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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 290 (Delegate Dembrow, *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Estates and Trusts - Petition for Guardianship of Disabled Person - Certificates of Competency**

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This bill requires a petitioner for guardianship of a disabled person to submit two verified certificates of competency from either: (1) two licensed physicians who have examined the disabled person; or (2) one licensed physician who has examined the disabled person and one licensed psychologist who has evaluated the disabled person. An examination or evaluation by at least one of the health care professionals examining the disabled person must occur within 21 days before a petitioner files for guardianship of the disabled person.

This bill shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to a petition for guardianship of a disabled person filed before the effective date of this bill.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The provisions of the bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Registers of Wills, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts)

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