

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 506 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Finance

Maryland Cancer Registry

This amended departmental bill revises Maryland law to comply with federal requirements for quality and completeness in cancer reporting. It adds "freestanding ambulatory care facility" and "physician who has care of or has diagnosed cancer for a nonhospitalized patient not otherwise reported" to the list of entities which must submit a cancer report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Cancer Registry. It authorizes entities which must submit a cancer report to DHMH to enter into an agreement with another entity to act as the reporting source for patients and specifies that an entity is not liable for any cause of action arising from the submission of a report.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements do not directly affect governmental operations or finances. Costs of reporting will be borne by new providers of data, such as physicians (primarily dermatologists) and ambulatory surgery centers.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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