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# MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

| Bill              | Title  | Synopsis   | Sponsor     | Status   | Origin   | Opposite | Notes       |
|-------------------|--|--|-------------|--|--|----------|-------------|
| HB 25<br>(SB 311) | Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act) | Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc. | Cullison    | In the House - Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations) | Health and Government Operations; Judiciary          |          | Support     |
| HB 95             | Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks  | Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.   | Krebs       | In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.                           | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 2/4 1:30 PM  |          | No Position |
| HB 123<br>(SB 3)  | Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021   | Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; etc.                                  | Pena-Melnyk | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.                           | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          | Support     |

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|--------------------|---|---|----------|--|--|----------|---------|
| HB 135<br>(SB 84)  | Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications                                  | Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of the Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations; etc. | K. Young | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM |          | Support |
| HB 182<br>(SB 169) | Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians   | Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician".   | Kerr     | In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 1/21 1:30 PM |          | Oppose  |
| HB 191<br>(SB 56)  | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination | Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.  | Kelly    | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          | Support |

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|--------------------|--|--|---------|--|--|----------|-------------|
| HB 219             | Naturopathic Doctors - Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice                          | Authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; etc.   | Krebs   | In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 2/4 1:30 PM  |          | Oppose      |
| HB 224<br>(SB 262) | Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards | Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021. | Krebs   | In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 1/14 1:30 PM |          | No Position |
| HB 288<br>(SB 183) | Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact   | Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.                             | Charles | In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 2/4 1:30 PM  |          | Oppose      |

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|-------------------|---|--|----------|---|--|----------|---------|
| HB 299<br>(SB 34) | State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing  | Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc. | Carr     | In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.  | Health and Government Operations<br>Thu 2/4 1:30 PM              |          | Support |
| SB 3<br>(HB 123)  | Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021  |  | Griffith | In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. | Finance<br>Wed 1/27 1:00 PM                                      |          | Support |
| SB 34<br>(HB 299) | State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing  |  | Lam      | In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m. | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/26 1:00 PM |          | Support |
| SB 56<br>(HB 191) | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination |  | Eckardt  | In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. | Finance<br>Wed 1/27 1:00 PM                                      |          | Support |

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|-------------------|---|----------|---|--|--|----------|-------------|
| SB 67             | Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration  |          | Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee | In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.  | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/19 2:00 PM |          | No Position |
| SB 84<br>(HB 135) | Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications              |          | Young   | In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.  | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/26 1:00 PM |          | Support     |
| SB 92             | Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Eligibility and Sunset Repeal |          | Eckardt   | In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m. | Budget and Taxation<br>Thu 1/21 11:00 AM                         |          | Support     |
| SB 102            | Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages                                 |          | Eckardt   | In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m. | Budget and Taxation<br>Wed 1/20 11:00 AM                         |          | HOLD        |

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|--------------------|--|----------|-----------|---|--|----------|-------------|
| SB 169<br>(HB 182) | Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians  |          | Patterson | In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m. | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/26 1:00 PM |          | Oppose      |
| SB 183<br>(HB 288) | Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact   |          | Young     | In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m. | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/26 1:00 PM |          | Oppose      |
| SB 210             | COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity  |          | West      | In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m. | Judicial Proceedings<br>Tue 1/26 1:00 PM                         |          | Support     |
| SB 262<br>(HB 224) | Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards |          | Eckardt   | In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m. | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>Tue 1/19 2:00 PM |          | No Position |

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|-------------------|--|----------|-----------|---|---|----------|---------|
| SB 311<br>(HB 25) | Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act) |          | Hettleman | In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. | Judicial Proceedings<br>Tue 2/2 1:00 PM |          | Support |



# MedChi Health Insurance Report

| Bill               | Title   | Synopsis   | Sponsor    | Status   | Origin   | Opposite | Notes       |
|--------------------|---|--|------------|--|--|----------|-------------|
| HB 107             | Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal  | Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.  | R. Lewis   | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.         | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          | No Position |
| HB 124             | Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19 | Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, by October 1, 2021, establishing an occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases; requiring the Secretary of Labor, the Commissioner, and the Maryland Department of Health to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard to Protect Employees From COVID-19 by March 1, 2021, and to make the information available on the Department of Labor's website; etc.       | Valderrama | In the House - First Reading<br>Economic Matters | Economic Matters                                     |          | HOLD        |
| HB 148<br>(SB 112) | Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions  | Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification be given; etc. | Carey      | In the House - First Reading<br>Economic Matters | Economic Matters                                     |          | No Position |

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|--------------------|---|--|----------|--|--|----------|-------------|
| HB 162             | Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits and Reports              | Altering a certain requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with a certain council, draft a certain plan for setting upper payment limits for prescription drug products; altering the date by which the Board is required to submit the plan to a certain committee of the General Assembly; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products and altering the date by which the limits are to be set to on or after February 1, 2022; etc. | Ivey     | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          | No Position |
| HB 167<br>(SB 290) | Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation | Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.  | P. Young | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM |          | Support     |
| HB 170             | Cancer Drugs - Physician Dispensing and Coverage                                      | Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.   | K. Young | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM |          | Support     |

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|--------------------|--|----------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| SB 112<br>(HB 148) | Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions                                     |          | Lee                      | In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m.  | Finance<br>Wed 1/20 1:00 PM  |          | No Position |
| SB 226             | Maryland Insurance Administration - Delivery of Notices and Other Communications by Electronic Means |          | Chair, Finance Committee | In the Senate - Hearing 1/14 at 11:00 a.m. | Finance<br>Thu 1/14 11:00 AM |          | No Position |
| SB 272             | Insurance - Claim Payment - Clarification  |          | Chair, Finance Committee | In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.  | Finance<br>Tue 1/19 1:00 PM  |          | Support     |
| SB 290<br>(HB 167) | Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation                |          | Benson                   | In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m.  | Finance<br>Wed 1/20 1:00 PM  |          | Support     |

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| Bill            | Title   | Synopsis   | Sponsor     | Status  | Origin   | Opposite | Notes   |
|-----------------|---|--|-------------|---|--|----------|---------|
| HB 28<br>(SB 5) | Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities               | Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and to provide updates at least every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.      | Pena-Melnyk | In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.                                    | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 1/26 1:30 PM |          | Support |
| HB 29           | Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Substance Use Disorder | Altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals who have a substance use disorder; altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a substance use disorder to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; etc.   | Ivey        | In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.                                    | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 2/2 1:30 PM  |          | HOLD    |
| HB 32           | Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation (Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)               | Altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing a civil offense for cultivating cannabis plants in a certain manner; providing for the licensing of cannabis establishments; establishing certain duties of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission regarding the licensing of cannabis establishments; etc. | J. Lewis    | In the House - First Reading Judiciary and Health and Government Operations | Health and Government Operations; Judiciary          |          |         |

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|-------------------|--|---|-------------|---|--|----------|---------|
| HB 34<br>(SB 278) | State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth | Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.  | Rosenberg   | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) | Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          | Support |
| HB 49             | Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance                                  | Requiring an action for repossession for failure to pay rent to contain certain statements on whether the property is registered or licensed under local law and is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; authorizing a court to adjourn a certain trial to enable either party to obtain documents or certain other proof under certain circumstances; repealing a certain prohibition against raising as an issue of fact a landlord's compliance with certain lead-based paint abatement laws; etc.                | Rosenberg   | In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.                                    | Environment and Transportation<br>Tue 1/26 1:30 PM                   |          | Support |
| HB 78<br>(SB 52)  | Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)                  | Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc. | Pena-Melnyk | In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.                                    | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 1/26 1:30 PM                 |          | Support |

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|--------------------|--|--|-------------|--|---|----------|---------|
| HB 108<br>(SB 286) | Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - Modifications           | Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.                               | Charkoudian | In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 2/2 1:30 PM |          | HOLD    |
| HB 129<br>(SB 70)  | Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties | Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation in certain rental dwelling units; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available certain resource materials; requiring a certain annual indoor air quality report; etc. | Henson      | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Environment and Transportation<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM  |          | Support |

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|--------------------|---|---|----------|---|--|----------|---------|
| HB 132<br>(SB 41)  | Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative) | Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.              | Bagnall  | In the House - First Reading<br>Health and Government Operations                      | Health and Government Operations                   |          | HOLD    |
| HB 134<br>(SB 177) | Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition                       | Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to or to attempt to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; etc. | J. Lewis | In the House - First Reading<br>Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations | Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations |          | Support |
| HB 205             | Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement              | Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.                     | Reznik   | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.  | Ways and Means<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM                 |          | Support |

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| HB 209<br>(SB 168) | Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee | Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State Team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the Committee to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.         | Belcastro | In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 1/26 1:30 PM |          | Support with Amendment |
| HB 271             | Public Safety - Law Enforcement Diversion Programs         | Authorizing the establishment of certain law enforcement diversion programs subject to certain restrictions; authorizing certain individuals to participate in certain programs; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including certain approaches; requiring certain planning for the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters resulting in a behavioral health services referral; etc. | Ebersole  | In the House - First Reading Judiciary   | Judiciary  |          |                        |



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| HB 289<br>(SB 105) | Peace Orders -<br>Workplace<br>Violence   | Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.                    | Atterbeary  | In the House -<br>Hearing 1/14<br>at 1:30 p.m. | Judiciary<br>Thu 1/14 1:30<br>PM                              |          | Support |
| HB 309             | Public Health -<br>Data - Race and<br>Ethnicity<br>Information                                | Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc. | Pena-Melnyk | In the House -<br>Hearing 1/26<br>at 1:30 p.m. | Health and<br>Government<br>Operations<br>Tue 1/26 1:30<br>PM |          | Support |
| HB 324<br>(SB 143) | Criminal Law -<br>Marijuana -<br>Possession and<br>Possession With<br>Intent to<br>Distribute | Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.  | Moon        | In the House -<br>Hearing 1/18<br>at 1:30 p.m. | Judiciary<br>Mon 1/18 1:30<br>PM                              |          |         |

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|--------------------|---|---|-------------|---|----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| HB 372             | Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization                        | Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.              | Moon        | In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.                      | Judiciary<br>Tue 1/19 1:30 PM    |          |         |
| HB 396<br>(SB 279) | Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program                     | Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc. | Pena-Melnyk | In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations | Health and Government Operations |          | Support |
| SB 5<br>(HB 28)    | Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities |   | Griffith    | In the Senate - First Reading Finance and Budget and Taxation | Budget and Taxation; Finance     |          | Support |

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| SB 41<br>(HB 132)  | Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)                         |          | Augustine  | In the Senate - First Reading<br>Finance                        | Finance   |          | HOLD    |
| SB 52<br>(HB 78)   | Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021) |          | Washington | In the Senate - First Reading<br>Finance                        | Finance   |          | Support |
| SB 70<br>(HB 129)  | Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties  |          | Patterson  | In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.                      | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br><br>Thu 1/28 11:00 AM |          | Support |
| SB 94              | Public Health - Local Health District Boards  |          | Ellis      | In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation) | Budget and Taxation; Finance<br>Wed 1/27 1:00 PM                      |          | Support |
| SB 105<br>(HB 289) | Peace Orders - Workplace Violence   |          | Sydnor     | In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.                      | Judicial Proceedings<br><br>Thu 1/28 11:00 AM                         |          | Support |

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|--------------------|---|----------|---------------|---|---|----------|---------------------------|
| SB 143<br>(HB 324) | Criminal Law -<br>Marijuana -<br>Possession and<br>Possession With<br>Intent to<br>Distribute |          | Waldstreicher | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/20<br>at 11:00 a.m.                            | Judicial<br>Proceedings<br><br>Wed 1/20<br>11:00 AM           |          |                           |
| SB 163             | Maryland Medical<br>Assistance<br>Program -<br>Douglas  |          | Ellis         | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/26<br>at 1:00 p.m.                             | Finance<br><br>Tue 1/26 1:00<br>PM                            |          | Oppose                    |
| SB 168<br>(HB 209) | Public Health -<br>Maryland Suicide<br>Fatality Review<br>Committee                           |          | Eckardt       | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/26<br>at 1:00 p.m.                             | Finance<br><br>Tue 1/26 1:00<br>PM                            |          | Support with<br>Amendment |
| SB 172             | Maryland Health<br>Equity Resource<br>Act   |          | Hayes         | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/27<br>at 1:00 p.m.<br>(Budget and<br>Taxation) | Budget and<br>Taxation;<br>Finance<br><br>Wed 1/27 1:00<br>PM |          | Support                   |
| SB 177<br>(HB 134) | Business<br>Regulation -<br>Flavored<br>Tobacco<br>Products -<br>Prohibition                  |          | Washington    | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/28<br>at 1:00 p.m.<br>(Finance)                | Budget and<br>Taxation;<br>Finance<br><br>Thu 1/28 1:00<br>PM |          | Support                   |
| SB 273             | Electronic<br>Smoking Device<br>Regulation Act of<br>2021                                     |          | Kramer        | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/28<br>at 1:00 p.m.                             | Finance<br><br>Thu 1/28 1:00<br>PM                            |          | HOLD                      |

# MedChi Public Health Report

| Bill               | Title   | Synopsis | Sponsor   | Status  | Origin   | Opposite | Notes   |
|--------------------|---|----------|-----------|---|--|----------|---------|
| SB 278<br>(HB 34)  | State<br>Department of<br>Education and<br>Maryland<br>Department of<br>Health -<br>Maryland School-<br>Based Health<br>Center<br>Standards -<br>Telehealth |          | Kagan     | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/20<br>at 3:00 p.m.                           | Education,<br>Health, and<br>Environmental<br>Affairs<br><br>Wed 1/20 3:00<br>PM |          | Support |
| SB 279<br>(HB 396) | Public Health -<br>Overdose and<br>Infectious<br>Disease<br>Prevention<br>Services Program  |          | Hettleman | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/26<br>at 1:00 p.m.<br>(12/23)                | Finance<br><br>Tue 1/26 1:00<br>PM   |          | Support |
| SB 286<br>(HB 108) | Behavioral<br>Health Crisis<br>Response<br>Services -<br>Modifications  |          | Augustine | In the Senate -<br>First Reading<br>Finance and<br>Budget and<br>Taxation | Budget and<br>Taxation;<br>Finance   |          | HOLD    |
| SB 322             | Health - Health<br>and Wellness<br>Standards -<br>Correctional<br>Facilities and<br>Health Care<br>Facilities   |          | Benson    | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 2/11<br>at 1:00 p.m.                           | Finance<br><br>Thu 2/11 1:00<br>PM   |          | HOLD    |

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| Bill  | Title  | Synopsis   | Sponsor | Status  | Origin   | Opposite | Notes |
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| HB 14 | Pharmacists - Prescription Drug and Device Labels - Expiration Dates                         | Altering the expiration date that is required to be included, except under certain circumstances, on labels on drugs and devices dispensed in the manufacturer's original packaging by a pharmacist to the expiration date set by the manufacturer or a shorter period determined by the pharmacist.   | Kerr    | In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.      | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/27 1:30 PM |          |       |
| HB 55 | Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers | Providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; applying the Act prospectively; etc. | Crosby  | In the House - Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 p.m.      | Judiciary<br>Fri 1/15 1:30 PM                        |          |       |
| HB 56 | Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave                                    | Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.  | Boyce   | In the House - First Reading Economic Matters | Economic Matters                                     |          |       |

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| Bill               | Title   | Synopsis   | Sponsor         | Status                                   | Origin   | Opposite | Notes |
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| HB 212             | Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity                                     | Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.                      | Cardin          | In the House - First Reading Judiciary   | Judiciary  |          |       |
| HB 233<br>(SB 82)  | State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Maryland Music Therapists Act | Establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; requiring the Board to set reasonable fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; etc.        | Sample-Hughes   | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Health and Government Operations<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM |          |       |
| HB 244<br>(SB 161) | Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education                  | Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc. | Valentino-Smith | In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m. | Appropriations<br>Wed 1/20 1:30 PM                   |          |       |

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| HB 368<br>(SB 100) | Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland  | Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc. | Bagnall    | In the House -<br>Hearing 1/19<br>at 2:00 p.m.         | Health and<br>Government<br>Operations<br><br>Tue 1/19 2:00<br>PM |          |       |
| HB 375<br>(SB 211) | Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021) | Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.                                | Valderrama | In the House -<br>First Reading<br>Economic<br>Matters | Economic<br>Matters   |          |       |



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| HB 377 | Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment                       | Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study certain matters regarding student behavioral health and mental health treatment and make recommendations on actions necessary to improve current student behavioral health practices and programs; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022; etc.  | Bagnall | In the House - First Reading<br>Ways and Means | Ways and Means                                       |          |       |
| HB 390 | University of Maryland - Harford Memorial Hospital Closure - Economic Impact Study        | Requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to certain committees on or before December 1, 2021; etc. | Johnson | In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.       | Health and Government Operations<br>Tue 1/19 2:00 PM |          |       |
| SB 64  | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19 |  | Salling | In the Senate - First Reading<br>Finance       | Finance  |          |       |

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| SB 78              | Public Safety -<br>Law<br>Enforcement<br>and Emergency<br>Medical<br>Services<br>Providers -<br>Administration<br>of Ketamine |          | Waldstreicher | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 2/03<br>at 11:00 a.m. | Judicial<br>Proceedings<br>Wed 2/3 11:00<br>AM                                |          |       |
| SB 82<br>(HB 233)  | State Board of<br>Professional<br>Counselors<br>and Therapists<br>- Maryland<br>Music<br>Therapists Act                       |          | Augustine     | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/26<br>at 1:00 p.m.  | Education,<br>Health, and<br>Environmental<br>Affairs<br>Tue 1/26 1:00<br>PM  |          |       |
| SB 100<br>(HB 368) | Task Force on<br>Oral Health in<br>Maryland   |          | Kelley        | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/20<br>at 1:00 p.m.  | Finance<br>Wed 1/20 1:00<br>PM  |          |       |
| SB 161<br>(HB 244) | Task Force to<br>Study Access<br>to Mental<br>Health Care in<br>Higher<br>Education   |          | Eckardt       | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/20<br>at 11:00 a.m. | Education,<br>Health, and<br>Environmental<br>Affairs<br>Wed 1/20<br>11:00 AM |          |       |

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| SB 211<br>(HB 375) | Labor and<br>Employment -<br>Family and<br>Medical Leave<br>Insurance<br>Program -<br>Establishment<br>(Time to Care<br>Act of 2021) |          | Hayes   | In the Senate -<br>Hearing 1/28<br>at 1:00 p.m. | Finance<br>Thu 1/28 1:00<br>PM |          |       |