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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 459
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “Training” insert “Webinar”; in line 5, strike “program;” and substitute “webinar;”; in the same line, after “requiring” insert “and authorizing”; in line 7, strike “program;” and substitute “webinar; requiring the Office to post a certain advisory protocol and voluntary training webinar on its website on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to track the traffic on a certain website to the extent practicable beginning on a certain date; encouraging certain health occupations boards to disseminate, to the extent practicable, a certain advisory protocol and voluntary training webinar; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Department, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;”; and in line 8, after “training” insert “webinar”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 12, strike “program” and substitute “webinar”; in line 14, after “regarding” insert “:

(1);

in lines 15, 17, and 18, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(i)”, “(ii)”, and “(iii)”, respectively; in line 17, strike “and”; in line 18, after “Article” insert “; and

(iv) Maryland Court Rules; and

(2) the differences between the types of compulsory process requests, including subpoenas, summonses, warrants, and court orders”;

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in line 19, strike “program” and substitute “webinar”; in line 20, strike “shall consult”; in line 21, strike “the Maryland Department of Health” and substitute “may consult with the Maryland State Bar Association, the Maryland Hospital Association, or any other interested health organization”; in the same line, after the semicolon insert “and”; and in line 22, strike “MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society;” and substitute “shall consult any health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article that requests to be consulted in the development in the advisory protocol and voluntary training webinar.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 8, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) On or before September 30, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General shall post on its website an advisory protocol and voluntary training webinar for health care providers regarding how to respond to compulsory process requests for medical records.

(2) Beginning on September 30, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General shall track the traffic on the website established under paragraph (1) of this subsection, to the extent practicable.

(b) Each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article is encouraged to disseminate, to the extent practicable, information regarding the advisory protocol and voluntary training webinar posted on the Office of the Attorney General’s website under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(c) On or before December 31, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General shall report on the implementation and effectiveness of this Act to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”;

in line 9, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 10, after the period insert “Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2020, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2021, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.