

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 523 (Delegate Hammen)
Environmental Matters

Referred to Finance

Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need

This amended bill specifies that a hospital may acquire a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility if (1) the facility, office, or group practice has a Certificate of Need (CON), a CON exemption, or did not require a CON to provide ambulatory surgical services after June 1, 1995; and (2) the hospital has filed a notice of intent to acquire a health care facility with the Health Resources Planning Commission (HRPC), according to State law. A hospital must obtain a CON if it plans to build or expand its ambulatory surgical capacity such that the building or expansion would increase the surgical capacity of the State's health care system.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Resources Planning Commission, Medical Care Programs Administration, Health Services Cost Review Commission), Department of Fiscal Services

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