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FISCAL NOTE

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Senate Bill 338

(Senator Haines)

Finance

Environmental Matters

**Hospitals - Uniform Emergency Security Codes for Hospitals - Establishment
and Implementation**

This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in consultation with the Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems and the Maryland Association of Hospital Security and Safety Directors, to develop a uniform set of emergency security codes for hospitals. Each hospital must implement the provisions of the emergency security codes within two years of DHMH's adoption of regulations.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The development of a uniform set of emergency security codes and the adoption of regulations could be handled with existing DHMH budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no uniform security code for hospitals.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 476 (Delegate Klausmeier, *et al.*) – Environmental Matters.

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