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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 574 (The President)
(Department of Legislative Services)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension

The bill extends the sunset date for the State Board of Podiatric Examiners (the board) from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures would be maintained for the board beyond FY 2002. The proposed FY 2001 budget includes \$204,000 in special fund expenditures for the board. The board's fee revenue is expected to be \$176,000 for FY 2001. Out-year revenues are expected to remain relatively constant based on a biennial, non-staggered licensing cycle.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The board will terminate on July 1, 2002.

Background: The State Board of Podiatric Examiners is the State regulatory body for the podiatric profession. The board determines the educational and professional standards for the podiatric profession and sets and collects certain application, licensing, and educational fees. It is estimated that there are 418 practicing podiatrists and 139 inactive podiatrists in Maryland.

The Department of Legislative Services conducted a preliminary sunset evaluation of the board during the 1999 interim. The report had three recommendations: (1) waive the board

from a full evaluation; (2) extend the board's sunset date ten years (to July 1, 2012); and (3) require a follow-up report to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before October 1, 2000. The report should detail any disciplinary actions the board has taken and associated costs for fiscal 1997-2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 573 (The Speaker) - Environmental Matters.

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