



*Your Guide to Health Care Legislation
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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Position	Subcom
HB 11	Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage	Repealing the June 30, 2025 termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier's provider panel; requiring that a certain referral procedure required to be established and implemented by certain carriers require the carrier to provide certain assistance to a member in identifying and arranging coverage for a specialist or nonphysician specialist for treatment of mental health or substance use disorder services; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 12 (SB 214)	Cannabis - Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses	Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10-108 of the Criminal Law Article; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; etc.	Chair, Economic Matters Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 39 (SB 356)	Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.	Fair	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 46 (SB 222)	Public Health - Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council - Membership	Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Favorable Report by Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/22 2:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 57	County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Phone Use Policy - Establishment	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during instructional time during the school day; prohibiting the policy from limiting a student's use of a cellular phone for any purpose documented in the student's individual education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes; and requiring the policy to include appropriate disciplinary measures.	Fraser-Hidalgo	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 62 (SB 253)	Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements	Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Wed 1/29 1:30 PM		Oppose	PH
HB 94 (SB 224)	Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs - Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee	Authorizing a local health department or community-based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; etc.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Favorable Report by Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/22 2:00 PM		No Position	PH

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HB 95	Health Care Providers - Assisted Reproductive Treatment - Informed Consent and Fraud	Prohibiting a health care provider from using the health care provider's reproductive material when providing assistive reproductive treatment without the consent of the recipient of the treatment; prohibiting a health care provider from using a donor's reproductive material to provide assisted reproductive treatment without the donor's informed consent or in a manner that is inconsistent with the donor's consent; etc.	Allen	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position	PH
HB 108	Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)	Requiring that an abortion be performed by a physician, rather than a qualified provider; repealing certain provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion, regulations related to abortion, and liability or criminal punishment for qualified providers who perform an abortion; prohibiting a physician from knowingly performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion under certain circumstances and subject to certain exceptions; etc.	Metzgar	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose	PH
HB 113 (SB 584)	Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death	Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.	Ziegler	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 116 (SB 211)	Health Insurance - Federal Conformity - Definitions of Health Benefit Plan	Altering certain definitions of "health benefit plan" to conform to federal regulatory requirements for hospital indemnity.	Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/28 2:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 128 (SB 149)	Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025	Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.	Fraser-Hidalgo	In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Environment and Transportation Thu 1/23 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 132 (SB 215)	Cannabis - On-Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events	Limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration to hold certain cannabis events; providing for certain fees for a cannabis event registration; etc.	Chair, Economic Matters Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
HB 152 (SB 25)	Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications	Specifying certain qualifications necessary for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator.	Kaufman	In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 11:00 a.m.	Judiciary Thu 1/23 11:00 AM		No Position	BC
HB 297 (SB 5)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal	Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; and repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 321 (SB 303)	Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law	Altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; and repealing certain provisions that restrict applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/23 2:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 333	Cybersecurity - Healthcare Ecosystem	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration to include a cybersecurity expert as staff to perform certain functions and submit to the State Chief Information Security Officer a report on the cybersecurity practices and policies of certain healthcare ecosystem entities on a certain basis; requiring healthcare ecosystem entities to take certain actions related to cybersecurity; etc.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 334 (SB 156)	Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services - Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns residing in the State; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; requiring a report on the status of newborn nurse home visiting services by December 1, 2026; etc.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 340	Climate Change - Attorney General Actions, Climate Change Restitution Fund, and Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council	Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any suit or action that holds certain entities accountable for tortious or otherwise unlawful conduct that has contributed to climate change; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council to provide information to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly on climate change and the distribution of the Fund; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 367 (SB 72)	Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing	Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency for licensure, certification, or registration; adding manners of acceptable proof of English proficiency for the State Board of Nursing; etc.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 373	Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention any data regarding abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unless submitting the data would violate federal or State law.	Grammer	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose	PH
HB 381 (SB 508)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Aesthetic Services and Restorative Care for Victims of Domestic Violence (Healing Our Scars Act)	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage to victims of domestic violence for aesthetic services and restorative care determined to be medically necessary for the treatment of physical injuries caused by domestic violence.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 382 (SB 111)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription to Treat Serious Mental Illness	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail-first protocol for prescription drugs used to treat certain mental illnesses of certain insureds and enrollees.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 383 (SB 406)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses (So Every Body Can Move Act)	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2026; defining "orthoses" as a certain custom device to treat a neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disorder or acquired condition; and establishing that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must comply with certain provider network requirements.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 414	Health and Taxation - Digital Social Media Services and the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth	Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth to support improved access to mental health care services to children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the tax; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the tax in a certain manner; etc.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 417	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to determine the feasibility of establishing a State universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report on June 1, 2027, and a final report with its analysis and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2028.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 418 (SB 437)	Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate	Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay certain nonparticipating health care providers for services.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI

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HB 421 (SB 36)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline	Authorizing the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for certain expenditures that support the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 424 (SB 357)	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)	Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		No Position	HI

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HB 428 (SB 349)	Medical Debt - Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens	Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; and prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt.	Embry	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 459 (SB 374)	Health Insurance - Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters - Required Coverage (James "Jimmy" Malone Act)	Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage without the requirement for copayment, coinsurance, or deductible to professional firefighters for cancer screening in accordance with certain guidelines; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management and certain counties and municipalities to ensure that certain employee health benefit plans comply with coverage requirements for professional firefighters.	Pruski	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 466 (SB 277)	Health Equality for Service Members Act	Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 468	Petitions for Emergency Evaluation	Specifying that a petition for emergency evaluation is effective for 5 days after being endorsed by a certain court; authorizing a court, on a certain motion and for good cause shown, to extend a petition for up to 5 days at a time, not to exceed a total of 30 days; requiring the court to include the date the petition expires on the petition; and authorizing peace officers to use reasonable and necessary force when executing a petition.	Alston	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 474 (SB 129)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Advisory Committee and Hospital Reporting	Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish a health equity measures advisory committee to determine the 10 widest disparities in health care quality, access, or outcomes for vulnerable populations; and requiring the health equity advisory committee to review the health equity reports submitted annually to the Department by licensed State hospitals.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing canceled	Health and Government Operations		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 519	Public Health - Hospitals - Parking for Patients	Requiring hospitals in the State to offer parking at no cost for inpatients for the duration of the inpatient's admission and for outpatients attending a scheduled medical appointment for the duration of the appointment; and requiring hospitals in the State to display signage notifying inpatients and outpatients of the availability of parking at no cost.	Schindler	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 529 (SB 393)	Health Insurance - Prescription Drug Formularies and Coverage for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars	Requiring certain carriers to post updated, accurate, and complete prescription drug formularies and changes to the formularies in a certain manner on a carrier's website; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to make certain generic drugs and biosimilars available on a formulary with certain cost sharing.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 534 (SB 538)	Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact; authorizing a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a member state; establishing the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact Licensure Commission to oversee the Compact and its powers and duties; and providing that the Act is contingent on enactment of substantially similar legislation in four other states.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 547	Hospitals - Price Transparency - Requirements and Fund	Requiring hospitals in the State to comply with a certain federal price transparency law; requiring hospitals to maintain and make available a list of standard charges for the hospital's shoppable services; prohibiting hospitals from selling certain personal data; requiring the Secretary of Health to perform certain hospital monitoring duties; requiring hospitals who violate certain provisions of the Act to submit corrective action plans; etc.	Grammer	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 553 (SB 94)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring	Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; requiring the Program to develop and implement an education campaign to inform eligible program recipients and health care providers about the benefits of blood pressure monitoring and the availability of certain assistance; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report beginning December 1, 2027 on the program's outcomes.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 556 (SB 370)	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Simpson	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 572 (SB 793)	Public Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs	Requiring a licensed health care provider, when issuing a standing order for an opioid overdose reversal drug, to allow an individual to choose any formulation of any opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; and prohibiting certain private and public entities that prescribe and dispense opioid overdose reversal drugs from being required to keep in stock and dispense all opioid overdose reversal drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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HB 594	Civil Actions - Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Vulnerable Individuals - Comparative Negligence	Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff; and applying the Act prospectively.	Embry	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/19 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 602 (SB 407)	State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)	Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and requiring the Board, by November 1, 2025, and each November 1 for the following 4 years, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the discussions, agreements reached, challenges in the negotiations, and any legislative recommendations.	Hutchinson	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/25 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 630 (SB 368)	County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Phone Use Policy - Establishment (Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act)	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, not later than the 2026-2027 school year, a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting a student's use of a cellular phone for any purpose documented in the student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, during an emergency event, or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes.	Boafo	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 659 (SB 475)	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Exemption for Participation in Value-Based Care Arrangements	Prohibiting certain carriers from imposing a prior authorization, step therapy, or quantity limit requirement on eligible providers for health care services that are included in a two-sided incentive arrangement.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 665 (SB 328)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, beginning on July 1, 2026, to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 666 (SB 60)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing for individuals who have at least three of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or a family history of premature coronary artery disease.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 690 (SB 140)	Overdose Awareness Day	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.	J. Long	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 696 (SB 490)	State Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and Workgroups - Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity Requirements	Eliminating citizenship requirements for boards and commissions; and requiring that members of boards, committees, commissions, task forces, and workgroups reflect the full diversity of the State to the extent practicable.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/25 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 697	Health Insurance - Artificial Intelligence, Adverse Decisions, and Grievances - Reporting Requirements	Requiring a health insurance carrier to submit quarterly reports to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner on certain information related to the carrier's use of artificial intelligence or automated decision-making systems; and altering the information related to adverse decisions and grievances carriers are required to report to the Commissioner.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 718	Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established	Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/20 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 722	Maryland Department of Health - Report on Oversight of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs and Recovery Residences	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports on or before December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/12 1:00 PM			PH

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HB 728 (SB 495)	Opioid Restitution Fund - Authorized Uses	Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 729 (SB 594)	Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program	Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund so as to include the addressing of racial disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.	Rosenberg	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position	PH

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HB 737	Public Health - Nonopioid Advance Directives	Authorizing a competent individual to make a nonopioid advance directive stating that the individual refuses the offer or administration of opioid medication including during an emergency; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a model nonopioid advance directive form and make the form available on the Department's website.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose	PH
HB 743 (SB 592)	Public Health - Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs - Establishment	Establishing the Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs in the Maryland Department of Health to provide funding for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve behavioral health care services in the State; requiring the Department to pay to the Comptroller certain civil penalties collected from behavioral health programs and the Comptroller to distribute the penalties into the Fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support	PH

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HB 765	Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt	Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit for the purpose of canceling the debt; requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities; requiring a purchaser of medical debt to notify the patient of certain information; etc.	Ivey	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI	FYI
HB 776 (SB 423)	Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act - Revisions	Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and making language consistent across certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain licensure requirements; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain disciplinary procedures; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/25 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC

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HB 783 (SB 458)	Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training	Requiring applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Letter of Info	BC
HB 798 (SB 589)	Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard	Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid-related settlement information with the public; requiring counties and municipalities receiving settlement funding to provide certain information to the Department to include on the dashboard in a certain manner; etc.	Lehman	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations			PH

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HB 813 (SB 438)	Pharmacy Benefits Administration - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Pharmacy Benefits Managers	Altering the reimbursement levels for drug products that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to establish and that pharmacy benefits managers that contract with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization are required to reimburse the pharmacy; and altering the definition of "purchaser" for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating pharmacy benefits managers to include certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/27 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
HB 820	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Use of Artificial Intelligence	Requiring that certain carriers, pharmacy benefits managers, and private review agents ensure that artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools are used in a certain manner when used for conducting utilization review.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 830 (SB 476)	Health Insurance - Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost-Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for genetic testing for certain individuals who may have an increased risk of developing cancer and follow-up evidence-based cancer imaging for individuals with an increased risk of developing cancer; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the coverage.	D. Jones	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
HB 845 (SB 83)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve not more than six programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support	PH

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HB 848 (SB 474)	Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Reporting and Examinations	Requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by carrier for a type of service has grown by more than 10% in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of a certain examination.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 867	State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Prescriptive Authority and Administration of Medication	Repealing the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council within the Board of Physicians; altering the drugs that may be administered by a naturopathic doctor; and altering the methods by which a naturopathic doctor may administer medication.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 869 (SB 372)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025	Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 871	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program	Altering the definition of "community health benefit" to include a community health worker workforce program which is intended to provide services to patients of a nonprofit hospital and to improve health outcomes; authorizing a nonprofit hospital and a community-based organization to establish through a memorandum of understanding a community health worker workforce program; requiring a partnership that establishes a community health worker workforce program to provide health insurance to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI	FYI
HB 884	Public Health - Sale of Diet Pills to Minors - Prohibition	Establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding the sale of diet pills to individuals under the age of 18 years.	Vogel	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position	PH
HB 926 (SB 681)	Health Care Malpractice Claims - Health Care Provider - Definition	Altering the definition of "health care provider" to include employees, agents, or contractors of a hospital who are licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to render health care services in Maryland in provisions relating to health care malpractice claims.	Williams	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Judiciary	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary		No Position	BC

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HB 962 (SB 696)	Public Health - Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients	Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes both private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting possible; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Appropriations	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations		Support	PH
HB 970 (SB 646)	Health Insurance - Insulin - Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols	Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for insulin or certain other similar medication that is being used to treat an insured's or enrollee's diabetes.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/27 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 1020 (SB 614)	Consumer Protection - Credit Reporting - Medical Debt (Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)	Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from furnishing any consumer report containing certain adverse information relating to a consumer's medical debt, or any collection action against a consumer for medical debt, or maintain a file on a consumer related to medical debt or collections; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information from a consumer report for certain purposes; prohibiting a health care facility, a health care practitioner, or an ambulance service from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.	Palakovich Carr	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		FYI	FYI
SB 1	Legally Protected Health Care - Reproductive, Fertility Preservation, and Contraceptive Treatment and Services (IVF and Contraception Shield Act of 2025)	Altering the definition of "legally protected health care" to include certain reproductive, fertility preservation, and contraceptive treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations disciplinary actions and certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing canceled	Finance		Monitor	PH

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SB 5 (HB 297)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal	Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 25 (HB 152)	Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications	Specifying certain qualifications necessary for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 29	Education - Phone-Free Schools Pilot Program - Establishment	Establishing the Phone-Free Schools Pilot Program; requiring the Carroll County and Montgomery County public school systems to develop and implement a policy that prohibits student cell phone use during the school day, subject to certain exceptions; and requiring the eligible school systems to submit a report on the effectiveness of the Pilot Program on or before September 1, 2026.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 2:30 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 1/29 2:30 PM		Support	PH

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SB 36 (HB 421)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline	Authorizing the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for costs related to the operation of the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, including software interfaces and joint training; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.	Kagan	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Budget and Taxation Wed 1/15 10:30 AM	Health and Government Operations	Support	PH
SB 60 (HB 666)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing for individuals who have at least three of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or a family history of premature coronary artery disease.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI

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SB 72 (HB 367)	Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing	Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency for licensure, certification, or registration; adding manners of acceptable proof of English proficiency for the State Board of Nursing; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 83 (HB 845)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve not more than six programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/4 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 94 (HB 553)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring	Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; requiring the Program to develop and implement an education campaign to inform eligible program recipients and health care providers about the benefits of blood pressure monitoring and the availability of certain assistance; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report beginning December 1, 2027 on the program's outcomes.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 111 (HB 382)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription to Treat Serious Mental Illness	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail-first protocol for prescription drugs used to treat certain mental illnesses of certain insureds and enrollees.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 129 (HB 474)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Advisory Committee and Hospital Reporting	Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish a health equity measures advisory committee to determine the 10 widest disparities in health care quality, access, or outcomes for vulnerable populations; and requiring the health equity advisory committee to review the health equity reports submitted annually to the Department by licensed hospitals in the State.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
SB 130	County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Device Use Policy - Established	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular device during instructional time during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from preventing a student from using a cellular device for any purpose documented in a student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, or for education purposes when directed by an educator or administrator.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 2:30 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 1/29 2:30 PM		Support	PH

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SB 140 (HB 690)	Overdose Awareness Day	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.	Jackson	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Education, Energy, and the Environment		FYI	FYI
SB 149 (HB 128)	Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025	Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 156 (HB 334)	Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services - Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns residing in the State; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; requiring a report on the status of newborn nurse home visiting services by December 1, 2026; etc.	Lewis Young	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/29 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 163	Health - General Article - References to Mental Health	Replacing references to mental hygiene with references to mental health in certain provisions of law governing public health.	M. Washington	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Finance Wed 1/15 10:30 AM	Health and Government Operations	FYI	FYI
SB 211 (HB 116)	Health Insurance - Federal Conformity - Definitions of Health Benefit Plan	Altering certain definitions of "health benefit plan" to conform to federal regulatory requirements for hospital indemnity.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 3:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/16 3:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 214 (HB 12)	Cannabis - Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses	Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10-108 of the Criminal Law Article; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 215 (HB 132)	Cannabis - On-Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events	Limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration to hold certain cannabis events; providing certain fees for a cannabis event registration; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/30 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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SB 222 (HB 46)	Public Health - Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council - Membership	Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Finance Thu 1/16 3:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	FYI	FYI
SB 224 (HB 94)	Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs - Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee	Authorizing a local health department or community-based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Finance Tue 1/21 3:00 PM	Health and Government Operations	No Position	PH
SB 253 (HB 62)	Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements	Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 2:30 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 1/29 2:30 PM		Oppose	PH

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SB 277 (HB 466)	Health Equality for Service Members Act	Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.	Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Tue 1/28 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 303 (HB 321)	Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law	Altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; and repealing certain provisions that restrict applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 306	Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services - Reimbursements	Requiring the State Workers' Compensation Commission to regulate fees and other charges for the reimbursements of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services; and limiting covered reimbursements to a cost index or indexes.	Beidle	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support with Amendment	HI

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SB 310	Education - Youth Suicide Prevention School Program - Revisions	Altering the requirements of the Youth Suicide Prevention School Program to increase pupil awareness of the relationship between gambling and youth suicide.	Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/12 2:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 328 (HB 665)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, beginning on July 1, 2026, to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/4 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 349 (HB 428)	Medical Debt - Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens	Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.	Love	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/29 11:00 AM		FYI	FYI
SB 356 (HB 39)	Public Health - Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Carlton R. Smith Act)	Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.	Smith	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/29 11:00 AM		Support	PH

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SB 357 (HB 424)	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)	Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; etc.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/6 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
SB 368 (HB 630)	County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Phone Use Policy - Establishment (Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act)	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, not later than the 2026-2027 school year, a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting a student's use of a cellular phone for any purpose documented in the student's individualized education program to monitor or address a student's documented health issue during an emergency event or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes.	Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 2:30 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 1/29 2:30 PM		Support	PH

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SB 370 (HB 556)	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/29 11:00 AM		Support	PH
SB 372 (HB 869)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025	Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 374 (HB 459)	Health Insurance - Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters - Required Coverage (James "Jimmy" Malone Act)	Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage without the requirement for copayment, coinsurance, or deductible to professional firefighters for cancer screening in accordance with certain guidelines; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management and certain counties and municipalities to ensure that certain employee health benefit plans comply with coverage requirements for professional firefighters.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 393 (HB 529)	Health Insurance - Prescription Drug Formularies and Coverage for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars	Requiring certain carriers to post updated, accurate, and complete prescription drug formularies and changes to the formularies in a certain manner on a carrier's website; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to make certain generic drugs and biosimilars available on a formulary with certain cost sharing.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/5 2:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 397	Motorcycles - Protective Headgear Requirement - Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)	Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years of age who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual's passenger.	McKay	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
SB 406 (HB 383)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses (So Every Body Can Move Act)	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2026; defining "orthosis" as a certain custom device to treat a neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disorder or acquired condition; and establishing that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must comply with certain provider network requirements.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 407 (HB 602)	State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)	Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/4 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 411	Health Insurance - Postpartum Depression Screening - Required Coverage and Authorized Cost Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for postpartum depression screening; authorizing the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to subject a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage for postpartum depression screening; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 423 (HB 776)	Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act - Revisions	Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and making language consistent across certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain licensure requirements; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain disciplinary procedures; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/4 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
SB 437 (HB 418)	Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate	Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay certain nonparticipating health care providers for services.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI

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SB 438 (HB 813)	Pharmacy Benefits Administration - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Pharmacy Benefits Managers	Altering the reimbursement levels for drug products that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to establish and that pharmacy benefits managers that contract with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization are required to reimburse the pharmacy; and altering the definition of "purchaser" for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating pharmacy benefits managers to include certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
SB 447	Hospitals - Emergency Medical Conditions - Procedures	Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on an individual presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the individual has an emergency medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of an individual who has an emergency medical condition; prohibiting a hospital from taking adverse action against a provider for not transferring a patient who is not stabilized; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 448	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Directed Mental Health Services - Pilot Program	Establishing the Self-Directed Mental Health Services Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to facilitate access to clinically appropriate, person-centered, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed self-directed services in the most integrated setting appropriate for certain recipients of services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Governor in fiscal years 2027 through 2029 to include \$300,000 in the annual budget bill for the Pilot Program; and requiring a certain report.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
SB 458 (HB 783)	Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training	Requiring applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Letter of Info	BC

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SB 474 (HB 848)	Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Reporting and Examinations	Requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by the carrier for a type of service has grown by more than 10% in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of a certain examination.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 475 (HB 659)	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Exemption for Participation in Value-Based Care Arrangements	Prohibiting certain carriers from imposing a prior authorization, step therapy, or quantity limit requirement on eligible providers for health care services that are included in a two-sided incentive arrangement.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 476 (HB 830)	Health Insurance - Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost-Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for genetic testing for certain individuals who may have an increased risk of developing cancer and follow-up evidence-based cancer imaging for individuals with an increased risk of developing cancer; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the coverage.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
SB 490 (HB 696)	State Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and Workgroups - Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity Requirements	Eliminating citizenship requirements for boards and commissions; and requiring that members of boards, committees, commissions, task forces, and workgroups reflect the full diversity of the State to the extent practicable.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Thu 2/20 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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SB 495 (HB 728)	Opioid Restitution Fund - Authorized Uses	Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 508 (HB 381)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Aesthetic Services and Restorative Care for Victims of Domestic Violence (Healing Our Scars Act)	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage to victims of domestic violence for aesthetic services and restorative care determined to be medically necessary for the treatment of physical injuries caused by domestic violence.	Henson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 518	Health Insurance - Screening for Ovarian Cancer - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide individuals over at least 45 years of age with coverage for certain preventive screenings for ovarian cancer, including MRI and CT scans; and prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage for the preventive screenings.	Charles	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Hold	HI
SB 519	Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment	Establishing the Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program to provide grants to improve awareness of and access to prostate cancer care services for individuals in the State; establishing the Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, to include an appropriation of \$100,000 for the program in the annual budget bill; and requiring that the interest earnings of the Fund be credited to the Fund.	Charles	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		No Position	HI

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SB 538 (HB 534)	Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact; authorizing a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a member state; establishing the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact Licensure Commission to oversee the Compact and its powers and duties; and providing that the Act is contingent on enactment of substantially similar legislation in four other states.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 539	Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Shared Custody or Visitation Schedules	Requiring health care providers who are authorized to prescribe to issue two prescriptions of each drug prescribed for a child if a parent of the child presents the prescriber with a court-ordered or court-approved shared custody or visitation schedule; and requiring a health care provider authorized to dispense prescription drugs to fill the prescription under certain circumstances.	Charles	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 547	Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling - Establishment	Establishing the Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling to study the pooling of public employee health insurance purchasing between the State, counties, municipal corporations, and county boards of education in the State to maximize value and efficiency while maintaining a broad package of benefits and reasonable premiums for public employees.	James	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 560	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Membership and Purposes	Altering the membership of the Maryland Commission on Health Equity; and altering the purposes of the Commission to include employing a health equity framework to examine the impact of access to transportation, transit programs, and transit services and proximity to health care facilities and primary care providers on the health of residents of the State.	M. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/13 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
SB 584 (HB 113)	Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death	Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/11 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 589 (HB 798)	Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard	Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid-related settlement information with the public; requiring counties and municipalities receiving settlement funding to provide certain information to the Department to include on the dashboard in a certain manner; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/18 1:00 PM			PH
SB 592 (HB 743)	Public Health - Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs - Establishment	Establishing the Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs in the Maryland Department of Health to provide funding for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve behavioral health care services in the State; requiring the Department to pay to the Comptroller certain civil penalties collected from behavioral health programs and the Comptroller to distribute the penalties into the Fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 594 (HB 729)	Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program	Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include addressing racial disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
SB 599	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program - Funding	Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/19 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 604	Criminal Law - Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Serious Bodily Injury or Death (Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law)	Prohibiting an individual from distributing heroin or fentanyl or chemical analogues of heroin or fentanyl, the use of which results in the death or serious bodily injury of another; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and, in addition to any other penalty imposed for a certain violation, on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/12 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
SB 614 (HB 1020)	Consumer Protection - Credit Reporting - Medical Debt (Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)	Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from including certain medical debt information in a consumer report; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information included in a consumer report when making a creditworthiness determination; prohibiting certain entities from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/20 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 641	Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids	Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for minors and adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.	Gallion	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Hold	HI

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SB 646 (HB 970)	Health Insurance - Insulin - Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols	Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for insulin or certain other similar medication that is being used to treat an insured's or enrollee's diabetes.	Muse	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support	HI
SB 658	Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Provisions	Altering the noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in employment contracts or similar documents that are null and void as being against public policy.	Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/19 1:00 PM		Hold	BC
SB 681 (HB 926)	Health Care Malpractice Claims - Health Care Provider - Definition	Altering the definition of "health care provider" to include an employee, agent, or contractor of a hospital who is licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to render health care services in Maryland in provisions relating to health care malpractice claims.	Charles	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings		No Position	BC
SB 684	Public Health - Health Equity Dashboard	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard at least every 30 days.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 696 (HB 962)	Public Health - Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients	Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes both private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting possible; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 793 (HB 572)	Public Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs		Mautz	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Oppose	PH

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