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MedChi Council on Legislation – Meeting Minutes Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. 2024 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

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: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 464](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Health Occupations - Practice Audiology - Definition

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 576](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 453](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Mental Health - Emergency Evaluation and Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 649](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 525](#)

Sponsor: Delegate White Holland

Title: Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work - Wage Range Transparency

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 676](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate N. Morgan

Title: Right to Try Act - Individualized Investigational Treatments

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 506](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: State Board of Physicians - Discipline - Administrative Expungement

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [SB 487](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 570](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 497](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health Insurance and Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage - Opioid Reversal Drugs and Products

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 526](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Specialty Drugs Dispensed by a Physician

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 535](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Health Insurance - Labor and Delivery Services - Cost-Sharing Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 276](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 522](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 492](#)

Sponsor: Delegate D. Jones

Title: Public Schools - Student Telehealth Appointments - Policy and Access

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 558](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Atterbear

Title: Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 639](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 503](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Wivell

Title: Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement - Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)

Status: In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 398](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 482](#)

Sponsor: Senator Folden

Title: Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Victims of Nonfatal Strangulation

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 427](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 485](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Title: Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 548](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances

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

Bill: [HB 619](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care

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

Bill: [SB 582](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Business Regulation - Cigarette, Other Tobacco Product, and Electronic Smoking Device Retailers - Nicotine Replacement Therapy Products (Making Quitting Convenient Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

** 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.**