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**MedChi Council on Legislation – Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Legislative Items**

- a. Discussion of the 2024 Legislative Session (Steve Wise)
- b. 2024 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

**III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)**

Bill: [HB 76](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 18](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 83](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ziegler

Title: Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 149](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pippy

Title: Medical Records - Destruction - Authorization

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 153](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 144](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Medical Records - Fees - Attorneys Representing Patients

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 232](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 218](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Title: Physicians and Allied Health Professions - Reorganization and Revisions

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 3](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Jackson

Title: Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 62](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Previous Cesarean Section

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 167](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Physician Assistants - Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2024)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 221](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 146](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Health Occupations Boards - Reciprocal Licensure and Certification

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

#### **IV. Health Insurance (HI)**

Bill: [HB 110](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 93](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Private Review Agents

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 124](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 142](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2024)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

## V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [SB 47](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Public Health - Sale of Diet Pills to Minors - Prohibition (Protecting Teenagers From Unregulated Diet Pills)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 119](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Legally Protected Health Care - Gender-Affirming Treatment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 165](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 204](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Education - Coaches - Mental Health Training

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/17 at 3:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 211](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 119](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Giving Infants a Future Without Transmission (GIFT) Act

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 212](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Alterations

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 220](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 42](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Public Health Services and Protections - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 244](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 238](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 246](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 127](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

## **VI. FYI**

Bill: [HB 10](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Attar

Title: Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Eligible Individuals and Direct Reimbursement for Mental Health Services

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Bill: [HB 65](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Miller

Title: Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 74](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guyton

Title: Public Schools - Lifesaver Schools Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 96](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 117](#)

Sponsor: Delegate T. Morgan

Title: Health - Newborn Screening Program - Krabbe Leukodystrophy

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 177](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 184](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Acevero

Title: Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 191](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 71](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Mireku-North

Title: Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Bill: [SB 103](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Jackson

Title: Overdose Awareness Day

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: [SB 201](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Watson

Title: Public Health - Childbirth - Paternity Test

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 210](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Immunization Administration - Effective Date

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/24 at 1:30 PM

Bill: [SB 217](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 30](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/24 at 1:30 PM

Bill: [SB 227](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 240](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Health Insurance - Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans - Restriction

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/24 at 1:30 PM

*\* Please Note: Dr. Harbhajan Ajrawat, MD and Dr. Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, MD recused on every vote related to legislation that relates to or will be considered by the Maryland Board of Physicicans.\**