

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 549 (Delegate Greenip)
Judiciary

Minors - Treatment - Repeal of Immunity from Liability

This bill repeals current law that provides that physicians are not liable for civil damages or subject to any criminal penalty for treating a minor who did not have the capacity to give consent to medical treatment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any caseload increase for the Judiciary could be handled with the existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that small business physicians are sued for civil damages under the provisions of the bill, increases in malpractice insurance costs may be realized. Though the incidence of these cases is assumed to be minimal, the costs resulting from the cases may be significant.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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