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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 476 (Senator Colburn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

State Board for Professional Land Surveyors

This bill repeals the authority of the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to issue temporary and limited licenses; repeals a statutory waiting period for reexamination after two failures and provides for reexamination upon submittal of updated experience; repeals the right of an applicant to a conference with a board member after three exam failures; and creates a retired land or property line surveyor status for certain licensees no longer wishing to actively practice professional land or property line surveying.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues would decrease by \$1,800 in FY 2006 due to the creation of the retired license category. Out-year estimates reflect additional retirees and the biennial license cycle.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
GF Revenue	\$0	\$0	(\$1,800)	(\$300)	(\$2,000)
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$0	\$0	(\$1,800)	(\$300)	(\$2,000)

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Retired status requires that an applicant: (1) is currently a licensed professional land or property line surveyor; (2) has been a licensed professional land or property line surveyor for at least 25 years, of which 5 were in Maryland; (3) not be the subject of a pending disciplinary hearing in this or another state; (4) submits an application to the board; and (5) pays a fee as set by the board.

The holder of a retired status license may not practice land or property line surveying in the State. The licensee may use the title “Retired Professional Land Surveyor” or “Retired Property Line Surveyor.” The board may reactivate the status of a retired licensee if the licensee: (1) submits an application to the board; (2) meets all continuing competency requirements, not exceeding 48 credit hours, that would have been required for renewal of a license if the license had not been placed on retired status; (3) pays a fee set by the board; and (4) is not the subject of a pending disciplinary hearing in this or any other state.

Current Law: The State Board for Professional Land Surveyors issues temporary and limited licenses to land surveyors who are licensed to practice in another state, are not Maryland residents, do not have a place of business in Maryland, and apply and pay a fee to the board.

Applicants who fail a portion of the licensure examination two times must wait two years before retaking the examination. An applicant may request a meeting with a board member after failing an examination for the third time by providing a written request to the board within 45 days after the third failing score is received.

State Revenues: The board issues fewer than ten limited or temporary licenses annually. It is estimated that the loss of temporary and permit revenues will be offset by additional applications for reciprocal licenses. The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation also estimates 35 licensees will request retiree status in the next license cycle, there will be a \$50 retiree status fee that will hold the department harmless and five new retiree status requests will be received in each out-year. This fee is one-half of the fee for a nonretiree license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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