

HOUSE BILL 153

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(4lr0484)

ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by Delegates Rosenberg and Stein, Stein, Pena-Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, R. Lewis, Lopez, Martinez, and Reilly

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Records – Fees – Attorneys Representing Patients**

3 FOR the purpose of adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to
4 whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of
5 a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or
6 appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits;
7 and generally relating to fees for medical records.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 4–304(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Health – General
3 Section 4–304(c)(5)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2023 Replacement Volume)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Health – General**

9 4–304.

10 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a health care provider
11 shall comply within a reasonable time after a person in interest requests in writing:

12 (i) To receive a copy of a medical record; or

13 (ii) To see and copy the medical record.

14 (c) (5) A health care provider or a representative of the health care provider
15 may not charge a fee for providing copies of a medical record:

16 (i) Requested by:

17 1. The patient;

18 2. The patient’s personal representative; [or]

19 3. An employee or other representative of a nonprofit legal
20 services entity or other volunteer or nonprofit program representing the patient; [and] OR

21 4. AN ATTORNEY ~~WHO PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION~~
22 ~~THAT THE ATTORNEY IS REPRESENTING THE PATIENT FOR THE PURPOSE~~
23 ~~DESCRIBED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;~~ AND

24 (ii) That will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or
25 appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits under
26 Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2024.