

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 666 (Senator Middleton)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Health Care Decisions - Emergency Medical
Services Personnel - Immunity

This amended bill specifies that an emergency medical services provider is not subject to criminal or civil liability, or deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct if: (1) the claim is based on lack of consent or authorization for health care; (2) “do not resuscitate orders” would ordinarily apply; and (3) the provider acts in good faith in providing the health care and believes reasonably that “do not resuscitate orders” do not apply. The immunity does not apply if the patient is wearing a valid, legible, and patient-identifying emergency medical services “do not resuscitate order” bracelet.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly impact small businesses.

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