

HB 1358- Health - Protection of Personal Medical Information

Position: FAVORABLE

I SUPPORT THIS BILL:

There is nothing more important to me than protection of my family's right to protection of our personal health and medical information. This privacy ensures that medical discrimination does not occur. We have seen our children suffer from segregation and treated differently because of the vaccine policies in order to play sports. This is one example why it is imperative there is medical privacy and confidentiality. No one should have to release personal medial information – for any reason.

What it is: This bill would establish that each Marylander has a right to confidentiality and privacy concerning their personal medical information. Relating to that, it would prohibit anyone- including schools, colleges, universities, agencies, and departments, whether public or private- from establishing any policies that limit an individual's autonomy... or access based on their personal medical information, or requiring the release of their personal medical information. It would also prohibit employers from requiring the release of any personal medical information in connection with hiring, promotion/demotion, retention, or disciplinary action. For healthcare providers, it would prohibit using an individual's personal medical information to deny access to medical services.

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