

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 545 (Senator Frosh)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

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**Disclosure of Medical Records - Compulsory Process - Notice to Person in Interest**

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This enrolled bill requires a health care provider to disclose a medical record, under certain circumstances, without the authorization of a person in interest (1) in accordance with “compulsory process”; (2) to grand juries, prosecution agencies, or law enforcement agencies; or (3) to the Insurance Administration for enforcement purposes. The bill references current law under which (1) more stringent requirements apply to the disclosure of mental health records; and (2) health professional boards may obtain a record without notice to the patient to investigate a complaint.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Although small business health care providers would be affected by the bill, there would be no discernible economic impact.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Mental Hygiene Administration, Developmental Disabilities Administration, Community and Public Health Administration, Board of Physician Quality Assurance, Board of Nursing)

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