

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 235 (Delegate C. Davis, *et al.*)  
Environmental Matters

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**Health - Information Privacy - Disclosure of Medical Records**

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This bill repeals certain existing law circumstances under which a health care provider may disclose the medical records of a patient without the patient's consent. A health care provider is prohibited from disclosing directory information about a patient without the authorization of the patient, unless otherwise permitted by law. The bill also specifies that the date-of-birth information collected by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission (HCACC) for the Maryland medical database may only contain the month and year of birth. HCACC may not collect patient encounter data for which the patient elects to self-pay.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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