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House Bill 142

(Delegate Morhaim)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Review of Reports and Commissions

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a comprehensive review of the department for the purpose of streamlining and consolidating boards, commissions, councils, and committees that are found to be duplicative or unnecessary. This review does not include the health occupations boards. The department must report to the Governor and the General Assembly with its description, reports required, and legislative and administrative recommendations by December 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. DHMH should be able to conduct the review and submit its report with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Maryland Health Care Commission, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission are independent commissions that function within DHMH. Numerous other boards, commissions, committees, and advisory councils operate within the DHMH umbrella. Some of the more recent additions include the Maryland Commission for

Men's Health and the Commission on the Shortage in the Health Care Workforce. The health occupations boards would not be affected since they are exempted from review under the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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