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Senate Bill 712 (Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Labor)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

**State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies,
and Home Inspectors - Sunset Extension**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by 10 years, to July 1, 2033. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the commission are maintained beyond FY 2023.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: MDL 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: Chapter 594 of 1990 established the commission (formerly the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers) to implement and administer a real estate appraiser licensing and certification program that complies with federal law. Commission authority was later expanded to include home inspectors (2001) and appraisal management companies (2011).

Federal law requires all states to implement an appraisal licensing program in accordance with federal requirements. The commission fulfills that requirement.

The commission is 1 of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, 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 commission is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2023; OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, the commission has requested reauthorizing legislation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 213 of 2022.

Designated Cross File: None.

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors – Sunset Extension

BILL NUMBER: SB 712

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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 BUSINESSES

OR

 WILL HAVE A MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

N/A