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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 455 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)

Environmental Matters

State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators

This bill extends the sunset date for the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators from July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2011.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State finances for the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators would continue beyond FY 2001.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: The State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators is responsible for the licensing of waterworks and waste systems operators 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 Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators 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 Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget assumes \$155,000 in general fund revenues for this board from licensing fees.

State Expenditures: State expenditures for the board will be maintained beyond fiscal 2001. The proposed fiscal 2000 budget includes \$185,871 in general fund expenditures for this board. Out-year expenditures are expected to remain relatively constant.

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