

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 125

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners by 10 years to July 1, 2032, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained beyond FY 2022.

Local Effect: None

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Health 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 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for ensuring that chiropractors and chiropractic assistants are properly educated, trained, and licensed and comply with laws and regulations pertaining to their respective scope of practice, including continuing education requirements. The board also conducts investigations and disciplinary hearings relating to any violations of applicable laws and regulations. The board comprises seven volunteer members: five licensed chiropractors and two consumer members.

The board is one of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under MPEA, 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, 2022; 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 Health; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

 X 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

The proposal will have no economic impact.