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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 85 (Delegate Dembrow)

Judiciary

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Civil Actions - Disclosure of Business Address

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This bill requires, on written request of a party to a lawsuit, an insurer or person that has a self-insurance plan to provide to the party the defendant's last known business address, if known.

The bill does not apply to any case filed before the bill's October 1, 2000 effective date.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Chapter 434 of 1999 (HB 603) provides that on written request of a party to a lawsuit, an insurer or a person that has a self-insurance plan must provide to the party the defendant's last known home address, if known.

The information must be provided only if the plaintiff files a certification that:

- states that the defendant had applicable insurance coverage at the time the alleged liability was incurred;
- sets forth the reasonable efforts made, in good faith, by the plaintiff to locate the

defendant; and

- states that the defendant is evading service of process or the whereabouts of the defendant are unknown to the plaintiff.

**Background:** This bill adds “business address” to the existing disclosure requirement, which is limited to the defendant’s last known home address.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 603 of 1999 (Chapter 434) included the substance of this bill prior to amendment by the House Judiciary Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Maryland Insurance Administration, Department of Legislative Services

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