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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 331 (Delegate Love. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Business Regulation - Industrial Hygiene Services

This bill prohibits an individual from representing that the individual is a certified industrial hygienist or an 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 certified industrial hygienists or industrial hygienists in training unless the individuals are qualified to use the titles 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: Potential minimal. Some small businesses may have to reclassify their employees or take steps to ensure that their employees meet the qualifications of their titles, either by requiring certification or hiring new employees. Some self-employed industrial hygienists may incur additional training and educational costs.

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