

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 530 (Senator Hollinger)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

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**Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Disciplinary Authority**

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This amended bill authorizes the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to discipline a physician for (1) failing to disclose a patient's medical records to the patient; (2) failing to keep adequate medical records; and (3) obstructing, in any manner, proceedings conducted by the board or the Office of Administrative Hearings. The board must disclose any information contained in the disciplinary records of the board concerning possible criminal activity to a law enforcement officer. In addition, the bill eliminates the hearing provision for crimes involving moral turpitude. At the request of the person testifying at a board or Office of Administrative Hearings proceeding, the board must provide a copy of the portion of the transcript that is the person's testimony.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. It is assumed that the disciplinary provision would impact a small portion of all individuals licensed by the Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

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