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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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Senate Bill 713

(Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Labor)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Economic Matters

State Board of Architects - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Architects within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by five years to July 1, 2028. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained from FY 2024 through 2028.

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. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Board of Architects qualifies and licenses individuals seeking architectural licensure. The board also issues permit to businesses practicing architecture. In addition, the board investigates complaints against licensees as well as complaints related to the unlicensed practice of architecture services. 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: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 199 of 2022.

Designated Cross File: None.

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Board of Architects – Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: SB 713

PREPARED BY: Department of Labor

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