



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 235

Committee: County & Municipal Government

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House Bill 235 as passed the House of Representatives would remove the statutory maximum fee amounts (shown below) that the Board of Registration of Architects may levy for application fees (\$250), renewal fees (\$250), late fees (\$75), reinstatement fees (\$250), and administrative fees for entities (\$250). These provisions could increase receipts to the fund of the Board by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in: (1) any fee amounts set by the board above the current caps; and (2) the caps set under current law.

This bill could also further increase receipts to the fund by an undetermined amount by: (1) removing the prohibition regarding the renewal fees for emeritus status architects; (2) allowing the board to assess civil penalties, in an amount set by rule, in addition to the late renewal fee; and (3) allowing the board to charge a reinstatement fee for certain entities, in amount set by the board.

This bill could also decrease receipts to the fund by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of registration fees waived pursuant to this bill and adopted by board rule; provided these fees would be from the board's surplus funds.

This bill would also allow the board to use surplus funds to provide educational information and programs and purchase promotional items for outreach.