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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 51 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Maryland Home Improvement Commission - Temporary Licenses

This departmental bill eliminates the authority of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to issue temporary licenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Maryland Home Improvement Commission has not issued a temporary license for at least 12 years.

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: Applicants who request temporary licenses usually do so because they are unable to pass the required examination or they are unable to meet the financial solvency requirement for a permanent license. Consequently, temporary license holders are more likely to draw down on the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund. Thus, if the Home Improvement Commission were to regularly issue temporary licenses, it could create a

greater burden on the fund balance. However, eliminating the commission's authority to issue temporary licenses would not affect State finances because the commission has not issued any temporary licenses in over 12 years.

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