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**MedChi Council on Legislation – Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

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

Bill: [HB 642](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Harrison

Title: Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act of 2024

Status: In the House - Reassigned to Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1002](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Office of the Attorney General - Investigative Authority

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1054](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Physicians - Licensing - Foreign Practicing Physicians

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1132](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate M. Morgan

Title: Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Off-Label Use - Promotion

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 830](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 934](#)

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance - Limited Licensed Radiologic Technologist

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 874](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1006](#)

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities - Surgical Technologists

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 995](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Health - Laser Hair Removal - Requirements (Laser Hair Removal Act)

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 1016](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Charles

Title: Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 939](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 989](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Palakovich Carr

Title: Health Insurance - Epinephrine Injectors - Limits on Cost Sharing (Epinephrine Cost Reduction Act of 2024)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 985](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage for Fertility Treatment and Preservation Services - Study

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1085](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Maryland Insurance Administration - Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Reporting Requirements - Revisions and Sunset Repeal

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1137](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

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

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1259](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Health Insurance - Breast and Lung Cancer Screening - Coverage Requirements

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1270](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Health Benefit Plans - Prescription Drugs - Rebates and Calculation of Cost Sharing Requirements

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 614](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

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

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 876](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1040](#)

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Limited Behavioral Health Services

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 990](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1423](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 1019](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Health Benefit Plans - Prescription Drugs - Rebates and Calculation of Cost Sharing Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 1021](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Pharmacy Benefits Administration - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 PM

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 1104](#)

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

Sponsor: President

Title: Health Care Facilities - Notice to Consumers - Out-of-Network Status (Health Care Provider Out-of-Network Information Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

V. Public Health (PH)

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: No Position

Bill: [HB 1033](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 987](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Mireku-North

Title: Business Regulation - Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers - Certifications

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1057](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1078](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Remote Fetal Nonstress Tests

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1094](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Public Health - Overdose Prevention Site Pilot Program

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1121](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Public Health - Opioids and Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Information

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

Position: Letter of Information

Bill: [HB 1180](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 1056](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Wilson

Title: Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions (Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1233](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Public Health - Abortion

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 988](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Directed Mental Health Services - Pilot Program

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 1059](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1051](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Maternal Health - Assessments, Referrals, and Reporting (Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024)

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

Position: Support

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Bill: [HB 827](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 821](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Qi

Title: Maryland Insurance Administration - Professional Employer Organizations - Study

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

Bill: [HB 858](#)

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 965](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Queen

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Breast Cancer Program - Eligibility and Public Awareness Campaign

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

Bill: [HB 1019](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation

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

Bill: [HB 1209](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia - Penalties

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Bill: [HB 1216](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rose

Title: High-Risk Pregnancy Reimbursement Fund - Establishment

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

Bill: [HB 1268](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Educational Institutions - Opioid Overdose-Reversing Medications - Policy Requirements

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

Bill: [SB 820](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McCray

Title: Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge

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

Bill: [SB 862](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 884](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Public Health - Pregnancy - Coercion (Protecting Pregnant Women Against Coercive Abuse and Human Trafficking)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 938](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1293](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Public Education Campaign on Prostate, Lung, and Breast Cancer Prevention

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

Bill: [SB 944](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1171](#)

Sponsor: Senator Kelly

Title: Nonprescription Drugs and Devices - Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 PM (Finance)

Bill: [SB 945](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Kelly

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 947](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1412](#)

Sponsor: Senator Kelly

Title: Abortion Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 PM (Finance)

Bill: [SB 997](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Health - Vital Records - Electronic Filing and Storage

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 1020](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1194](#)

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2024)

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

Bill: [SB 1044](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1302](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Cosmetologists - Esthetic Services - Definition

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

** 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.**