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House Bill 60

(Chair, Economic Matters Committee)(By Request -  
Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Economic Matters

Finance

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Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Renaming

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This departmental bill renames the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) as the Maryland Department of Labor and renames the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as the Secretary of Labor. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** One-time costs to change signage and other related items associated with the bill's changes can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Maryland Department of Labor is the successor of DLLR; previous names and titles have the same meaning as the new names and titles in all laws, executive orders, rules, regulations, policies, or documents created by a State official, employee, or unit.

The bill does not affect (1) the terms of office of members of any board, commission, office, department, agency, or other unit; (2) the status of any transaction or employment entered into or existing before the bill's effective date; (3) any right, duty, or interest

flowing from a statute amended by the bill; or (4) the continuity of any board, commission, office, department, agency, or other unit and related matters. Letterhead, business cards, and other documents bearing the new name may not be used until the materials bearing the previous name have been used. The publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland must change cross references and terminology throughout the code and to describe each change in an editor's note.

**Current Law/Background:** DLLR includes many of the State's agencies and boards responsible for licensing and regulating various financial institutions, businesses, professions, and trades. The department also administers several employment service and adult learning programs and federally funded unemployment insurance programs. The principal units of the department are:

- Division of Administration;
- Division of Financial Regulation;
- Division of Labor and Industry;
- Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing;
- Division of Racing;
- Division of Unemployment Insurance;
- Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning; and
- Office of the Secretary.

The Department of Licensing and Regulation was formed in 1970 to consolidate more than 30 agencies and boards responsible for licensing and regulating businesses. It was reorganized as DLLR in 1995. DLLR advises that the inclusion of "Licensing and Regulation" in its name has at times led to confusion about the nature and scope of the department's activities. For example, the department has received inquiries related to marriage, firearm, and health-related licensing.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Renaming

BILL NUMBER: HB 60

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### 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 proposal to change the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's name to the Department of Labor is expected to have no impact on small business. The legislation will be beneficial because it will eliminate confusion to businesses and customers that seek out services that do not fall under the Department's jurisdiction.