

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 130 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Office on Aging)

Environmental Matters

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**Medical Records - Mandatory Disclosure -  
State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

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This departmental bill provides that a patient advocate of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program has access to medical records in an investigation of abuse or neglect of a long-term care facility resident when the resident is unable to consent to medical record disclosure and has no legal representative who can consent to disclosure. It conforms State law to federal requirements under the Older Americans Act.

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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:** The Office on Aging has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Information Source(s):** Office on Aging; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Medical Care Policy Administration, Licensing and Certification Administration, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, Developmental Disabilities Administration); Department of Legislative Services

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