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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 613 (Delegates Ali and Morhaim)
Health and Government Operations

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Renaming Act

This bill renames the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to be the Department of Health, and it renames the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene the Secretary of Health. Letterhead, business cards, and other documents bearing the new name may not be used until the materials bearing the old name have been used. The publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland is required to change cross references throughout the code and to describe each change in an editor's note.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$18,000, and special fund expenditures increase by \$9,000 in FY 2011 to change the department's name. There is no effect on future year expenditures. Revenues are not affected.

| (in dollars) | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
|----------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GF Expenditure | 18,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SF Expenditure | 9,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect | (\$27,000) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

State Expenditures: DHMH advises there will be six signs that need to be replaced to reflect the change in the department's name. At an average cost of \$4,500 per sign, expenditures are expected to increase \$27,000.

Small Business Effect: A limited number of small business sign makers could benefit from increased revenues under the bill's provisions if the department contracts with a small business to make signs reflecting the department's new name.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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