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**MedChi Legislative Council
Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – Virtual Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Legislative Items**
- III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)**

Bill: [HB 976](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate D. Jones

Title: Catastrophic Health Emergency – Authority of Governor – Administration of Vaccinations

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose with Letter

Bill: [HB 1032](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1040](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 736](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kelly

Title: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1041](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kelly

Title: Health Occupations Boards - Uniform Reporting

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1125](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Beitzel

Title: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Prescribers of Opioids – Notification Requirement

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1153](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Adams

Title: Names of Entities With Physician Membership – Approval Requirement – Exemption

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1167](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cox

Title: Maryland Nondiscrimination in Health Care Coverage Act

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 579](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: Health Care Facilities – Restrooms – Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 808](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: Health Occupations – Licensed Dentists – Administration of Vaccines

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 1021](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 758](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pendergrass

Title: Health Insurance - Incentive Arrangements - Authorization

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

Position: Bill was withdrawn by Sponsor due to MedChi concerns. MedChi, MHA and CareFirst have agreed to work on the bill in the interim.

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 565](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 514](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 609](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Boyce

Title: Public and Nonpublic Schools - Bronchodilator Availability and Use - Policy (Bronchodilator Rescue Inhaler Law)

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1107](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Supplemental Rebate Program - Subscription Model for Hepatitis C Therapies

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1110](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ciliberti

Title: Criminal Law - Felony Second-Degree Assault - Emergency Medical Care Workers

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1112](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 891](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Wivell

Title: Public Health - Maternal and Child Mortality - Review and Perinatal Hospice Services

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1119](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Acevero

Title: Public Health - Sickle Cell Trait - Public Awareness (Journey's Law)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1150](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cox

Title: Health - Authority of the Secretary of Health and Medical Information

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1258](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Health Enterprise Zones - Established (Restoring the Promise Act of 2021)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1261](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 820](#)

Sponsor: Delegate W. Fisher

Title: Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Directives – Electronic Execution

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1263](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Maryland Department of Health – COVID–19 Vaccination Plan

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 654](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Education – Comprehensive Health Education Program – Instruction on Skin Cancer

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 777](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Elfreth

Title: Public Health - Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 796](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Eckardt

Title: Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission
– Reporting Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 828](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: HIV Prevention Drugs – Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 837](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Health - Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 923](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Washington

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Eligibility and Disenrollment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 612](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 496](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

Title: Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. (Ways and Means)

Bill: [SB 756](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carter

Title: Workers' Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – COVID–19

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

Bill: [HB 923](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 728](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Labor and Employment – Worker Safety and Health – Injury and Illness Prevention Program

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1006](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Crosby

Title: Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, and Registration

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1034](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Plan of Action - Repeal of Date for Submission

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1043](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Local Health Services – Funding and Infrastructure

Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations

Bill: [HB 1045](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wivell

Title: Labor and Employment - Elective Medical Procedures - Employee Protections

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1087](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 880](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kaiser

Title: Income Tax – Pass–Through Entities – State and Local Taxes

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 1109](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ciliberti

Title: Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Waiting Period

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

Bill: [HB 1171](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Charles

Title: Labor and Employment - Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1198](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cox

Title: Public Health - Abortion - Drug-Induced Abortions

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

Bill: [HB 1243](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 520](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Sample-Hughes

Title: Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements – Children and Young Adults – Report Modifications

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1271](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Turner

Title: Special Education - Student Evaluation - Identification of Traumatic Brain Injury

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1319](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Howard

Title: Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1326](#)

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

Sponsor: Delegate Dumais

Title: Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.