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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 71

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

State Board of Pilots - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Pilots by 10 years to July 1, 2032.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues and expenditures for the State Board of Pilots are maintained beyond FY 2022.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Pilotage is the act of guiding a marine vessel by a person who is licensed to conduct the ship into or out of port or through dangerous water. In Maryland, pilotage is conducted by individuals who are licensed by the State Board of Pilots (in MDL) and who are members of the Association of Maryland Pilots. The State regulates pilotage while the association manages the day-to-day implementation of pilotage services. Most vessel movements in the State occur between the Port of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay entrance at Cape Henry, Virginia, or between the Port of Baltimore and Chesapeake City. The board has approximately 70 licensees at any one time, with annual

revenues ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and annual operating expenses of approximately \$4,600.

Maryland Program Evaluation Act

The State Board of Pilots is 1 of approximately 70 regulatory entities and activities subject to evaluation under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). Entities subject to MPEA may be evaluated by the Department of Legislative Services only as directed by specified entities or by legislation. Most such entities are subject to termination, including the board, which is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2022. Accordingly, the evaluation process is better known as sunset review.

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 Pilots – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

BILL NUMBER: SB 71

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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 BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

N/A