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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

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

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 693](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 647](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: State Board of Pharmacy - Board Membership and Delegated Pharmacy Acts

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [HB 732](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 600](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Health - Mental Health Care Provider Immunity and Establishment of Specialty Tertiary Care
Psychiatric Programs

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM (Judiciary)

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 773](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 666](#)

Sponsor: Speaker Jones

Title: Maryland False Claims Act and Maryland False Health Claims Act – Revisions

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM (Judiciary)

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 858](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office - Authority of Director - Dispositive Issues of Law

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 862](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ziegler

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

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 372](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Bill: [SB 375](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: State Board of Physicians - Inactive and Emeritus Status

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 534](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 587](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1135](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Health Care Facilities - Use of Medical Cannabis

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 673](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 727](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Physician Assistants - Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 674](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 722](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Physician Assistants - Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2023)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 772](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 717](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: State Board of Nursing - Peer Advisory Committees, Scopes of Practice, and Licensure Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 790](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 995](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Commercial Law - Health Data Privacy

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 PM |

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 539](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delate M. Morgan

Title: Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Prohibited Actions

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 583](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Health Insurance - Podiatrists - Reimbursement for Infusion of Medication

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 815](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fennell

Title: Breast and Lung Cancer - Establishment of Screening Awareness Program and Insurance Coverage and Cost Sharing

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

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 474](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 716](#)

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Managed Care Organizations - Acknowledgment of Responsibility for Payment of a Retroactive Denial - Repeal of Applicability

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 500](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 604](#)

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: Health Insurance - Health Benefit Plans Issued Through Professional Employer Organizations - Exemption

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 515](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 785](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocol - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 678](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1151](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Services Rendered by a Pharmacist

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 724](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Health Insurance Carriers - Requirements for Internal Grievance Process - Modification

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 784](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

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

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 805](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1217](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Biomarker Testing

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 571](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Overdose Response Program - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Choice of Formulation and Dosage

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

Position: TBD

Bill: [HB 733](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 734](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Youth Sports Programs - Registrations, Personnel, and Policy

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 808](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 859](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Williams

Title: Reproductive Health Protection Act

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 876](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 644](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Smith

Title: Maternal Mortality Review Program – Local Teams – Access to Information and Records

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

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 378](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: Public Health - Vaccinations - Minor Consent

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 581](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 582](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1148](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Behavioral Health Care - Treatment and Access (Behavioral Health Model for Maryland)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 618](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 953](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

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

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 625](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Maryland Children's Health Program - Continuous Eligibility

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 628](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: School-Based Health Centers - Services, Infrastructure, and Funding

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 PM (Education, Energy, and the Environment)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 786](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 812](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Health - Reproductive Health Services - Protected Information and Insurance Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 798](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 705](#)

Sponsor: Senate President Ferguson

Title: Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 427](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 546](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 523](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 759](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Mireku-North

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

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 570](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Public Health - Prescription Opioids - Deactivation Systems

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

Bill: [HB 593](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guyton

Title: Public Schools - Lifesaver Schools Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 666](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 566](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Miller

Title: Family Law - Fundamental Parental Rights

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 878](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate D. Jones

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

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Bill: [SB 410](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Watson

Title: Public Health - Childbirth - Paternity Test

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 480](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 823](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Mental Health Law - Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 493](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 675](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 523](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 685](#)

Sponsor: Senator McKay

Title: Medical Cannabis - Employees in Health Care Settings Caring for Qualifying Patients - Exemption

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 572](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 657](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Employed Individuals With Disabilities

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 575](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 517](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Drug Manufacturers - Drug Take-Back Programs (Take It Back Maryland Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 584](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 703](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Public Health - Parkinson's Disease Registry - Established

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 601](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 814](#)

Sponsor: Senator Feldman

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 602](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 634](#)

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Public Health - Sale of Diet Pills to Minors - Prohibition

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 799](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hester

Title: Public Schools - Cyber Safety Guide - Development, Usage, and Reporting

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 832](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1043](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Public Health - Pregnancy - Coercion (Coercive Abuse Against Mothers Prevention Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 845](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 933](#)

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings