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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 70 (Delegate Morhaim, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

State Board of Dental Examiners - Nomination of Board Members

This bill adds the Maryland Academy of General Dentistry to the list of dental organizations that may submit to the Governor, board member nominees for the State Board of Dental Examiners. The dental organizations must mail a meeting notice to each licensed dentist actively practicing in Maryland four weeks before the organizations meet to select the final nominees for the Governor's consideration, instead of the current two weeks prior to the meeting.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Dental Examiners consists of 16 board members: 9 licensed dentists; 4 licensed dental hygienists; and 3 consumers. The Governor appoints the members, with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, from a list of names submitted to the Governor jointly by the Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Dental Society. The Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Dental Society must meet jointly to choose nominees for a dentist vacancy on the board. A majority of the dentists at the meeting must choose the

nominees. At least two weeks before this meeting, the secretaries of these organizations must mail a meeting notice to each licensed dentist practicing in Maryland.

Background: The Maryland Academy of General Dentistry is a professional organization of family dentists affiliated with the Academy of General Dentistry. The academy provides continuing education courses as well as Fellowship and Mastership recognition for dentists that complete its professional studies program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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