

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 65 (Delegate Bonsack)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Drugs - Evidence of Forgery

This amended bill authorizes the use of a sworn affidavit from a medical practitioner as evidence of forgery or alteration of drug or controlled dangerous substance prescriptions.

The bill requires the State to provide at least 10 days' written notice to the defendant that the State intends to rely on and introduce the affidavit into evidence at a proceeding. The State must require the presence of the medical practitioner as a witness upon written demand by the defendant.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and is not expected to significantly affect the Judiciary's workload.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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