

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 649 (Delegates Barve and Hubbard)

Environmental Matters

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**State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Investigations and Proceedings**

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This bill prohibits, in the course of an investigation by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the removal of any item from the person being investigated that is not specifically named in a subpoena issued by the board. The bill also requires any decision made by the board to be based on the board record and not on any outside information. In addition, a board member may not participate in an investigation or proceeding in which the board member's impartiality might reasonably be questioned. Anyone who is the subject of a board investigation may make a statement for the board record involving any personal bias or prejudice a board member may have regarding the party. The bill also requires the board, the Attorney General's Office, and the State Ethics Commission to develop a code of conduct for board members and their investigators, and report on the code of conduct to the General Assembly by July 1, 2000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements can be handled with the existing resources of the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the Office of Attorney General, and the State Ethics Commission.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Physical Therapy Examiners), Office of the Attorney General, State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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