

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 45

PRINTER'S NO. 30

AMOUNT

No Significant Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure
Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

January 20, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Greenleaf

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
January 20, 2009

Reported as committed, Feb. 10, 2009

First consideration, Feb. 10, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 11, 2009

Re-reported as committed, April 20, 2009

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1527, No. 535), known as the Landscape Architects' Registration Law, further providing for application for license and qualifications and experience requirements of applicants and for continuing education.

Senate Bill 45 amends the Landscape Architects' Registration Law to eliminate a provision permitting the State Board of Landscape Architects to grant a license to certain persons without written examination. The provision currently permits licensure without examination for persons with ten years of active experience and a degree from an approved institution or persons with 15 years of active experience and a degree from a non-approved institution. The Board advises that the provision is no longer necessary because all persons subject to the grandfather clause are believed to be licensed.

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The bill also increases the continuing education requirement from 10 hours of mandatory continuing education during each two-year license period to 24 hours.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation will have no significant fiscal impact to the State Board of Landscape Architects. Any additional costs would be absorbed within the existing revenues of the Board. In addition, Section 5 of the Act requires the Board to be self-funding. If the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs determines the fees established by the Board are inadequate to meet the minimum enforcement efforts required, the Bureau, in consultation with the Board, is required to increase fees by regulation.