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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 738

Delegates Gordon and Guns)

Environmental Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Medical Records - Copying Costs - Medical Bills

This bill provides that a “medical record” includes a medical bill for the purpose of permitting a health care provider to charge an authorized person who requests a copy of a medical record to pay for the reasonable costs associated with copying the record.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Health care providers that provide copies of medical bills to authorized persons could recoup copying costs.

Analysis

Current Law: A health care provider must keep medical records of patients confidential and disclose a medical record only as provided by the Health-General Article. When a medical record is disclosed, a health care provider may require the authorized person who requests a copy of the medical record to pay the cost of copying the medical record.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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