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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1224 (Delegate Kagan, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Emergency Treatment for Survivors of Rape

This bill requires a hospital or other health care facility that provides emergency care to a rape survivor to: (1) provide each rape survivor with medically and factually accurate, clear and concise, and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception; (2) inform each rape survivor of her option to receive emergency contraception; and (3) if requested, immediately provide the rape survivor with contraception that is medically appropriate or refer the rape survivor to a physician or other health care provider that will prescribe or provide access to emergency contraception.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No hospital, hospital director, hospital governing board, or person can be required to perform or participate in, or refer to any source for, any medical procedure that results in artificial insemination, sterilization, or termination of pregnancy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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