

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 394  
Finance

(Senator Jennings)

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**Medical Laboratories - Laboratory Test and Clinical Laboratory Fees - Schedule**

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This bill requires a State-licensed medical laboratory to produce a comprehensive fee schedule for all the laboratory tests and clinical laboratory fees charged by the laboratory. The fee schedule must be (1) made available in both a printed and an electronic format; and (2) regularly updated to provide the most accurate information on the laboratory tests performed, the costs of those tests, and the clinical laboratory fees charged. In addition, the bill requires a medical laboratory to provide the fee schedule and any supplemental materials to a licensed physician upon request.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A "medical laboratory" is any facility, entity, or site that offers or performs tests or examinations in connection with the diagnosis and control of human diseases or the assessment of human health, nutritional, or medical conditions or in connection with job-related drug and alcohol testing. Any laboratory owned or operated by the State, a county, or municipal corporation in the State is considered a medical laboratory.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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