

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 586 (Senator Hollinger)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**State Board of Pharmacy**

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The bill allows the State Board of Pharmacy to waive any examination requirement for an applicant who is licensed to practice in another state. Under current law, the board may only waive exam requirements if the state in which the individual is licensed waives exam requirements for Maryland licensees.

In addition, the bill changes the requirement that the board send pharmacy permit renewal notices, manufacturing permit renewal notices, and distribution permit renewal notices to each permit holder. Current law requires the board to send notice on or before November 1 of each year for pharmacy permit renewals, and on or before December 1 of each year for manufacturing permit renewals and distribution permit renewals. The bill allows the board to send the notice at any time before an individual permit expires. The bill also allows permit holders to apply for renewal in any form acceptable to the board. The bill changes the name of the fee an individual must pay for allowing a permit to expire from “late” fee to “reinstatement” fee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues for the board could increase by \$3,000 annually beginning in FY 2000. No effect on expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
SF Revenues	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
SF Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

*Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Pharmacists are currently subject to annual renewals and would still receive notice of renewal prior to the expiration of a pharmacy, manufacturing, or distribution permit.

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### **Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** The bill repeals the reciprocity requirement for waiving examination requirements for out-of-state licensed pharmacists who want to practice in Maryland. Currently, the board has a reciprocity agreement with all states except Florida and California. The bill allows pharmacists in these two states to apply for licensure without taking the Maryland exam. The board estimates that 15 out-of-state pharmacists will apply for licensure each year as a result of this bill. Current licensure fees are \$200. The number of out-of-state applicants is expected to remain relatively constant. Expenditures will not be affected.

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