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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 532 (Chair, Health and Government Operations  
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Health and  
Mental Hygiene)

Health and Government Operations

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**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Statewide Advisory Commission on  
Immunizations - Sunset Extension**

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This departmental bill extends the termination date for the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations by three years to May 31, 2013.

The bill takes effect on June 1, 2010.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal general fund expenditures associated with staffing the commission are maintained beyond FY 2010. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations has to determine where community vaccine shortages exist and which vaccines are in short supply and then develop a recommendation for a plan for the equitable distribution of vaccines. In addition, the commission has to study and make recommendations about other related issues, including immunizations required of children entering schools in

times of vaccine shortage; all available options for the purchasing of vaccines, including the development of a universal vaccine purchasing system or a similar program to increase access to necessary vaccines for the State; an update on the status of the use of thimerosal in vaccines, including the availability and affordability of thimerosal-free vaccines and any other issue related to the use of thimerosal in vaccines; elimination of any vaccine distribution disparities; a public education campaign in the event of a vaccine shortage; the availability and affordability of adult and childhood vaccines; and strategies to increase immunizations among those adults and children recommended to receive immunizations, including catch-up immunizations.

Annually, by December 15, the commission has to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified legislative committees. DHMH must staff the commission.

The commission was originally established in 2002 and was set to terminate May 31, 2005, but the termination date has been extended two times, most recently to May 31, 2010, during the 2007 legislative session.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** While not designated as a cross file, HB 411, among other things, extends the termination date of the commission by two years to May 31, 2012.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations – Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: HB 532

PREPARED BY: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.