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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 354 (Delegates Doorv and Gettv)
(Committee to Revise Article 27)

Judiciary

Crimes - State Health Plan Fraud

This bill revises and restates the laws relating to Medicaid fraud.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not substantively change governmental finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: This bill revises and restates Medicaid fraud laws. Medicaid fraud crimes, and their applicable fines, terms of incarceration, civil penalties, and statutes of limitations are not substantively changed.

Current Law: Fraud provisions for Medicaid and other social or nutritional programs offered by the State are codified within Article 27, Article 88, and the Health - General Article of the State Code.

Background: The Committee to Revise Article 27 was appointed by the President and the Speaker in 1991. Unlike the Code revision committees that make only stylistic revisions to the Code, the Article 27 Committee is charged with revising both substantively and

stylistically the State's criminal law. The committee is composed of members of the House and Senate, judges, and lawyers, and includes a victims' rights representative. In past years, the committee has successfully sponsored legislation to review the State's disorderly conduct laws, trespass laws, explosive laws, assault laws, victims' rights laws, arson laws, escape laws, and burglary laws. This bill is the result of considerations and deliberations by the committee during the 1999 interim.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 322 (Senators Stone and Hughes) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Care Commission, Medicaid), Department of Budget and Management (Employee Benefits Division), Department of Legislative Services

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