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By: **Delegate Morhaim**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Orthopedic Patient Safety and Convenience**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain  
4 physicians for taking X rays in their offices under certain circumstances; and  
5 generally relating to health maintenance organizations and reimbursement for  
6 taking X rays.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Health - General

9 Section 19-712.7

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 19-712.7.

16 A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE A PHYSICIAN  
17 WHO PRACTICES ORTHOPEDICS FOR TAKING X RAYS IN THE PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE IF  
18 THE X RAYS ARE:

19 (1) MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE;

20 (2) PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP CARE RELATED TO THE CONDITION FOR  
21 WHICH THE PHYSICIAN IS TREATING OR HAS TREATED A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER  
22 OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

23 (3) TAKEN DURING THE GLOBAL FOLLOW-UP PERIOD GENERALLY  
24 ACCEPTED IN THE PROFESSION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 1999.