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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 45 (Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Home Improvement Commission - Notice of License Application Approval or Denial**

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This departmental bill alters the timetable in which the Maryland Home Improvement Commission is required to provide written notification to an applicant for a license on whether the application has been approved or denied. The bill requires such notification within 30 days after the first meeting of the commission following submission of the completed application.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Within 30 days after the first meeting of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission after an examination date, the commission must notify an applicant in writing of the examination score of the applicant, whether the application for a license is approved or denied, and the reasons for denial if the application is denied.

**Background:** The Maryland Home Improvement Commission licenses and regulates home improvement contractors, subcontractors, and salespersons.

When the notification statute amended by this bill was originally enacted, the examination for a license issued by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission was the last stage of the application process. However, Chapter 16 of 1993 amended Section 8-302 of the Business Regulation Article to require that an individual take and pass an examination as the first step in applying for a license issued by the commission. This bill makes the commission's notice of an application's approval or denial consistent with the changes in the application process enacted by Chapter 16 of 1993.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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