# **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

#### FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1031 (Delegate Goldwater, et al.) Environmental Matters

### **Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission - Collection of Data**

This bill addresses the collection of patient information for a medical care data base by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission (HCACC). The bill provides that HCACC cannot collect more than the month and year of birth when identifying the date of birth of a patient. HCACC must also eliminate any encrypted patient identifier after editing the data.

# **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** The Health Care Access and Cost Commission is required by statute (Health Care and Insurance Reform Act of 1993) to establish a medical care data base for non-hospital health services.

**Information Source(s):** Health Care Access and Cost Commission, Department of Fiscal Services

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