

(c) Subsection (b) of this section applies only if, at least 60 days before the beginning of the trial, the party who intends to introduce the bill files with the clerk of the court and serves on all other parties as provided under Maryland Rule 1-321:

(1) Notice of the party's intent to introduce the bill without the support of the testimony of the provider of the goods or services that were billed; and

(2) A copy of the bill.

(d) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to:

(1) Apply to proof of the existence of a medical, dental, or other health condition, the opinion of a health care provider, or the necessity and the providing of medical, dental, or other health care;

(2) Limit the provisions of § 10-104 of this subtitle concerning the admissibility of a medical, dental, hospital, or other health care writing or record; or

(3) Limit the right of a party to:

(i) Request a summons to compel the attendance of a witness;

(ii) Examine a witness who appears at trial; or

(iii) 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, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 431

(House Bill 550)

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel - Appointments in Skilled and Professional Services - Veterans Preferences Eligible Veterans

FOR the purpose of requiring that a candidate for appointment to a position in the skilled service or the professional service who is an eligible veteran be ~~appointed before a candidate who is not an eligible veteran and who is in the same rating category as the eligible veteran or a lower rating category~~ identified as an eligible veteran on the eligible list; and generally relating to appointments in the skilled and professional services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,