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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 968 – *Workers’ Compensation – Appeals - Evidence*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 968.

House Bill 968 simplifies the introduction of medical records by the appellee in an appeal of a Workers Compensation Commission case to the Circuit Court. It provides for a 120-day notice to the opposing party that the person intends to introduce the records without health care provider authentication. However, it only allows the introduction of records that were used in the Commission proceeding, i.e. those records that are part of the “record” for purposes of the appeal.

This legislation is both efficient and cost effective. Med Chi supports the bill because it may in many cases avert the necessity of a physician or other health care provider having to attend a hearing, solely for the purpose of authenticating medical records. That time can be much better spent by a provider seeing patients and tending to other medical business.

For these reasons, Med Chi supports House Bill 968.

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