

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 27 (Delegate Bonsack)
Environmental Matters

Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Disciplinary Actions - Expungement of Records

This bill requires the Board of Physician Quality Assurance, on written request by a physician who has been disciplined, to expunge all records of the charge and the proceedings relating to the charge ten years after the date of the order. The bill's requirement also applies to any subsequent charges.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: This bill could have a positive impact on small business physicians. Expunging records of previous disciplinary actions may increase the business opportunities of the affected physicians; for instance, it may improve the job opportunities of physicians who apply to join a health maintenance organization (which may conduct background checks of previous disciplinary actions) or a physician group.

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