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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 72 (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Military)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Health and Government Operations

Maryland Militia - Membership

This departmental bill clarifies the statutory eligibility for membership in the Maryland militia, so as to include U.S. citizens who take an oath of allegiance to the State.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes clarify current law and practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Military Department has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: With certain specified exceptions, the Maryland militia consists of able-bodied individuals who are citizens of Maryland or of foreign birth who are residents of Maryland and have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States.

Background: According to the Military Department, this bill is an effort to refer to those members of the Maryland National Guard who reside in another state. While the vast

majority of service members are residents of the State, approximately 10% reside in another state.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Military Department, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Maryland Militia - Membership

BILL NUMBER: SB 72

PREPARED BY: Military Department

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.