

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 716

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

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Economic Matters

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**State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects - Sunset Extension**

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This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by 10 years to July 1, 2034.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained from FY 2025 through 2034.

**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.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects qualifies and licenses individuals seeking licensure and issues permits to business entities through which landscape architecture is practiced.

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, 2024, 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 not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - March 1, 2023  
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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects - Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: **SB 716**

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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