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Senate Bill 211

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

State Board for Professional Engineers - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board for Professional Engineers within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by 10 years to July 1, 2033.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained beyond FY 2023.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: A small business impact statement was not provided by MDL in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the Department's assessment becomes available.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: MDL advises that the board qualifies and licenses individuals seeking licensure and issues permits to business entities that practice engineering. The board also investigates complaints against licensees as well as complaints related to unlicensed practice. The board may issue a reprimand, suspend, or revoke a license or permit, and /or impose a fine.

The board is 1 of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under the Maryland Program Evaluation

Act, these entities may also be subject to an evaluation by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) within DLS 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, 2023; 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.

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