

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Enrolled - Revised**

Senate Bill 238

(Chair, Finance Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Health)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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**State Board of Dietetic Practice – Sunset Extension**

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This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Dietetic Practice by five years to July 1, 2030, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained through FY 2030.

**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.)

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The State Board of Dietetic Practice, established in 1985, fulfills its mission by issuing dietitian-nutritionist licenses, setting standards for the practice of dietetics, developing and enforcing regulations, resolving complaints, and educating the public. The board also enforces title protection of “licensed dietitian-nutritionist” to those individuals licensed by the board. The board oversees approximately 2,917 licensed dietitian-nutritionists.

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, 2025. OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, the board has requested reauthorizing legislation.

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### **Additional Information**

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

**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**  
**Maryland Department of Health**  
**Session 2024**

**BILL TITLE:** State Board of Dietetic Practice – Sunset Extension  
**BILL NUMBER:** SB0238  
**PREPARED BY:**  
**(Program\Unit):** Health Occupations Boards & Commissions/ Dietetic Practice Board

**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**

The proposal has no economic impact.