

# SENATE BILL 738

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By: **Senators Dyson, Benson, and Reilly**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Magnetic Resonance Imaging Services – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
4 conduct a certain study regarding the ordering of magnetic resonance imaging  
5 services by certain physicians; requiring the Department to submit the results  
6 of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a  
7 certain date; and generally relating to a study by the Department of Health and  
8 Mental Hygiene of the ordering of magnetic resonance imaging services.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct a study of  
12 the ordering of magnetic resonance imaging services by physicians in nonradiology  
13 group practices that, before July 1, 2011, owned or leased a magnetic resonance  
14 imaging machine and referred patients for in-office magnetic resonance imaging scans  
15 on the machine.

16 (b) When conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section,  
17 the Department shall compare the number of magnetic resonance imaging scans  
18 ordered by the physicians from June 1, 2010, through May 31, 2011, and from July 1,  
19 2011, through June 30, 2012, and determine whether a change in patterns of ordering  
20 scans occurred.

21 (c) On or before April 1, 2014, the Department shall report to the Senate  
22 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and  
23 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
24 Government Article, on the results of the study conducted under this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

