

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 782 (Senator Bromwell)
Finance

State Health Services Cost Review Commission - Hospital Rates and Costs

This bill provides that the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) may review costs and rates to ensure that (1) the aggregate rates of a health care facility do not compensate for the costs of a “related entity”; and (2) the reported costs of a health care facility exclude administrative expenses devoted to any nonregulated activity. It requires HSCRC, as soon as practical after approving an alternative rate method for a hospital, to publish the alternative rate method in the Maryland Register.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill’s requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill affects hospitals, which are not small businesses.

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