

CARE writing or record without a physician's, dentist's, ~~+~~or~~+~~ hospital employee's, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S~~ testimony, shall file and serve a notice of intent and copy of the writing or record at least ~~15~~ 30 days before the beginning of the trial.

(c) A medical, dental, ~~+~~or~~+~~ hospital, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE~~ writing or record made to document a medical ~~+~~or~~+~~, dental, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH~~ condition, a physician's ~~+~~or~~+~~, dentist's, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S~~ ~~+~~medical or dental~~+~~ opinion, or the providing of medical ~~+~~or~~+~~, dental ~~+~~treatment~~+~~, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE~~ is admissible without the support of the testimony of a physician, dentist, ~~+~~or~~+~~ hospital employee, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER~~ as the maker or the custodian of the writing or record to prove the existence of a medical, ~~DENTAL, OR OTHER HEALTH OR DENTAL~~ condition, the opinion, and the necessity and the providing of medical OR DENTAL ~~+~~treatment~~+~~, ~~DENTAL, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE~~.

(d) A written statement or bill for medical, dental, ~~+~~or~~+~~ hospital, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE~~ expenses is admissible without the support of the testimony of a physician, dentist, ~~+~~or~~+~~ hospital employee, ~~OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER~~ as the maker or the custodian of the statement or bill to prove the amount, fairness, and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided.

(E) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO:

- (1) REQUEST A SUMMONS TO COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF A WITNESS;
- (2) EXAMINE A WITNESS WHO APPEARS AT TRIAL; OR
- (3) ENGAGE IN DISCOVERY AS PROVIDED UNDER THE MARYLAND RULES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any case filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 444**

**(House Bill 441)**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County – Transfer Tax**

**PG 415-97**

FOR the purpose of setting a certain maximum rate for the transfer tax in Prince