

MedChi Legislative Newsletter

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Position	Subcom
HB 10	Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Eligible Individuals and Direct Reimbursement for Mental Health Services	Altering which individuals are eligible to receive mental health counseling paid for by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to provide direct reimbursement to mental health professionals providing mental health services to a victim of a crime or a parent, a child, a sibling, a stepchild, or an intimate partner of a victim of a crime; and requiring the Board, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to adopt regulations to implement the reimbursement program.	Attar	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue I/30 I:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 30 (SB 217)	Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law	Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/25 2:30 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 42 (SB 220)	Public Health - Public Health Services and Protections - Revisions	Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Hold	PH
HB 65	Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice	Requiring a school health practitioner, health care practitioner, or certified school psychologist employed by or under a contract with a school-based health center, local school system, or local health department to provide school health services at a public school to provide certain information to a certain student's parent or guardian about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to the student.	Miller	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means		FYI	FYI

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HB 74	Public Schools - Lifesaver Schools Program - Establishment	Establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; requiring Lifesaver Schools to offer students, at a minimum, training on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, mental health wellness programs or a peer mentoring program, provide service hours for student participants, and offer certain training to school personnel; and authorizing a public school to partner with the county board to meet the criteria to qualify as a Lifesaver School.	Guyton	In the House - Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed I/17 I:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 76 (SB 18)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines	Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals at least 5 years old; altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; and making the Act an emergency measure.	Lopez	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/1 1:00 PM		Hold	BC
HB 83	Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death	Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.	Ziegler	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	Judiciary		Oppose	ВС

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HB 96	Health -	Requiring that the Maryland Department of	T. Morgan	In the House -	Health and		FYI	FYI
(CD	Newborn	Health's newborn screening system include		First Reading	Government			
(SB	Screening	screening for Krabbe leukodystrophy.		Health and	Operations			
117)	Program -			Government				
	Krabbe			Operations				
	Leukodystrophy							
HB 110	Health Insurance	Requiring that certain criteria and standards	Charkoudian	In the House -	Health and		Hold	HI
(CD 03)	- Utilization	used by private review agents for health		First Reading	Government			
(SB 93)	Review - Private	insurance utilization review relating to mental		Health and	Operations			
	Review Agents	health and substance use disorder benefits		Government				
		meet certain requirements; requiring a		Operations				
		private review agent to take certain actions						
		before issuing an adverse decision; and						
		specifying the procedure for private review						
		agents to follow when making decisions						
		related to mental health and substance use						
		disorder benefits.						
HB 119	Public Health -	Altering certain HIV and syphilis reporting	Chair,	In the House -	Health and		Support	PH
(CD	Giving Infants a	and testing requirements for hospitals and	Health and	First Reading	Government			
(SB	Future Without	health care providers for pregnant women	Government	Health and	Operations			
211)	Transmission	and newborns, including by requiring that the	Operations	Government				
	(GIFT) Act	pregnancy status of certain individuals be	Committee	Operations				
		included in certain reports and that certain						
		health care providers submit certain blood						
		samples to medical laboratories.						

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HB 127 (SB 246)	Public Health - Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program - Establishment	Establishing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program to authorize pharmacists and health care providers to prescribe or dispense nPEP under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Program, collect fees necessary for the administration of the Program, and establish guidelines for training related to the Program.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Hold	PH
(SB 221)	Health Occupations Boards - Reciprocal Licensure and Certification	Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state or jurisdiction.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/1 1:00 PM		No Position	ВС
HB 149	Medical Records - Destruction - Authorization	Extending the time period during which a health care provider is prohibited from destroying medical records and laboratory and X-ray reports and altering the circumstances under which the health care provider can destroy a record or report during that time period; requiring a health care provider, if authorization to destroy a record or report is provided, to make a medical record available for retrieval by a patient or a parent or guardian of a minor patient within a certain time period and at a certain location; etc.	Рірру	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Hold	BC

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HB 153 (SB 144)	Medical Records - Fees - Attorneys Representing Patients	Adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits.	Rosenberg	In the House - Reassigned to Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Hold	BC
HB 177	Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge	Requiring a hospital to provide certain oral and written instructions to the parent or legal guardian of an infant before the hospital discharges the infant into the care of the parent or legal guardian; requiring a hospital before discharging an infant to inquire as to whether a parent or legal guardian is able to provide the infant with a safe sleep environment and a bassinet, crib, or portable crib, inform a parent or legal guardian of certain matters, and provide each parent or legal guardian with a certain form; etc.	R. Lewis	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI	FYI
HB 184	Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment	Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care services for residents of the State by January 1, 2026; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to Healthy Maryland, including provisions regarding eligibility, participation by and payments to health care providers, benefits, payroll premiums, funding, and collective negotiations with health care providers; etc.	Acevero	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI	FYI

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HB 191	Correctional	Requiring the Division of Correction to allow	Mireku-	In the House -	Judiciary		FYI	FYI
(SB 71)	Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act)	a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for I year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain	North	First Reading Judiciary	,,			
		circumstances.						
HB 204	Education -	Requiring the State Department of Education	Attar	In the House -	Appropriations;		Support	PH
(SB 165)	Coaches - Mental Health Training	to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide a certain training to coaches; etc.		Hearing 1/23 at 2:00 p.m. (Appropriations)	Ways and Means Tue 1/23 2:00 PM			

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HB 232 (SB 218)	Physicians and Allied Health Professions - Reorganization and Revisions	Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and reorganizing certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professions; altering physician, physician assistant, and allied health professional licensure exceptions for individuals in the service of the federal government; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; etc.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/23 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 238 (SB 244)	Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions	Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and certain mass transportation; and requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in each indoor area open to the public and each public entrance to an indoor area where smoking or vaping is prohibited under the Clean Indoor Air Act.	Chair, Economic Matters Committee	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		Support	PH
HB 240 (SB 227)	Health Insurance - Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans - Restriction	Prohibiting a carrier from canceling an individual health benefit plan if a policyholder has made a premium payment before the end of the grace period, the amount of the premium payment made is less than the aggregate amount of the net monthly premium due as of the date of the payment, the amount of the deficiency is \$10 or less, and the policyholder pays the remainder of the net monthly premium due within 30 days after a written notice of the deficiency is sent by the carrier.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/25 2:30 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 295	Overdose	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim	J. Long	In the House -	Health and		FYI	FYI
	Awareness Day	August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.		First Reading	Government			
				Health and	Operations			
				Government				
				Operations				
HB 295	Overdose	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim	J. Long	In the House -	Health and		FYI	FYI
	Awareness Day	August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.		First Reading	Government			
				Health and	Operations			
				Government				
				Operations				
HB 355	Health	Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to	Cullison	In the House -	Health and		Oppose	BC
(CD (2)	Occupations -	assume or take responsibility for a client who		First Reading	Government			
(SB 62)	Licensed Direct-	had a previous cesarean section and		Health and	Operations			
	Entry Midwives -	regulating the circumstances under which the		Government				
	Previous	responsibility may be assumed or taken;		Operations				
	Cesarean	altering the required contents of a certain						
	Section	informed consent agreement; and requiring						
		the State Board of Nursing, in consultation						
		with certain stakeholders, to develop a						
		transport protocol for clients who had a						
		previous cesarean section.						

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SB 3	Health	Requiring health occupations boards to issue	Jackson	In the Senate -	Finance		No Position	ВС
	Occupations -	an expedited temporary license, certificate,		Hearing 1/30 at	Tue I/30 I:00			
	Service	registration, or permit to a service member,		1:00 p.m.	PM			
	Members,	veteran, or military spouse who meets						
	Veterans, and	certain requirements; requiring each health						
	Military Spouses	occupations board to include a check-off box						
	- Temporary	prominently on each license, certification, or						
	Licensure,	registration application form; requiring the						
	Certification,	Maryland Department of Health to publish						
	Registration, and	prominently on its website information about						
	Permitting	the expedited licensing process and any						
		assistance provided; etc.						
SB 18	Health	Authorizing a pharmacist to order and	Augustine	In the Senate -	Finance		Hold	ВС
(110.74)	Occupations -	administer certain vaccinations to individuals		First Reading				
(HB 76)	Pharmacists -	in certain age groups if certain requirements		Finance				
	Administration	are met; altering the vaccinations that a						
	of Vaccines	pharmacist can administer to individuals at						
		least 5 years old; and altering the						
		circumstances under which a pharmacist may						
		administer certain vaccinations.						
SB 47	Public Health -	Establishing prohibitions and requirements	Benson	In the Senate -	Finance		Support	PH
	Sale of Diet Pills	regarding the sale of diet pills to individuals		Hearing 2/08 at	Thu 2/8 I:00			
	to Minors -	under the age of 18 years; requiring the		1:00 p.m.	PM			
	Prohibition	Maryland Department of Health to develop a						
	(Protecting	notice with information about the potential						
	Teenagers From	health risks of diet pills; and authorizing the						
	Unregulated	Department to establish limitations on which						
	Diet Pills)	diet pills are subject to the Act.						

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SB 62 (HB 355)	Health Occupations - Licensed Direct- Entry Midwives - Previous	Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a client who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken;	Ellis	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Oppose	BC
	Cesarean Section	altering the required contents of a certain informed consent agreement; and requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop a transport protocol for clients who had a previous cesarean section.						
SB 71 (HB 191)	Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act)	Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for up to I year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/7 2:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 93 (HB 110)	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Private Review Agents	Requiring that certain criteria and standards used by private review agents for health insurance utilization review relating to mental health and substance use disorder benefits meet certain requirements; requiring a private review agent to take certain actions before issuing an adverse decision; and specifying the procedure for private review agents to follow when making decisions related to mental health and substance use disorder benefits.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Hold	Н
SB 103 (HB 295)	Overdose Awareness Day	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.	Jackson	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Education, Energy, and the Environment		FYI	FYI
SB 117 (HB 96)	Health - Newborn Screening Program - Krabbe Leukodystrophy	Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health's newborn screening system include screening for Krabbe leukodystrophy.	Bailey	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI	FYI
SB 119	Legally Protected Health Care - Gender- Affirming Treatment	Altering the definition of "legally protected health care" to include certain genderaffirming treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations disciplinary actions and certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support	PH

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Position	Subcom
SB 124	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance	Оррозис	Hold	HI
SB 142	Reimbursement Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2024)	Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/31 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 144 (HB 153)	Medical Records - Fees - Attorneys Representing Patients	Adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed I/31 I:00 PM		Hold	BC

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SB 165 (HB 204)	Education - Coaches - Mental Health Training	Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide a certain training to coaches; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing I/17 at 3:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 1/17 3:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 167	Physician Assistants - Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2024)	Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration agreement, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; and authorizing physician assistants who are employees of the federal government to perform acts, tasks, or functions as a physician assistant during a certain disaster.	Carozza	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support with Amendment	BC

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SB 201	Public Health - Childbirth - Paternity Test	Requiring, when a child is born at a health care facility, the attending physician to offer to the presumed father of the child the option to take a paternity test; requiring that the offer to take a paternity test be made orally and in writing and before a birth certificate form for the child is completed; allowing the presumed father the option to waive the right to take a paternity test or elect to take a paternity test at any time before completion of the child's birth certificate; etc.	Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/8 I:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 210	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Immunization Administration - Effective Date	Delaying the effective date to January I, 2030, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under certain circumstances.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/24 at 1:30 p.m.	Finance Wed I/24 I:30 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 211 (HB 119)	Public Health - Giving Infants a Future Without Transmission (GIFT) Act	Altering certain HIV and syphilis reporting and testing requirements for hospitals and health care providers for pregnant women and newborns, including by requiring that the pregnancy status of certain individuals be included in certain reports and that certain health care providers submit certain blood samples to medical laboratories.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/8 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 212	Behavioral	Altering the membership and terms of	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		Hold	PH
	Health Advisory	members of the Behavioral Health Advisory	Finance	Hearing 1/30 at	Tue I/30 I:00			
	Council and	Council; requiring the Commission on	Committee	1:00 p.m.	PM			
	Commission on	Behavioral Health Care Treatment and						
	Behavioral	Access to meet jointly with the Council; and						
	Health Care	requiring the Commission, in coordination						
	Treatment and	with the Council, to make recommendations						
	Access -	regarding the financing structure and quality						
	Alterations	oversight necessary to integrate somatic and						
		behavioral health services in the Maryland						
		Medical Assistance Program.						
SB 217	Health Insurance	Conforming provisions of State health	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		FYI	FYI
(1.10.20)	- Conformity	insurance law with existing federal	Finance	Hearing 1/24 at	Wed I/24 I:30			
(HB 30)	With Federal	requirements, including updating effective	Committee	1:30 p.m.	PM			
	Law	dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal						
		consumer protection regulations resulting						
		from changes to the federal No Surprises						
		Act, altering the material errors that trigger						
		special enrollment periods, and authorizing						
		the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to						
		adopt an expanded open enrollment period						
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SB 220	Public Health -	Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale,	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		Hold	PH
(HB 42)	Public Health Services and Protections - Revisions	distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.	Finance Committee	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Tue 1/30 1:00 PM			
SB 221	Health	Authorizing certain health occupations	Chair, Finance	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at	Finance Tue 1/30 1:00		No Position	BC
(HB 146)	Occupations Boards - Reciprocal Licensure and Certification	boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state or jurisdiction.	Committee	1:00 p.m.	PM			

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SB 227	Health Insurance	Prohibiting a carrier from canceling an	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		FYI	FYI
(НВ	- Cancellation of	individual health benefit plan if a policyholder	Finance	Hearing 1/24 at	Wed I/24 I:30			
	Individual Health	has made a premium payment before the end	Committee	1:30 p.m.	PM			
240)	Benefit Plans -	of the grace period, the amount of the						
	Restriction	premium payment made is less than the						
		aggregate amount of the net monthly						
		premium due as of the date of the payment,						
		the amount of the deficiency is \$10 or less,						
		and the policyholder pays the remainder of						
		the net monthly premium due within 30 days						
		after a written notice of the deficiency is sent						
		by the carrier.						
SB 244	Public Health -	Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		Support	PH
/L ID	Clean Indoor Air	certain mass transportation; and requiring	Finance	Hearing 2/08 at	Thu 2/8 1:00			
(HB	Act - Revisions	that certain signs be posted and maintained in	Committee	1:00 p.m.	PM			
238)		a certain manner in each indoor area open to						
		the public and each public entrance to an						
		indoor area where smoking or vaping is						
		prohibited under the Clean Indoor Air Act.						
SB 246	Public Health -	Establishing the Nonoccupational	Chair,	In the Senate -	Finance		Hold	PH
/LID	Nonoccupational	Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing	Finance	Hearing 1/30 at	Tue 1/30 1:00			
(HB	Postexposure	Order Program to authorize pharmacists and	Committee	I:00 p.m.	PM			
127)	Prophylaxis	health care providers to prescribe or						
	(nPEP) Standing	dispense nPEP under certain circumstances;						
	Order Program	and authorizing the Maryland Department of						
	- Establishment	Health to administer the Program, collect						
		fees necessary for the administration of the						
		Program, and establish guidelines for training						
		related to the Program.						

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