

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 454 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)

Environmental Matters

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**State Board of Well Drillers**

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This bill extends the sunset date for the State Board of Well Drillers from July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2011.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State finances for the State Board of Well Drillers would continue beyond FY 2001.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** The State Board of Well Drillers is responsible for the licensing of well drillers in Maryland. The board is subject to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, also known as the “sunset law,” which provides a system of periodic legislative review of the regulatory, licensing and other governmental activities of various units of State government.

The bill arises out of the preliminary sunset evaluation of the State Board of Well Drillers performed by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) during 1998. In its report, DLS recommended that a full evaluation be waived and that the board be continued and its termination date be extended to July 1, 2011. The Legislative Policy Committee concurred with this recommendation.

**State Revenues:** State revenues will be maintained beyond fiscal 2001 because the bill proposes to continue the State Board of Well Drillers. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget assumes \$30,000 in general fund revenues for this board which reflects the board's biannual license renewal schedule.

**State Expenditures:** State expenditures for the board will be maintained beyond fiscal 2001. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget includes \$67,827 in general fund expenditures for this board. Out-year expenditures are expected to remain relatively constant.

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