

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 649 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Increase Fees/Landscape Contractors.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Gibson

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>
REVENUES					
NC Landscape Contractors' Registration Board	\$ 22,769	\$ 23,611	\$ 24,485	\$ 25,391	\$ 26,330
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:		NC Landscape Contractor's Registration Board			
EFFECTIVE DATE: When law.					

BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 649 would allow the North Carolina Landscape Contractor's Registration Board to increase certain fees as well as introduce a new fee.

- Raise the landscape contractor examination fee from \$50-\$75
- Raise the annual renewal fee from \$50-\$75
- Raise the late filing fee from \$10-\$25
- Raise the fee for duplicate certificates from \$1-\$5
- Create a fee for the issuance of an original parchment certificate not to exceed \$35

The application for examination fee was set at \$20 in 1975 and raised to \$50 in 1983. The renewal fee, late filing fee, and duplicate certificate fee have remained unchanged since 1975.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Any person, partnership, association, or corporation must first obtain a certificate issued by the Landscape Contractor's Registration Board before using the term "landscape contractor." Each individual who applies to be registered and titled as a landscape contractor must file an application with the Board and take a written or oral examination. Certificates must be renewed yearly. The current fee structure is as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
Application for examination	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Renewal Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Late Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00

The growth in applicants for the past five years has varied. This estimate assumes 3.7% per year annual growth rate in applications.

Fees collected for late filings have averaged approximately \$1,000 per year for the previous five years. For purposes of this analysis, Fiscal Research assumes that this amount will stay about the same in subsequent years.

Revenue from duplicate certificate requests is negligible; for that reason, any revenues resulting from that fee increase have been omitted from this analysis. Fiscal Research also has no means of predicting revenues from the request of original parchment certificates.

Revenue Summary	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Revenue Under Current Fee Structure	\$ 46,538	\$ 48,222	\$ 49,970	\$ 51,782	\$ 53,661
Revenue from Proposed Fee Structure	\$ 69,306	\$ 71,834	\$ 74,455	\$ 77,172	\$ 79,991
Revenue Increase from Proposal	\$ 22,769	\$ 23,611	\$ 24,485	\$ 25,391	\$ 26,330

SOURCES OF DATA: NC Landscape Contractors' Registration Board

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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