

# SENATE BILL 144

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By: **Senators Hettleman and Gile**

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## 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)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 4–304(c)(5)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

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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.



1 4-304.

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

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

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

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

8 (i) Requested by:

9 1. The patient;

10 2. The patient's personal representative; [or]

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

13 4. **AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE PATIENT; AND**

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.