



**Testimony for the Senate Finance Committee
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**SB 790 – Health Insurance – Communications Between Carriers and
Enrollees – Conformity With the Health Insurance Portability and
Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

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SUPPORT

The ACLU of Maryland supports SB 790, which will help protect the health privacy of Marylanders.

Under SB 790 the Maryland Insurance Administration would create a form by which individuals can exercise their rights under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to keep certain medical information private.

The right to privacy of medical information is extremely important, and especially so in cases of domestic violence and sexual abuse.. Creating a standard form for individuals to use to request privacy would enable many more people to avail themselves of the privacy protections HIPAA created.

For the foregoing reasons, the ACLU of Maryland supports SB 790.

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