

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 423 (Delegate Vallario, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Medical, Dental, or Hospital Records and Writings - Admissibility

This amended bill establishes the admissibility of certain medical, dental, or hospital writings or records in the circuit courts, without testimony, in specified civil actions to prove the existence of a medical condition, a medical opinion, or type of medical treatment. The bill also allows circuit courts to admit as evidence certain medical provider bills and statements to prove the amount and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided. The bill does not limit the right of a party to (1) request a summons to compel the attendance of a witness; (2) examine a witness who appears at a trial; or (3) engage in a discovery.

The bill is to be construed only prospectively.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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