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# MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 25 (SB 311)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m. (Judiciary) and Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Wed 2/3 1:30 PM		Support
HB 95 (SB 476)	Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.	Krebs	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	No Position
HB 123 (SB 3)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; requiring that certain services provided under the Program include counseling and treatment for certain disorders and conditions; prohibiting the Program from requiring a recipient to use telehealth in lieu of in-person services delivery for behavioral health services; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations related to telehealth services; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Finance	Support

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HB 135 (SB 84)	Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications (Christopher King Access to Treatment Act)	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2021, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations establishing standard procedures to include notification of patients about payment for services before the pharmacist administers a maintenance injectable medication; etc.	K. Young	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support
HB 182 (SB 169)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician".	Kerr	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/21 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Oppose
HB 191 (SB 56)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination	Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.	Kelly	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Finance	Support

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HB 203 (SB 519)	Estates and Trusts - Wills and Advance Medical Directives - Notaries Public	Providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; etc.	C. Jackson	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 219	Naturopathic Doctors - Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice	Authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; etc.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 224 (SB 262)	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards	Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.	Krebs	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/14 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	No Position

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HB 288 (SB 183)	Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.	Charles	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Oppose
HB 299 (SB 34)	State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.	Carr	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support
HB 429 (SB 537)	Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product	Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; requiring a pharmacist to provide written notice, or to maintain a record that indicates a patient was notified in writing or orally, that the generic product is equivalent to the brand name product; etc.	Shetty	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/3 2:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support

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HB 508 (SB 210)	COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity	Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.	Attar	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/3 1:30 PM		Support
HB 581 (SB 486)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers for each pay period; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a work responsibilities under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.	D.E. Davis	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 11:00 a.m. (Economic Matters)	Appropriations; Economic Matters Fri 2/5 11:00 AM		Oppose
HB 701	Child Abuse and Neglect - Training of Health Care Professionals	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain boards that are authorized to take actions against persons who knowingly fail to report suspected child abuse with a list of courses relating to the obligation to report child abuse and neglect and the identification of abused and neglected children; requiring certain boards to post certain information on each board's website, provide information about recommended courses to certain health care professionals, or advertise the availability of certain courses; etc.	McComas	In the Senate - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 2/11 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings Tue 3/30 1:00 PM	No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 731 (SB 567)	Telehealth Services - Expansion	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
HB 732 (SB 568)	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners	Authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of the Act from taking certain actions; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 765	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Novel Coronavirus (Essential Workers' Compensation Act)	Providing that certain firefighters, rescue squad members, advance life support unit members, police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, and certain health care workers and child care workers, who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner; etc.	Terrasa	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Economic Matters		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 810 (SB 706)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Laboratory Tests	Altering the definition of "practice pharmacy" to include the ordering and administering of certain laboratory tests; and requiring, on or before January 1, 2022, the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to order and administer certain laboratory tests, without a written, oral, or electronically transmitted prescription from an authorized prescriber, that are used for certain purposes.	Cullison	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/18 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 849	Public Health - Medical Records - Fees	Repealing the authority of certain entities to charge to certain persons a certain cost for the handling of medical records in addition to a certain other fee; prohibiting a health care provider or a representative of the health care provider from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record requested by the patient, the patient's personal representative, or an employee or representative of a certain organization representing the patient and that will be used for a certain purpose; etc.	Rosenberg	In the Senate - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM	Finance Wed 3/24 1:00 PM	Support with Amendment
HB 976	Catastrophic Health Emergency - Authority of Governor - Administration of Vaccinations	Authorizing the Governor to order the Secretary of Health and the Emergency Medical Services Board, as appropriate, to adopt regulations to authorize certain individuals to administer certain vaccinations as a result of the issuance of a proclamation that a catastrophic health emergency exists.	D. Jones	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations		Oppose



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1032	Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Previous Cesarean Section	Altering the circumstances under which a licensed direct-entry midwife is prohibited from taking certain responsibility for a patient who had a previous cesarean section; and requiring a licensed direct-entry midwife to consult with a health care practitioner and document the consultation if a patient had a previous cesarean section that resulted in a confirmed low transverse incision and was performed at least 18 months before the expected date of birth for the current pregnancy.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/11 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 1040 (SB 736)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Children's Vaccines - Study and Temporary Authority	Authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual who is at least 3 years old but under the age of 18 years; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual; etc.	Kelly	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/4 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Oppose

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HB 1041	Health Occupations Boards - Uniform Reporting	Requiring each health occupations board to request certain information from certain applicants and health care practitioners before issuing, renewing, or reinstating certain licenses, certificates, or registrations; requiring each health occupations board to post certain information on the board's website in a searchable format; requiring each health occupations board to provide an opportunity to certain applicants and health care practitioners to opt out of having phone numbers and e-mail addresses posted on certain websites; etc.	Kelly	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations		No Position
HB 1125	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Prescribers of Opioids - Notification Requirement	Requiring a prescriber to notify the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program as to whether the prescriber has received education regarding the risks of opioid use, is aware that an opioid overdose reversal drug is available, and has prescribed or dispensed an opioid overdose reversal drug if the prescriber prescribes or dispenses an opioid in a dosage of 50 morphine milligram equivalents or more; and prohibiting a prescriber from being required to make a certain notification more than once.	Beitzel	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 1153	Names of Entities With Physician Membership - Approval Requirement - Exemption	Exempting a professional entity whose members are licensed physicians from a requirement that the name of the entity be approved by the State Board of Physicians; authorizing the State Board of Physicians and MedChi after receiving a certain notice, to take certain actions and make certain referrals if there is reason to believe that the name of a certain professional entity violates the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.	Adams	In the Senate - Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 3/3 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings Wed 3/31 1:00 PM	Support

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HB 1167	Maryland Nondiscrimination in Health Care Coverage Act	Requiring a health care provider or health care institution to ensure the provision or continuation of certain care under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain health care provider or health care institution to transfer a patient to a certain health care provider or health care institution under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; prohibiting an agency from developing or using certain measures as a threshold for certain determinations and decisions; etc.	Cox	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		No Position
HB 1195 (SB 92)	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Eligibility and Sunset Repeal	Reducing, from 160 to 100 hours, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain credit against the State income tax; repealing the termination date for certain credits against the State income tax for certain individuals who serve as preceptors in certain preceptorship programs and work in areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.	Adams	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means Fri 2/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 1252 (SB 102)	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages	Altering, from 160 to 100, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain State income tax credit; authorizing a State income tax credit for certain health care practitioners who serve as preceptors for a certain preceptorship program for physician assistant students; requiring the Department to approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis and notify applicants of approval or denial within 45 days after receipt; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation	Ways and Means Fri 2/26 1:30 PM	Budget and Taxation	No Position

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HB 1313 (SB 67)	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration	Authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on the Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration if the services are under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician, authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and part of a certain program or population health outreach effort; etc.	Mangione	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/23 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 1333	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Essential Health Care Workers	Allowing, for taxable years 2020 and 2021, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of \$2,000 for certain essential health care workers; making the Act an emergency measure; and terminating the Act on June 30, 2022.	Brooks	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations		Support
SB 3 (HB 123)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; requiring that certain services provided under the Program include counseling and treatment for certain disorders and conditions; requiring the Program to allow a recipient to select the manner in which a service is delivered; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organization to provide coverage for services delivered through telehealth; etc.	Griffith	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 34 (HB 299)	State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after January 1, 2024, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State; requiring the Board to issue a supervised genetic counselor license to certain applicants on or after January 1, 2024; etc.	Lam	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 56 (HB 191)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination	Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.	Eckardt	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 67 (HB 1313)	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration	Authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on the Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration if the services are under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician, authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and part of a certain program or population health outreach effort; etc.	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	In the House - Hearing canceled	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position

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SB 84 (HB 135)	Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering a maintenance injectable medication unless the pharmacist provides the patient with a notice concerning certain financial information; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt regulations establishing standard procedures; etc.	Young	In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/25 1:30 PM	Support
SB 92 (HB 1195)	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Eligibility and Sunset Repeal	Reducing, from 160 to 100 hours, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain credit against the State income tax; clarifying the issuance of a credit certificate in certain preceptorship programs; repealing the termination date for certain credits against the State income tax for certain individuals who serve as preceptors in certain preceptorship programs and work in areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; etc.	Eckardt	In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Thu 1/21 11:00 AM	Ways and Means Thu 3/25 1:30 PM	Support

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SB 102 (HB 1252)	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages	Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain health care practitioners who serve as preceptors for a certain preceptorship program approved by the Maryland Department of Health for physician assistant students; requiring the Department, on application of a health care practitioner, to issue a tax credit certificate for \$1,000 for each physician assistant student rotation consisting of three rotations of 100 hours each for which the health care practitioner served as a physician assistant preceptor without compensation; etc.	Eckardt	In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Ways and Means Thu 3/25 1:30 PM	No Position
SB 169 (HB 182)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician"; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 183 (HB 288)	Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.	Young	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Oppose

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SB 210 (HB 508)	COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity	Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 247	State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension	Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/24 at 1:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM	Health and Government Operations Wed 3/24 1:30 PM	No Position
SB 262 (HB 224)	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards	Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.	Eckardt	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position



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SB 311 (HB 25)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 476 (HB 95)	Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.	Eckardt	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position
SB 486 (HB 581)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers at certain intervals; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a certain responsibility under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 537 (HB 429)	Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product	Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; requiring a pharmacist to provide written notice, or to maintain a record that indicates a patient was notified in writing or orally, that the generic product is equivalent to the brand name product; etc.	Hershey	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 567 (HB 731)	Telehealth Services - Expansion	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; etc.	President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/17 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 568 (HB 732)	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners	Authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of the Act from taking certain actions; etc.	President	In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/16 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 579	Health Care Facilities - Restrooms - Requirements	Requiring each health care facility, on or after January 1, 2023, to provide in each restroom maintained by the health care facility a hands-free disposable towel dispenser and a device that allows an individual to open a door without touching the door handle; requiring each health care facility to report to the Maryland Department of Health certain information regarding certain restrooms on or before January 1, 2023; etc.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/25 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 706 (HB 810)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Laboratory Tests	Altering the definition of "practice pharmacy" to include the ordering and administering of certain laboratory tests; requiring, on or before January 1, 2022, the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to order and administer certain laboratory tests, without a written, oral, or electronically transmitted prescription from an authorized prescriber, that are used for certain purposes; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/2 1:00 PM		Oppose

# MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 736 (HB 1040)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations	Authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual who is at least 3 years old but under the age of 18 years; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/2 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 808	Health Occupations - Licensed Dentists - Administration of Vaccines	Authorizing a licensed dentist to administer certain vaccines to certain individuals under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt certain regulations regarding the administration of vaccines; requiring a licensed dentist who administers a vaccine to administer the vaccine under a certain protocol and report the vaccination to the ImmuNet Program; requiring a licensed dentist, before administering certain vaccines, to complete a certain Board-approved course; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/2 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 828	HIV Prevention Drugs - Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements	Authorizing pharmacists to dispense a 30-day supply, but no more than a 60-day supply, of preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to a patient without a prescription under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide certain drugs for HIV prevention subject to certain conditions; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for certain drugs for HIV prevention; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Tue 3/2 1:00 PM		Oppose

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 107 (SB 499)	Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.	R. Lewis	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Finance	No Position
HB 124	Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19	Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, by October 1, 2021, establishing an occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases; requiring the Secretary of Labor, the Commissioner, and the Maryland Department of Health to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard to Protect Employees From COVID-19 by March 1, 2021, and to make the information available on the Department of Labor's website; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Thu 1/28 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 148 (SB 112)	Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications are required to be given; requiring that certain substitute notice consist of notification to certain media in certain geographic areas rather than statewide; etc.	Carey	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Economic Matters Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Finance	No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 162	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits and Reports	Altering a certain requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with a certain council, draft a certain plan for setting upper payment limits for prescription drug products; altering the date by which the Board is required to submit the plan to a certain committee of the General Assembly; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products and altering the date by which the limits are to be set to on or after February 1, 2022; etc.	Ivey	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 167 (SB 290)	Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation	Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.	P. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support
HB 170 (SB 513)	Cancer Drugs - Physician Dispensing and Coverage	Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 470 (SB 522)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/11 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 551 (SB 393)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
HB 836 (SB 741)	COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021	Requiring, on or before April 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State, to adopt and implement a certain plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19; requiring, for calendar year 2021, institutions of higher education in the State to adopt and implement a certain COVID-19 testing plan; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain COVID-19 tests and associated costs; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Tue 2/23 1:30 PM		Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 910	Health Insurance - Hearing Aids for Adults - Coverage	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for all medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults covered under the policies or contracts; authorizing insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the benefit payable under the Act to \$750 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every 36 months; etc.	Lisanti	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/25 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 1021 (SB 758)	Health Insurance - Incentive Arrangements - Authorization	Authorizing certain bonus or incentive-based compensation to include a certain two-sided incentive arrangement; authorizing a certain carrier to recoup funds paid to an eligible provider under a two-sided incentive arrangement that meets certain requirements and criteria; providing that a certain primary care provider is not engaged in certain acts of an insurance business if certain requirements are met solely because the primary care provider enters into a certain contract that includes certain capitated payments; etc.	Pendergrass	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations		Bill was withdrawn by sponsor due to MedChi concerns. MedChi, MHA and Carefirst have agreed to work on the bill in the interim.



# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1022 (SB 748)	Public Health - State Designated Exchange - Clinical Information	Requiring a nursing home, on request by the Maryland Department of Health, to electronically submit clinical information to the State designated exchange to facilitate certain objectives; providing that information submitted under the Act may be combined with other data maintained by the exchange to facilitate a state health improvement program, mitigate a public health emergency, and improve patient safety; providing that information submitted by a nursing home may be used only to facilitate certain objectives; etc.	Pendergrass	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM	Finance	Support
HB 1375	Health Information Exchanges - Electronic Health Information - Sharing and Disclosure	Altering the laws with which certain regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission must comply; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Commission require the State-designated health information exchange to develop and maintain a certain consent management application, subject to certain laws, and provide for certain penalties; requiring that, subject to certain laws, certain regulations allow certain entities to use electronic health information for certain purposes; etc.	Kelly	In the House - Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		
SB 112 (HB 148)	Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification to be given; etc.	Lee	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 226	Maryland Insurance Administration - Delivery of Notices and Other Communications by Electronic Means	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a certain person to send to the Commissioner certain notices and communications by electronic means approved by the Commissioner; prohibiting the Commissioner from requiring a person who is not licensed, certified, or otherwise regulated by the Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means to the Commissioner; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/14 11:00 AM	Economic Matters Thu 3/25 1:30 PM	No Position
SB 272	Insurance - Claim Payment - Clarification	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require an insurer that holds a certificate of authority to fulfill the holder's contractual obligations or pay a certain claim instead of or in addition to suspending or revoking the certificate; and authorizing the Commissioner, on a finding of a violation of certain provisions of law, to require an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization to make a payment that has been improperly denied.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/19 1:00 PM		Support
SB 290 (HB 167)	Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation	Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating the overall contribution to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 393 (HB 551)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 499 (HB 107)	Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.	Lam	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Finance Thu 2/18 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position
SB 513 (HB 170)	Cancer Drugs - Physician Dispensing and Coverage	Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Wed 2/17 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 522 (HB 470)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.	Pinsky	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/17 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 685	Insurance Law - Application to Direct Primary Care Agreements - Exclusion	Authorizing the Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to assist health care consumers in understanding direct primary care agreements; requiring certain primary care providers to provide the Unit with certain information under certain circumstances; altering the definition of "health insurance" for the purpose of excluding certain direct primary care agreements from the application of certain provisions of insurance law; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/3 1:00 PM		Support
SB 741 (HB 836)	COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021	Requiring, on or before April 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State, to adopt and implement a certain plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19; requiring, for calendar year 2021, institutions of higher education in the State to adopt and implement a certain COVID-19 testing plan; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain COVID-19 tests and associated costs; etc.	Rosapepe	In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 2/24 1:00 PM	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Tue 3/30 1:30 PM	Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 748 (HB 1022)	Public Health - State Designated Exchange - Clinical Information	Requiring a nursing home, on request of the Maryland Department of Health, to electronically submit clinical information to the State designated exchange to facilitate certain objectives; providing that information submitted under the Act may be combined with other data maintained by the exchange to facilitate a state health improvement program, mitigate a public health emergency, and improve patient safety; providing that information submitted by a nursing home may be used only to facilitate certain objectives; etc.	Beidle	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Finance Wed 3/3 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 758 (HB 1021)	Health Insurance - Incentive Arrangements - Authorization	Authorizing certain bonus or incentive-based compensation to include a certain two-sided incentive arrangement; authorizing a certain carrier to recoup funds paid to an eligible provider under a two-sided incentive arrangement that meets certain requirements and criteria; providing that a certain primary care provider is not engaged in certain acts of an insurance business if certain requirements are met solely because the primary care provider enters into a certain contract that includes certain capitated payments; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Finance		Bill was withdrawn by sponsor due to MedChi concerns. MedChi, MHA and Carefirst have agreed to work on the bill in the interim.

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 881	Income Tax - Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Allowing certain employers to claim a credit against the State income tax in a certain amount for certain wages paid to certain individuals with barriers to employment; providing that the credit may not exceed 100% of the Federal Work Opportunity Credit claimed by an employer on the employer's federal income tax return, or the State income tax imposed for that taxable year, and may not be carried over to any other taxable year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 3/3 1:00 PM		Support
SB 951	Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation Claims - Fees for Legal Services	Authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission, if there is no compensation other than a medical benefit payable to a covered employee, to order that a fee of not more than \$2,000 for legal services rendered on behalf of the covered employee be payable by the covered employee, an employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers' Fund; exempting a certain fee for legal services from a certain provision of law providing that a fee ordered by the Commission is a lien on compensation awarded; etc.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules		Rules	

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 28 (SB 5)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Altering the information to be included in the Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card to include disparities in morbidity and mortality rates for dementia; requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish health data that includes race and ethnicity information and to update the data biannually; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring a certain program to identify and approve implicit bias training programs; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the Senate - First Reading Finance and Budget and Taxation	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM	Budget and Taxation; Finance	Support
HB 29	Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Substance Use Disorder	Altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals who have a substance use disorder; altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a substance use disorder to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; etc.	Ivey	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/2 3:45 PM		Oppose
HB 32	Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation (Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)	Altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing a civil offense for cultivating cannabis plants in a certain manner; providing for the licensing of cannabis establishments; establishing certain duties of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission regarding the licensing of cannabis establishments; etc.	J. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		No Position

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 34 (SB 278)	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth	Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.	Rosenberg	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support
HB 49	Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance	Requiring an action for repossession for failure to pay rent to contain certain statements on whether the property is registered or licensed under local law and is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; authorizing a court to adjourn a certain trial to enable either party to obtain documents or certain other proof under certain circumstances; repealing a certain prohibition against raising as an issue of fact a landlord's compliance with certain lead-based paint abatement laws; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 52 (SB 454)	Real Property - Eviction Actions - Alterations in Actions for Repossession	Establishing that certain procedural notice requirements must be fulfilled prior to the filing of a complaint by a landlord or a landlord's duly qualified agent for the repossession of residential rental property for failure to pay rent; requiring that, before a landlord may file a complaint to repossess property for the failure to pay rent, the landlord deliver certain written notice to a tenant; altering from the fifth to the seventh day following the filing of a complaint that a tenant must appear before the court; etc.	Wells	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Environment and Transportation; Judiciary Wed 2/17 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings	Support



# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 78 (SB 52)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM	Finance	Support
HB 108 (SB 286)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/2 3:45 PM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 129 (SB 70)	Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation in certain rental swelling units; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available certain resource materials; requiring a certain annual indoor air quality report; etc.	Henson	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Environment and Transportation Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support
HB 132 (SB 41)	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		No Position

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 134 (SB 177)	Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to or to attempt to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.	J. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
HB 205 (SB 427)	Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement	Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.	Reznik	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Ways and Means Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support
HB 209 (SB 168)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State Team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the Committee to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.	Belcastro	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 271	Public Safety - Law Enforcement Diversion Programs	Authorizing the establishment of law enforcement diversion programs in partnership with local behavioral health authorities; authorizing the participation of certain individuals; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including peer recovery support approaches; requiring certain planning for the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters resulting in a behavioral health services referral; etc.	Ebersole	In the Senate - Hearing 3/18 at 12:30 p.m.	Judiciary Fri 2/12 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings Thu 3/18 12:30 PM	Support
HB 289 (SB 105)	Peace Orders - Workplace Violence	Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.	Atterbeary	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary Thu 1/14 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings	Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 309 (SB 565)	Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information	Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Support
HB 324 (SB 143)	Criminal Law - Marijuana - Possession and Possession With Intent to Distribute	Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.	Moon	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary Mon 1/18 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings	No Position
HB 372 (SB 420)	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Moon	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary Tue 1/19 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 396 (SB 279)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/11 1:30 PM		Support
HB 463 (SB 172)	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Establishing a Pathways to Health Equity Program in the Community Health Resources Commission to provide the foundation and guidance for a permanent Health Equity Resource Community Program in the Department; requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities to target State resources toward reducing health disparities, improving health outcomes and access to primary care, promoting primary and secondary prevention services, and reducing health care costs; etc.	Barron	In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation and Finance	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Tue 2/2 3:45 PM	Budget and Taxation; Finance	Support
HB 488	Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance - De Minimis Quantity	Making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; etc.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/2 1:30 PM		Support

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HB 534	Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment	Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government; stating that the General Assembly finds that millions of dollars have been diverted or wasted as part of a multipayer health care system; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Healthy Maryland be established to provide comprehensive universal health coverage for every Maryland resident and be funded by certain revenue; establishing the Healthy Maryland Board and the Healthy Maryland Public Advisory Committee; etc.	Acevero	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/11 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 537 (SB 398)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Procedures	Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 565 (SB 514)	Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection	Requiring a hospital to submit annually a certain report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission at a certain time; requiring the Commission to post the information in the report on its website; altering the required contents of a hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients; requiring a hospital to provide a refund of certain amounts collected from a patient or the guarantor of a patient who was found eligible for reduced-cost care on the date of service; etc.	Charkoudian	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/16 1:30 PM	Finance	No Position

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HB 577	Health and Welfare of H-2 Visa and Migrant Workers - COVID-19 Pandemic - Regulations (Healthy Farmworkers Act)	Requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt certain regulations, on or before October 1, 2021, relating to housing, accommodations, safety, health, rights, and welfare of H-2A and H-2B visa and migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Stewart	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters Tue 2/2 1:30 PM		Support
HB 598 (SB 469)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Applied Behavior Analysis Services - Reimbursement	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient; providing that a certain provision of the Act does not prohibit the Department from establishing reasonable standards for the involvement of a parent or caregiver; etc.	Kelly	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM	Finance	Support
HB 605 (SB 164)	Veterans - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health First Aid	Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.	Kipke	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM	Finance	Support



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HB 609	Public and Nonpublic Schools - Bronchodilator Availability and Use - Policy (Bronchodilator Rescue Inhaler Law)	Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to authorize certain school personnel to administer bronchodilators to certain students under certain circumstances; prohibiting a school nurse or certain school personnel from administering a bronchodilator to a prekindergarten student unless the student has received a certain diagnosis and has a certain prescription; requiring a certain policy to include certain information; etc.	Boyce	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means Fri 2/5 1:30 PM		Support
HB 636 (SB 546)	School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)	Altering the definition of "elevated level of lead" for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; and requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before June 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion.	Solomon	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	Appropriations; Environment and Transportation; Rules Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
HB 774	Public Health - Adverse Childhood Experience Screening - Requirement and Practitioner Training Program	Requiring a certain physical examination to include a certain screening for adverse childhood experiences beginning with children entering the public school system in the 2022-2023 school year; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation and as permitted by federal law, to provide reimbursement to a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner who provides a certain screening under certain circumstances; etc.	Queen	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations		Sponsor withdrew the bill.

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1011 (SB 410)	Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 2/24 1:30 PM		Support
HB 1071 (SB 322)	Health - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Facilities, with the advice of the Secretary of Health, to update certain minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services to reflect certain practices and guidelines, by January 1, 2022, and at least every 5 years thereafter; requiring that certain minimum standards include a procedure for an inmate to elect to change to certain food and beverage options without requiring a certain exception; etc.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) and Hearing canceled (Judiciary)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Tue 3/9 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 1107	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Supplemental Rebate Program - Subscription Model for Hepatitis C Therapies	Requiring, on or before December 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment that authorizes the State to enter into value-based arrangements with drug manufacturers through supplemental rebate agreements and seeks an approval that authorizes a subscription model for hepatitis C therapies; requiring, to the extent possible, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration certain other State agencies, to develop a certain subscription model; etc.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1110	Criminal Law - Felony Second-Degree Assault - Emergency Medical Care Workers	Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a worker who is providing emergency and related services in a certain department at a certain hospital or certain freestanding medical facility; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the second degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.	Ciliberti	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 3/2 1:30 PM		Support
HB 1112 (SB 891)	Public Health - Maternal and Child Mortality - Review and Perinatal Hospice Services	Authorizing the State Child Fatality Review Team to enter into a certain agreement for secure storage of data and requiring the agreement to provide certain protection and address certain issues; requiring a certain entity to comply with certain confidentiality requirements; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain list of certain perinatal hospice programs; authorizing a perinatal hospice program to request that the Department include certain information on the Department's website; etc.	Wivell	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		Oppose
HB 1119	Public Health - Sickle Cell Trait - Public Awareness (Journey's Law)	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease and local health planning agencies, to develop a public awareness campaign on the importance of an individual knowing the individual's sickle cell trait status, an individual receiving screening for the sickle cell trait, and an individual who carries the sickle cell trait receiving counseling.	Acevero	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM		Support

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HB 1150	Health - Authority of the Secretary of Health and Medical Information	Altering a provision of law that prohibits a parent or guardian from being required to present a certain certificate of immunization under certain circumstances to be admitted to school to apply only to public schools; requiring the Secretary of Health to include an exclusion for certain individuals when exercising certain authority; and prohibiting an individual from being required to provide proof of a medical examination, a vaccination, a medical test, or any other medical information to obtain employment or to travel by air or otherwise.	Cox	In the House - Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 3/17 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 1258	Health Enterprise Zones - Established (Restoring the Promise Act of 2021)	Declaring certain findings related to Health Enterprise Zones; requiring the Governor to include \$68,000,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2023 for waiting list services for individuals with developmental disabilities; requiring the Secretary of Health to designate contiguous geographic areas with documented health disparities and poor health outcomes as Health Enterprise Zones; authorizing certain entities to apply on behalf of certain areas for designation as Health Enterprise Zones; etc.	Kipke	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM		Support
HB 1261 (SB 820)	Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Directives - Electronic Execution	Altering certain provisions of law related to the execution of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to authorize the electronic execution and remote witnessing of those documents under certain circumstances; providing that a will, a power of attorney, a notarization of a power of attorney, or an advance directive executed in conformance with the provisions of certain executive orders shall be deemed to satisfy certain requirements under the Act; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	W. Fisher	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary Mon 2/22 1:30 PM	Judicial Proceedings	No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1263	Maryland Department of Health - COVID-19 Vaccination Plan	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before April 1, 2021, and with input from certain persons, to develop and submit to the General Assembly a certain plan for vaccinating residents of the State against COVID-19; requiring that the plan include certain information, a dedication of time and recourse for certain purposes, and a certain education campaign; requiring the Department to provide to the General Assembly, for the duration of calendar year 2021, certain weekly progress reports on implementation of the plan; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/23 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 1344 (SB 928)	Mental Health Law - Reform of Laws and Delivery of Service	Modifying standards for involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a certain facility or Veterans' Administration hospital to include consideration that it can be reasonably expected, if not hospitalized, a certain individual presents a danger to the life or safety of the individual or to others; modifying certain standards or emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders; and requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to provide certain information to certain schools; etc.	Kipke	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		
HB 1349 (SB 777)	Public Health - Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund	Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations for the Fund; requiring that priority for awarding grants under certain provisions of the Act be given to certain proposals; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		Support

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SB 5 (HB 28)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Altering the information to be included in the Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card to include disparities in morbidity and mortality rates for dementia; requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish health data that includes race and ethnicity information and to update the data biannually; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring a certain program to identify and approve implicit bias training programs; etc.	Griffith	In the House - Hearing canceled	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 41 (HB 132)	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.	Augustine	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position
SB 52 (HB 78)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health consideration into broad-based decision making; etc.	Washington	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 70 (HB 129)	Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available on its website and in print certain resource materials; requiring a certain indoor air quality report; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 1/28 11:00 AM		Support
SB 94	Public Health - Local Health District Boards	Establishing local health district boards in each local health planning agency; prohibiting certain funding for local health district boards from being included in certain local health services funding; requiring a local health planning agency to provide supplemental services approved by a local health district board; providing that local health district boards are independent units that operate within the local health planning agencies; providing for the purpose and duties of a local health district board; etc.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 105 (HB 289)	Peace Orders - Workplace Violence	Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to peace orders may not be interpreted to create or impose a duty on a certain employer to file a petition on behalf of a certain employee; making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees under certain circumstances; etc.	Sydnor	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Thu 1/28 11:00 AM	Judiciary Thu 4/1 1:30 PM	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 143 (HB 324)	Criminal Law - Marijuana - Possession and Possession With Intent to Distribute	Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/20 11:00 AM		No Position
SB 163	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Pilot Program	Establishing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program Doula Pilot Program to be administered by the Maryland Department of Health and to provide doula services to program recipients in Baltimore City, Charles County, and Prince George's County who are pregnant or postpartum; requiring the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and to report by June 1, 2023, 2024, and 2025, to the Governor and General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program and whether the State should expand the Pilot Program; etc.	Ellis	In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:30 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/30 1:30 PM	Oppose
SB 164 (HB 605)	Veterans - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health First Aid	Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.	Simonaire	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 168 (HB 209)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the State team to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.	Eckardt	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support with Amendment
SB 172 (HB 463)	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying that the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities is to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Laid Over (Senator Cassilly) Adopted	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 177 (HB 134)	Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to, or to attempt to, manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 273	Electronic Smoking Device Regulation Act of 2021	Repealing the electronic smoking device retail license; altering the Clean Indoor Air Act to include a prohibition on electronic smoking devices and exhaled electronic smoking device vapor; altering the definition of "electronic smoking devices manufacturer" to limit the manner in which a manufacturer may sell electronic smoking devices to consumers; altering the definition of "vape shop vendor" to require that the vendor exclusively sell electronic smoking devices and related accessories to consumers in a certain manner; etc.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 278 (HB 34)	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth	Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.	Kagan	In the House - Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 1/20 3:00 PM	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means	Support
SB 279 (HB 396)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 286 (HB 108)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.	Augustine	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 2/9 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 322 (HB 1071)	Health - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities	Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for certain health care facilities; providing that certain standards may exceed the standards set by federal law; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program to establish minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services for participating correctional facilities; requiring each participating facility to comply with certain health and wellness standards, offer plant-based meals, and provide certain information to inmates; etc.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 378	Baltimore City - Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Laws Authorization	Authorizing Baltimore City to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 398 (HB 537)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Procedures	Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 410 (HB 1011)	Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Support
SB 420 (HB 372)	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances which reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering a list of items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia; etc.	Carter	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Judicial Proceedings Thu 2/11 11:00 AM	Rules and Executive Nominations	Support

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SB 427 (HB 205)	Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement	Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public middle and high school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two women's restrooms by October 1, 2022, and in all women's restrooms by August 1, 2025; requiring the State to reimburse a county board for the costs of purchasing and installing menstrual hygiene product dispensers; etc.	Elfreth	In the House - Hearing 3/24 at 1:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/11 11:00 AM	Ways and Means Wed 3/24 1:30 PM	Support
SB 454 (HB 52)	Real Property - Alterations in Actions for Repossession and Establishment of Eviction Diversion Program	Establishing the Eviction Diversion Program in the District Court to reduce the incidence of judgments for repossession of residential property and to promote continuity of housing; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county that processed 10,000 or more claims for repossession of residential property in fiscal year 2019; requiring that a landlord provide a certain written statement to a tenant within 5 days of receiving a certain request from the tenant; etc.	Sydnor	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		Support
SB 469 (HB 598)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Applied Behavior Analysis Services - Reimbursement	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient; providing that a certain provision of the Act does not prohibit the Department from establishing reasonable standards for the involvement of a parent or caregiver; etc.	Washington	In the Senate - Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 514 (HB 565)	Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection	Specifying the method for calculating family income to be used to consider free or reduced-cost medical care under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring that the description of a hospital's financial assistance policy include a section that allows a patient to initial that the patient has been made aware of the policy; prohibiting a hospital from charging interest or fees on certain debts incurred by certain patients; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop certain guidelines; etc.	Feldman	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Finance Thu 2/25 1:00 PM	Rules and Executive Nominations	No Position
SB 546 (HB 636)	School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)	Altering the definition of "elevated level of lead" for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; and requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before April 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion.	McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 2/24 1:00 PM		Support
SB 565 (HB 309)	Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information	Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.	Griffith	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 654	Education - Comprehensive Health Education Program - Instruction on Skin Cancer	Requiring each county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on skin cancer as part of the comprehensive health education program beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/25 11:00 AM		No Position
SB 712	Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exception	Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years, has completed a certain motorcycle safety course, or is a passenger on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course.	Hough	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 2:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/23 2:30 PM		Oppose
SB 777 (HB 1349)	Public Health - Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund	Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care, which may include behavioral and oral health services; altering the proposals from counties or municipalities that are required to receive priority in the awarding of grants; etc.	Elfreth	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/24 12:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 796	Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission - Reporting Requirements	Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish and provide a certain report card to require the report card to include the racial and ethnic composition of all individuals who hold a certain license or certificate, rather than only physicians; requiring the report card to include a comparison of certain information; etc.	Eckardt	In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:30 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/3 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/30 1:30 PM	Support
SB 820 (HB 1261)	Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Directives - Electronic Execution	Altering certain provisions of law related to the execution of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to authorize the electronic execution and remote witnessing of those documents under certain circumstances; providing that a will, a power of attorney, a notarization of a power of attorney, or an advance directive executed in conformance with the provisions of certain executive orders shall be deemed to satisfy certain requirements under the Act; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	West	In the House - Hearing 3/31 at 1:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 3/9 1:00 PM	Judiciary Wed 3/31 1:30 PM	No Position
SB 828	HIV Prevention Drugs - Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements	Authorizing pharmacists to dispense a 30-day supply, but no more than a 60-day supply, of preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to a patient without a prescription under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide certain drugs for HIV prevention subject to certain conditions; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for certain drugs for HIV prevention; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Tue 3/2 1:00 PM		Oppose Hold. Boards and Commissions to consider.



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 837	Health - Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to coordinate the implementation of advance care planning programs in the State; requiring each health insurance carrier to offer electronic advance directives to its members and enrollees during open enrollment and periodically thereafter; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021.	Kramer	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Finance Thu 3/11 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	Support
SB 891 (HB 1112)	Public Health - Maternal and Child Mortality - Review and Perinatal Hospice Services	Authorizing the State Child Fatality Review Team to enter into a certain agreement for secure storage of data and requiring the agreement to provide certain protection and address certain issues; requiring a certain entity to comply with certain confidentiality requirements; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain list of certain perinatal hospice programs; authorizing a perinatal hospice program to request that the Department include certain information on the Department's website; etc.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/10 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 923	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Eligibility	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive medical, dental, and other health care services for a pregnant Program recipient for the duration of the pregnancy and for 1 year immediately following the end of the woman's pregnancy.	Washington	In the House - Hearing 3/30 at 1:30 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/10 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/30 1:30 PM	Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 928 (HB 1344)	Mental Health Law - Reform of Laws and Delivery of Service	Modifying standards for involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a certain facility or Veterans' Administration hospital to include consideration that it can be reasonably expected, if not hospitalized, a certain individual presents a danger to the life or safety of the individual or to others; modifying certain standards or emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders; and requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to provide certain information to certain schools; etc.	Ready	In the Senate - Rereferred to Finance	Finance		

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 14	Pharmacists - Prescription Drug and Device Labels - Expiration Dates	Altering the expiration date that is required to be included, except under certain circumstances, on labels on drugs and devices dispensed in the manufacturer's original packaging by a pharmacist to the expiration date set by the manufacturer or a shorter period determined by the pharmacist.	Kerr	In the Senate - Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/23 1:00 PM	FYI
HB 55	Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers	Providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Fri 1/15 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 56 (SB 473)	Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave	Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.	Boyce	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Economic Matters Thu 1/28 1:30 PM	Finance	FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 161 (SB 379)	Health Occupation - Licensing of Audiology Assistants	Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant license; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.	Kelly	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	FYI
HB 212	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity	Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.	Cardin	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 2:30 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 1/27 2:30 PM		FYI
HB 233 (SB 82)	State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists - Maryland Music Therapists Act	Renaming the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists to be the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists; requiring that two licensed music therapists with at least 5 years' paid work experience be added to the Board; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; authorizing the Board to facilitate the statewide dissemination of music therapy information to music therapists; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 244 (SB 161)	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Valentino-Smith	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Appropriations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 368 (SB 100)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents with a focus on socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, age and disabilities, identify areas lacking in services, identify barriers to receiving services including the impact of implicit bias, race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report by December 1, 2022; etc.	Bagnall	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM	Finance	FYI
HB 375 (SB 211)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 377	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment	Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study certain matters regarding student behavioral health and mental health treatment and make recommendations on actions necessary to improve current student behavioral health practices and programs; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2022, and December 1, 2022; etc.	Bagnall	In the Senate - Hearing 4/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/3 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 4/6 1:00 PM	FYI
HB 390	University of Maryland - Harford Memorial Hospital Closure - Economic Impact Study	Requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to certain committees on or before December 1, 2021; etc.	Johnson	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 453	Health - Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act	Repealing the limit on the number of licenses the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may issue for medical cannabis growers and medical cannabis processors; repealing the requirement that the Commission rescind certain preapprovals under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the number of certain licenses the Commission may issue be decreased by a certain number under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Commission to conduct certain studies; etc.	D. Barnes	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 540 (SB 139)	Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.	Morgan	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/24 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	FYI
HB 552 (SB 389)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.	Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 603	Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Explanation of Benefits Statements	Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to provide to beneficiaries for whom the pharmacy benefits manager processed or paid a claim for prescription drugs during the immediately preceding 3-month period an explanation of benefits statement on a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and on a quarterly basis; requiring that the explanation of benefits statements contain certain information regarding certain claims for prescription drugs; and applying the Act.	Kipke	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 612 (SB 496)	Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act	Providing certain financing during fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the purpose of relieving the adverse effects of the coronavirus pandemic; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain unemployment insurance benefits; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain coronavirus relief payments received by the person during the taxable year; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain State economic impact payments; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Economic Matters; Ways and Means Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		FYI



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 689 (SB 466)	Mental Health - Assent to and Certificates for Admission - Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	Altering a requirement that assent be given for the voluntary admission of a minor to certain facilities by providing that assent may be given by a physician and a licensed certified social worker-clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; altering the requirement that a certificate for involuntary admission must be based on the personal examination of a physician and a licensed certified social worker-clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; etc.	McComas	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/16 1:30 PM	Finance	FYI
HB 758 (SB 684)	Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Act	Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; altering the duties of the Board to require the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery and keep a certain list of certain licensed midwives; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; requiring certain individuals to be licensed before practicing certified midwifery in the State; etc.	Bagnall	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/24 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	FYI
HB 783 (SB 425)	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Establishing the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to update, improve, and develop certain screening tools, submit certain screening tools to the Maryland Department of Health, study certain actions and best practices, develop a certain template, and make and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2022; etc.	Queen	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Tue 2/23 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 834 (SB 423)	Public Health - Federal and State Funding for Abortions - Prohibition and Exceptions	Prohibiting the use of federal and State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the woman's pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or the woman has a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.	Metzgar	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	Appropriations Wed 2/17 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 850	Higher Education - Maryland Corps Program Fund - COVID-19 Emergency Funding Priorities	Requiring, in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the Board of Directors of the Maryland Corps Program to give priority to, when awarding Program funds, certain Program participants who serve with certain nonprofit corporations or government agencies that provide certain COVID-19 related services; and providing that if certain funding becomes available from the federal government it is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding be deposited in the Maryland Corps Program Fund.	Rosenberg	In the Senate - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations Tue 3/9 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/30 1:00 PM	FYI
HB 915	Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals	Establishing the Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain mental health professionals and certain students who are Black, Latino, or otherwise underrepresented in the mental health profession; etc.	Amprey	In the Senate - Hearing 4/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/25 1:30 PM	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 4/6 1:00 PM	FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 923 (SB 728)	Labor and Employment - Worker Safety and Health - Injury and Illness Prevention Program	Requiring employers with 10 or more employees, or whose rate of work-related injury and illness exceeds the average incidence rate of all industries in the State to develop and implement a health and safety committee to promote health and safety in the workplace; providing for the membership, meetings, and duties of the committee; requiring that the committee maintain certain records and retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring each employer to establish and maintain an injury and illness prevention program; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Fri 3/5 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 936	Hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities - Closing or Partial Closing - Public Notice	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a certain notice of the closing or partial closing of a certain hospital or freestanding medical facility within 15 days of having received a certain notice; requiring the Commission to ensure that a certain notice is available to the public for certain purposes and provided to a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to publish a notice of certain informational meetings; etc.	Lisanti	In the House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/9 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 1006 (SB 938)	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, and Registration	Requiring certain health occupations boards to issue a temporary expedited license, certificate, or registration to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; providing for the term of a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration; requiring that an application for a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration include certain information; etc.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/25 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1034	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Plan of Action - Repeal of Date for Submission	Repealing the date by which the Prescription Drug Affordability Board is required to submit a certain plan of action regarding the establishment of a process for setting the upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.	Cullison	In the Senate - Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/25 1:30 PM	Finance Tue 3/23 1:00 PM	FYI
HB 1043	Local Health Services - Funding and Infrastructure	Requiring, for fiscal year 2023, the Governor to include at least \$67,000,000 in the annual budget bill for local health services; requiring, for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for local health services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the State designated health information exchange, to develop a certain plan to provide local health departments with uniform software for certain purposes; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Appropriations Tue 3/16 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 1045	Labor and Employment - Elective Medical Procedures - Employee Protections	Prohibiting an employer from requiring an employee to undergo a certain medical procedure unless the procedure would have a substantial effect on the employee's capacity or fitness to perform the job properly; and prohibiting an employer from taking a retaliatory action against an employee who declines to undergo a certain medical procedure.	Wivell	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Fri 3/5 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1087 (SB 880)	Income Tax - Pass-Through Entities - State and Local Taxes	Clarifying certain provisions of law concerning the State income tax imposed on certain pass-through entities; authorizing a pass-through entity to elect to pay that tax imposed with respect to certain shares of all members of the pass-through entity, rather than only resident members; requiring certain taxpayers to add the amount of the credit back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; etc.	Kaiser	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	Ways and Means		FYI
HB 1109	Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Waiting Period	Prohibiting a physician from performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman within 24 hours after the woman receives certain ultrasound imaging; requiring the medical professional performing a certain transabdominal ultrasound to have certain training, be working under the supervision of a licensed physician, and take certain actions regarding the performance of the ultrasound; providing that a woman is not required to accept anything offered during certain transabdominal ultrasound imaging; etc.	Ciliberti	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 1171	Labor and Employment - Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal	Prohibiting an employer from terminating an employee solely on the basis of the employee's refusal to receive a vaccination against COVID-19; specifying that an employee waives the right to file a civil action against the employer if the employee refuses to receive a certain vaccination and the employee contracts COVID-19 in the course of employment; etc.	Charles	In the House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 3/9 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1198	Public Health - Abortion - Drug- Induced Abortions	Providing that an abortion-inducing drug may be prescribed only by a qualified physician; requiring a qualified physician to meet certain requirements to be authorized to prescribe an abortion-inducing drug; requiring a physician to take certain actions before prescribing an abortion-inducing drug; prohibiting certain consent from being considered completed except under certain circumstances; providing that a physician who violates certain provisions of the Act in a certain manner is guilty of a felony; etc.	Cox	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Fri 3/19 4:00 PM		FYI
HB 1243 (SB 520)	Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements - Children and Young Adults - Report Modifications	Requiring that the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration's annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State include certain information relating to outpatient and substance-related disorders program services used by children and young adults and behavioral health services provided through telehealth; altering the scope of certain data required to be included in the report; requiring that certain data in the report be grouped by race and ethnicity; etc.	Sample- Hughes	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/2 1:30 PM	Finance	FYI
HB 1271	Special Education - Student Evaluation - Identification of Traumatic Brain Injury	Requiring the initial evaluation of a certain child to determine whether the child is in need of special education services to include certain questions regarding the history of traumatic brain injury; and requiring these questions to be developed by the State Department of Education in consultation with the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board.	Turner	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/17 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1319	Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; prohibiting an entity subject to the Act from denying certain treatment under certain circumstances; providing that the Act applies to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022; etc.	Howard	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/11 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 1326 (SB 727)	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave	Repealing the exemption from the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act for certain on-call employees; requiring employers to allow employees to use earned sick and safe leave during a public health emergency; requiring certain employers to provide employees certain earned sick and safe leave on the date that a public health emergency is declared or proclaimed for a jurisdiction; requiring an employer to provide certain earned sick and safe leave regardless of the employee's length of employment with the employer; etc.	Dumais	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 3/2 1:30 PM		FYI
SB 64	Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19	Requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic against the earned rating record of an employing unit; specifying the circumstances under which the required waiver of benefit charges is no longer in effect; and terminating the Act 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends.	Salling	In the Senate - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Finance		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 78	Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems - Administration of Ketamine - Data Collection	Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from administering ketamine to an individual or directing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine; and authorizing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine to a certain individual only if the emergency medical services provider obtains medical direction prior to administering ketamine, subject to a certain exception.	Waldstreicher	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/3 1:00 PM	Judiciary Thu 4/1 1:30 PM	FYI
SB 82 (HB 233)	State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists - Maryland Music Therapists Act	Renaming the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists to be the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists; requiring that two licensed music therapists with at least 5 years' paid work experience be added to the Board; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; authorizing the Board to facilitate the statewide dissemination of music therapy information to music therapists; etc.	Augustine	In the House - Hearing canceled	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI
SB 100 (HB 368)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Kelley	In the House - Hearing canceled	Finance Wed 2/3 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 139 (HB 540)	Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.	Carozza	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI
SB 161 (HB 244)	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing, and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 1/20 11:00 AM		FYI
SB 211 (HB 375)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 379 (HB 161)	Health Occupations - Licensing of Audiology Assistants	Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant license; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two licensed audiology assistants at any time; etc.	Lam	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI
SB 389 (HB 552)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.	Gallion	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 423 (HB 834)	Public Health - Federal and State Funding for Abortions - Prohibition and Exceptions	Prohibiting the use of federal and State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the woman's pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or the woman has a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.	Salling	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 425 (HB 783)	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Establishing the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to update, improve, and develop certain screening tools, submit certain screening tools to the Maryland Department of Health, study certain actions and best practices, develop a certain template, and make and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2022; etc.	Augustine	In the House - Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations)	Finance Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means	FYI
SB 466 (HB 689)	Mental Health - Assent to and Certificates for Admission - Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor	Altering a requirement that assent be given for the voluntary admission of a minor to certain facilities by providing that assent may be given by a physician and a licensed certified social worker-clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; altering the requirement that a certificate for involuntary admission must be based on the personal examination of a physician and a licensed certified social worker-clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; etc.	West	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Finance Tue 2/16 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI
SB 473 (HB 56)	Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave	Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.	Washington	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM	Economic Matters	FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 496 (HB 612)	Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act	Providing certain financing during fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the purpose of relieving the adverse effects of the coronavirus pandemic; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain unemployment insurance benefits; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain coronavirus relief payments received by a person during the taxable year; etc.	President	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 39	Budget and Taxation Tue 1/26 1:00 PM	Economic Matters; Ways and Means Tue 2/9 1:30 PM	FYI
SB 520 (HB 1243)	Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements - Children and Young Adults - Report Modifications	Requiring that the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration's annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State include certain information relating to outpatient and substance-related disorders program services by children and young adults and behavioral health services provided through telehealth; altering the scope of certain data required to be included in the report; requiring that certain data in the report be grouped by race and ethnicity; etc.	Klausmeier	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Finance Tue 2/23 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI
SB 684 (HB 758)	Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Act	Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; requiring the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery and to maintain a list of all licensed certified midwives in the State, and set certain fees; altering the circumstances under which the Board shall require an applicant or licensee to submit to a certain examination; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; etc.	Lam	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/2 1:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 727 (HB 1326)	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave	Repealing the exemption from the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act for certain on-call employees; requiring employers to allow employees to use earned sick and safe leave during a public health emergency; requiring certain employers to provide employees certain earned sick and safe leave on the date that a public health emergency is declared or proclaimed for a jurisdiction; requiring an employer to provide certain earned sick and safe leave regardless of the employee's length of employment with the employer; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/17 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 728 (HB 923)	Labor and Employment - Worker Safety and Health - Injury and Illness Prevention Program	Requiring employers with 10 or more employees, or whose rate of work-related injury and illness exceeds the average incidence rate of all industries in the State to develop and implement a health and safety committee to promote health and safety in the workplace; providing for the membership, meetings, and duties of the committee; requiring that the committee maintain certain records and retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring each employer to establish and maintain an injury and illness prevention program; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/17 1:00 PM		FYI

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SB 756	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19	Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner; requiring an individual who is eligible for benefits under certain provisions of the Act to provide a copy of a certain test or written documentation to the employer or insurer; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/9 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 880 (HB 1087)	Income Tax - Pass-Through Entities - State and Local Taxes	Clarifying certain provisions of law concerning the State income tax imposed on certain pass-through entities; authorizing a pass-through entity to elect to pay that tax imposed with respect to certain shares of all members of the pass-through entity, rather than only resident members; requiring certain taxpayers to add the amount of the credit back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; etc.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing canceled	Budget and Taxation		FYI
SB 932	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage - Acupuncture Services	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to provide coverage for acupuncture services administered by health care practitioners who are licensed under Title 1A of the Health Occupations Article and operating within the scope of practice of the practitioner.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 3/18 1:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 938 (HB 1006)	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, and Registration	Requiring certain health occupations boards to issue a temporary expedited license, certificate, or registration to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; providing for the term of a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration; requiring that an application for a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration include certain information; etc.	Peters	In the Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 3/16 1:00 PM		FYI