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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 235 (Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
Economic Matters

State Board of Barbers

This bill extends the sunset date for provisions of the Business Occupations and Professions Article related to the State Board of Barbers from July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State finances for the State Board of Barbers in the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing would continue beyond FY 2001.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: The State Board of Barbers licenses individuals who practice barbering in Maryland and establishes health and safety standards for the operation of barber shops. 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 Barbers 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 agreed with this recommendation.

State Revenues: State revenues will be maintained beyond fiscal 2001 because the bill proposes to continue the State Board of Barbers. The fiscal 1999 appropriation assumes \$300,000 in general fund revenues from licensing fees. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget allowance assumes \$85,000 in general fund revenues. These estimates reflect the board's biannual licensing renewal schedule.

State Expenditures: State expenditures for the board will be maintained beyond fiscal 2001. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget includes \$102,500 in general fund expenditures for this board. Out-year expenditures are expected to remain relatively constant.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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