

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 866 (Delegate Giannetti)  
Environmental Matters

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**Health - Reporting of Infectious Diseases - Anthrax**

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This bill requires a physician to submit a report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) if he or she is treating a patient with anthrax.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A physician with reason to suspect that a patient under his or her care has an infectious or contagious disease, except HIV or AIDS, that endangers the public health must submit a report to the health officer for that county. Medical laboratory directors must report to the county health officer within 48 hours after an exam of a specimen from a human body shows evidence of anthrax, as well as certain other diseases.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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