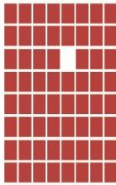




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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 322 – *Medical Malpractice – Notice of Intent to File Claim*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Maryland Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, we **support** Senate Bill 322.

Senate Bill 322 would require a person having a claim against a health care provider for medical injury to file a notice of intent to file the claim with the provider 90 days before actually filing. The notice requirement is designed to encourage the settlement of meritorious claims before the parties become engaged in costly litigation, and at the same time allow claimants to receive appropriate relief. Numerous other states, including California, Massachusetts, Florida and Washington, DC, already require a 90-day notice.

Efforts at settlement are strongly encouraged by Maryland courts because they promote judicial economy. Senate Bill 322 is another means of achieving that same goal.

For these reasons, the above-named organizations support Senate Bill 322.

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