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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 574 (The Speaker)
(Department of Legislative Services)

Economic Matters

State Collection Agency Licensing Board - Sunset Extension

This bill extends the sunset date for provisions of the Business Regulation Article related to the State Collection Agency Licensing Board (SCALB) from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues and expenditures would be maintained beyond FY 2002 because the bill proposes to continue SCALB. SCALB expenditures have averaged \$38,400 over the last five years and revenues have exceeded expenditures every year, even with the recently implemented two-year licensing cycle.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: SCALB terminates July 1, 2002.

Background: Pursuant to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, the Department of Legislative Services conducted a preliminary review during the 1999 interim. Legislative Services recommended to the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) that SCALB be exempted from a full review and that its sunset date be extended ten years. The LPC accepted this recommendation.

Legislative Services also recommended that the board submit a follow-up report by October 1, 2000, to the LPC detailing its proposals to revise its authorizing statute, the Maryland

Collection Agency Licensing Act. This recommendation is not addressed in the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 575 (The President) - Finance.

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