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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 259 (Delegate Hubbard)
 Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health Occupations - Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists - Reciprocity

This bill requires the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to offer a reciprocal license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy to State residents who are licensed or certified in another state whose requirements are equivalent to or exceed those of Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: License fees for marriage and family therapists are \$175 annually. Special fund revenues would increase by \$8,800 annually due to an estimated 50 new licenses being issued by the board. The provisions of this bill could be handled within the board's existing resources.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
SF Revenue	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal due to increased competition in the marriage and family therapy market.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no provisions for reciprocal licenses. Licensure in Maryland includes completion of 60 hours of graduate coursework, including training in personality development, diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders, psychopathology, family therapy, and psychotherapy from an accredited college or university approved by the board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 241 (Senators Conway and Jacobs) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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