

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0090

Title: Maintain registry & establish procedures for design of fire extinguishing system

Primary

Sponsor: Jim Shockley

Status: As Introduced-Revised

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$2,730	0
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	\$800	\$800
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	0	0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Commerce

1. Information obtained indicates that there are approximately 4 people in the state that have the required national certification to apply for the registry.
2. Operating expenses include one additional board meeting in FY02 to draft proposed rules to implement the new law. The board is comprised of 9 members who receive \$50 a day per diem and travel expenses. Expenses for one board meeting are, \$450 per diem and \$1,400 for travel.

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3. Other implementation costs in FY02 include ARM filing fees (8 pages at \$35 = \$280), court reporter for administrative rule hearing (\$100) and programming of ORACLE database for registry and the annual renewal of the registry (\$500).

The board will be able to charge a fee under the authority for 37-1-134, MCA, for persons applying for the registry. The board will determine the amount to charge for the applications commensurate with board program costs. It is anticipated that the fee for original application would be \$200 and the fee for renewal would be \$200 depending upon the final number of registrants

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	450	
Operating Expenses	<u>2,280</u>	
TOTAL	\$2,730	
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	2,730	
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$800	\$800
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,930	\$800

DEDICATION OF REVENUE:

- a) Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay? (please explain)

The citizens of Montana who are located in buildings with fire extinguishing systems that have been designed by qualified persons.

- b) What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund?

All licensing boards attached to the Department of Commerce are self-sufficient and fees are set commensurate with costs of administering the program.

- c) Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program activity that is intended? XX Yes ____ No (if no, explain)

- d) Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist? XX Yes ____ No (Explain)

- e) Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending? (Please Explain)

No, because the legislature authorizes how much each board can spend in HB2.

- f) Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need? (Please Explain)

Yes. The licensees that are regulated by the boards pay to protect the public health welfare and safety of the citizens of the State of Montana.

- g) How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency? (Please Explain. Also, if the program/activity were general funded, could you adequately account for the program/activity?)

All boards allocated to the department are special revenue and the fees are set commensurate with the costs of regulation of the professions or occupations.