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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 247

(Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Health)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners by 10 years to July 1, 2032, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained beyond FY 2022.

Local Effect: None.

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

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners is responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining podiatrists. The board also investigates complaints, administers and grades licensure examinations, and approves and monitors continuing education. The board comprises seven members, including five licensed doctors of podiatry and two consumers. In fiscal 2020, there were approximately 500 licensed podiatrists in the State.

The board is one of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under MPEA, these entities may also be subject to an evaluation by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) within the Department of Legislative Services prior to their termination. However, OPEGA may conduct an evaluation only if directed by specified entities or by legislation. The board is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2022; OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, the board has requested reauthorizing legislation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

**Maryland Department of Health
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Medical Examiners

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

 X WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

 WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES