 (a)(2)(ii) relating to licensing fees for plumbers.

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