

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 1237 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Landscape Architects Exam Fee

SPONSOR(S): Representative McMahan

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
Bd. Operating Fund					
National Exam	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400
Admin. Expense		Not Yet Determined By Board			
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects					
EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects to charge applicants for licensure the actual cost of examination services.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Board of Landscape Architects purchases a national exam from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards for \$560 per exam. The current statute only allows the Board to charge exam applicants \$450 for the test. The Board is attempting to recover the \$110 additional cost of the exam. The Board may also recoup the cost of administering the exam, but this decision has not yet been decided.

The exam has six sections. Applicants may take the entire exam or may take sections of the exam. Approximately 20 applicants take the entire exam each year and 40 applicants take an average of three exam sections. The price of the exam is prorated based on the number of exam sections taken. The 20 applicants paying \$560 for the total exam will produce an additional \$2200 in revenue for the Board. The 40 applicants taking 3 sections of the exam and paying \$280 will also produce \$2200 in additional revenue for the Board.

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