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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 52 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Foresters - Scope of Practice and Licensure**

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This departmental bill pertains to the regulation of foresters by the Board of Foresters. The bill (1) creates an inactive license category and establishes a \$25 inactive license fee; and (2) alters the definition of “forestry” to clarify that the practice of forestry does not include cutting, hauling, handling, or processing of forest products.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal decline in general fund revenues as foresters switch from a \$100 active license to a \$25 inactive license. Minimal increase in general fund revenues resulting from inactive licensing fees collected from new licensed foresters.

**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. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** Currently, there are 196 licensed foresters in Maryland. General fund revenues will decrease as some foresters who currently pay \$100 to renew an active license begin to pay \$25 to obtain an inactive license. Assuming that 20 licensed foresters switch to an inactive license, general fund revenues will decline by \$1,500.

However, general fund revenues will increase as some foresters who are currently unwilling to pay \$100 for an active license begin to pay \$25 for an inactive license. Assuming that 10 additional foresters obtain an inactive license, general fund revenues will increase by \$250.

Based on these assumptions, general fund revenues would decline by \$1,250 each year.

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