

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 659 (Senator Forehand, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

Civil Procedure - Evidence - Medical, Dental, and Hospital Records

This bill expands the provisions relating to the admissibility of medical, dental, or hospital records in specified civil actions to make them applicable to records offered as evidence, without the support of testimony, from individuals who are licensed or certified as health care providers or are otherwise authorized to provide health care services in this State or any other state. Current law refers only to physicians, dentists, or hospital employees.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on licensed or certified health care providers to the extent that they would not have to be present in court to attend the proceedings specified in the bill.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (District Court of Maryland), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Fiscal Services

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