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**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room – Volunteer Sign Up (Dates Available)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [SB 161](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [SB 59](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 107](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hester

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Employers - Special Enrollment Period and Marketing

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 108](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement

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

Position: TBD

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 44](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 87](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 52](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Stewart

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs - Waiver - Diapers and Menstrual Hygiene Products

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 173](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Moon

Title: Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 107](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lee

Title: Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 151](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 12](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 154](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Public Health - Mental Health Advance Directives - Awareness and Statewide Database

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 155](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 212](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance and Educational Materials (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2023)

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

Position: Move to Public Health (PH) Subcommittee

Bill: [HB 172](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 232](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kerr

Title: Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers - Dry Needling Approval

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

Position: Move to Boards and Commissions (B&C) Subcommittee

Bill: [SB 158](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Pesticide Registration - PFAS Testing - Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 2:00 PM

Position: Move to Public Health (PH) Subcommittee