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Senate Bill 147 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

**State Board of Stationary Engineers - Member Appointments - Advice and
Consent of the Senate**

This bill requires Senate confirmation for members appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Stationary Engineers.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Stationary Engineers consists of eight members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor and the Senate. The Senate is not required to *consent* to the appointments.

The board was established in 2005 to create “a licensing program to ensure that qualified individuals provide stationary engineer services to (1) protect the public; (2) provide for the safe operation of power plants, plants of machinery, and boilers; and (3) promote high professional standards.” Under statute, “[p]rovide stationary engineer services means to oversee the operation of a power plant, plant of machinery, or boiler, each generating pressure of more than 15 psi and operating at 30 or more horsepower,” but “does not include overseeing the operation of a heating boiler.”

The board may deny a license to an applicant, revoke or suspend a license, issue a reprimand, and impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for any violation of the stationary engineers licensing statute or regulations. Other than licensing, the primary function of the board is investigating violations of the stationary engineer licensing code.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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