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MedChi Council on Legislation – Meeting Minutes Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

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

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 576](#)

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

Sponsor: The Speaker

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

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 676](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate N. Morgan

Title: Right to Try Act - Individualized Investigational Treatments

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 757](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: State Board of Physicians - Supervised Medical Graduates and Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (Bridge to Medical Residency Act)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 694](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 887](#)

Sponsor: Senator Feldman

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Health Commissions and Maryland Insurance Administration - Study

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 726](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 626](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 728](#)

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

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Insurance - Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 487](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Lam

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

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 594](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hershey

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 595](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 879](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hershey

Title: Health Benefit Plans - Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution - Requirements and Prohibitions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 614](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 865](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 684](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Sunset Repeal and Modification of Reporting Requirements

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 701](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Amount of Annual Subsidies

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 716](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Fetal Medicine Services - Reimbursement

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 754](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Clinician-Administered Drugs and Related Services

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 778](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gallion

Title: Health Insurance - Hearing Aids for Adults - Coverage

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 791](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 932](#)

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 706](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delate Cardin

Title: Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 722](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arian

Title: Health - Minors - Gender and Sex Transition Procedures

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 771](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 741](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Henson

Title: Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Policy Requirements (Pregnant and Parenting Support Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 784](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bhandari

Title: Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HJ 3](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SJ 2](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Williams

Title: Use of Nuclear Weapons

Status: In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 739](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Maryland Department of Health - List of Diet Pills (Weight Loss Supplement Identification)

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

Bill: [HB 759](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Professional Liability Insurance Coverage - Notification Requirements

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

Bill: [HB 804](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Certificate of Need - Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services - Exemption

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

Bill: [SB 751](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 980](#)

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Public Health - Opioid Restitution Advisory Council and Fund - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 786](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McKay

Title: Task Force on Access to Pharmacy Services and the Impact of Telepharmacy in Maryland

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

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