

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1431 (Delegate Vallario)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Medical, Dental, and Hospital Records and Writings - Admissibility

This amended bill establishes the admissibility of the writings and records of a physician, dentist, or hospital employee without their testimony, in specified civil actions to prove the existence of a medical condition, a medical opinion, or type of medical treatment, under specified circumstances. The bill also allows statements or bills for medical expenses to be admissible, without the testimony of the physician, dentist, or hospital employee who made or kept the statements, to prove the amount, fairness, and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided.

The bill is to be construed only prospectively.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

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