

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1383 (Delegate Bonsack)  
Economic Matters

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**State Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Discipline of Physicians - System of  
Delivery of Health Care Services**

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This bill authorizes the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to discipline a physician who is responsible for establishing or supervising protocol for a system of delivery of health care services and that system fails to meet appropriate quality standards as determined by an appropriate peer review. A physician is exempt from discipline for the independent judgement error of a health care provider who provides direct patient care in contradiction to established protocol or procedures for delivering health care services.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. This bill does not directly affect small business.

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