

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number House Bill 875

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron John M. O'Bannon, III

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Copies of patient records when professional practice closed, sold or relocated; notice; charges

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill modifies the provision requiring notice specifying that copies of records will be sent to any like-regulated provider of the patient's choice or provided to the patient when a practice is being closed, sold or relocated. This bill provides that the charges for the records must not exceed the actual costs of copying and mailing or delivering the records. "Current patient" is defined as "a patient who has had a patient encounter with the provider or his professional practice during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of the record transfer." "Relocation of a professional practice" is defined as "the moving of a practice located in Virginia from the location at which the records are stored at the time of the notice to another practice site that is located more than 30 miles away or to another practice site that is located in another state or the District of Columbia."

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources