

CHAPTER 265**(House Bill 738)**

AN ACT concerning

Medical Records - Copying Costs - Medical Bills

FOR the purposes of providing that a medical record includes a copy of a medical bill under certain circumstances for purposes of the costs and fees charged by health care providers and hospitals for copying medical records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 4-304(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

4-304.

(c) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "MEDICAL RECORD" INCLUDES A COPY OF A MEDICAL BILL THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL.

(II) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to x-rays.

(2) A health care provider may require a person in interest or any other authorized person who requests a copy of a medical record to pay the cost of copying:

(i) For State facilities regulated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as provided in § 10-621 of the State Government Article; or

(ii) For all other health care providers, the reasonable cost of providing the information requested.

(3) (i) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a copy of a medical record requested by a person in interest or any other authorized person under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, a health care provider may charge a fee for copying and mailing not exceeding 50 cents for each page of the medical record.

(ii) In addition to the fee charged under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a hospital or a health care provider may charge:

1. A preparation fee not to exceed \$15 for medical record retrieval and preparation; and

2. The actual cost for postage and handling of the medical record.