

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

House Bill 1310

(Delegate Malone)

Commerce and Government Matters

Judicial Proceedings

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**Office of Administrative Hearings - Individuals Representing Units of State  
Government**

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This bill authorizes an individual who is not licensed to practice law to represent a unit of State government, at the direction of that unit, in hearings before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies current practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An individual who is not licensed to practice law is authorized to represent certain parties in a proceeding before the Office of Administrative Hearings, including a recipient of or applicant for State health benefits, residents of certain health facilities, and individuals who have filed a grievance with the Inmate Grievance Office. Individuals who do not have a license to practice law may also appear on the behalf of a corporation, partnership, or business regarding regulations governing home improvement, occupational safety and health, or the decertification of a minority business enterprise to conduct business with the Department of Transportation, or on the behalf of an insurer.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Legislative Services

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