Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 1361 (Delegate Bissett, et al.)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Living Wills - Suspension of Heart/Lung Devices After Transplant

This amended bill adds a new directive to the optional living will and the advance medical directive forms. The new directive instructs the health care providers of a brain dead person to make an anatomical gift on the person's behalf to a patient in need of an organ or tissue transplant. The directive also instructs the health care providers to maintain artificial support devices on the donor only until the suitability of the receiving patient is confirmed or until organ or tissue recovery has taken place.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

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