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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader - Revised

Senate Bill 195

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists - Sunset Extension

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists by two years to July 1, 2025, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is responsible for licensing psychologists, registering psychology associates, renewing licenses, reviewing continuing education, promulgating regulations, interpreting the scope of practice, educating licensees, and investigating complaints. The board comprises nine members: seven licensed psychologists 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 its 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: 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 BUSINESSES
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BILL TITLE: State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: SB 195

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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.