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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 193

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

State Board of Plumbing - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Plumbing 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: MDL has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The board regulates the plumbing profession to ensure safe installation, maintenance, and repair of water pipes and gas lines in homes and businesses. MDL advises that the board plays an important role in protecting the State's potable water supply from backflow and cross connection contamination. In addition, the board is able to ensure the proper connection of medical gas lines in health care facilities.

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.

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

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Board of Plumbing – Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: SB 193

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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
BUSINESSES

OR

WILL HAVE A MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL
BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

N/A