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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Position	Subcom
HB 46	Sports Wagering - Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program - Establishment	Establishing the Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program in the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; requiring Bowie State University and Morgan State University to participate in the Pilot Program; requiring the Commission, in collaboration with certain entities, to designate certain no gambling zones on each campus, develop certain informational signage, and identify and implement certain technologies; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on the Pilot Program on or before January 1, 2031.	Queen	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Ways and Means		FYI	FYI
HB 49	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 - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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HB 60 (SB 421)	Sickle Cell Disease - Institutions of Higher Education - Policies, Procedures, and Educational Campaigns (Kaitlyn's Law)	Prohibiting an institution of higher education from denying access or services to a student based on the student's diagnosis of sickle cell disease; requiring an institution of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations for students with sickle cell disease; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop an education and awareness campaign, designed to enhance understanding of sickle cell disease and reduce stigmas, for institutions of higher education in the State regarding students with sickle cell disease; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance	Appropriations Tue 1/27 1:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance	FYI	FYI
HB 88	Health Insurance - Bulk Purchasing Pools for Prescription Drugs	Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to join bulk purchasing pools for prescription drugs.	Taveras	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health Thu 2/5 1:45 PM		No Position	HI
HB 105	Public Health - Restaurants - Disclosure of Main Food Allergens	Requiring restaurants to make available to each customer a written disclosure of each main food allergen, if any, that is an ingredient in each menu item; and excluding a violation of the Act from certain criminal penalties.	Foley	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		Support with Amendment	PH

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HB 137 (SB 222)	Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications	Establishing qualifications for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator; and authorizing a court to waive certain requirements for a court employee or an individual under contract with the court under certain circumstances.	Kaufman	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 1/29 2:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 153 (SB 12)	Residential Rental Apartments - Air-Conditioning Requirement	Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to residential rental units in apartment buildings with four or more individual dwelling units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2026, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2026, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement or substantial upgrade of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.	Lehman	In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters Thu 2/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 158	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program	Establishing the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to support pregnant and postpartum Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients who have higher risks of pregnancy complications because of maternal hypertension or maternal diabetes; requiring the Department to select at least one managed care organization to administer the Program; requiring the managed care organizations to contract with a technology vendor to offer remote patient monitoring services to participants; etc.	Woods	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health Wed 2/4 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 166	Public Health - Henrietta Lacks Commission - Establishment (Henrietta Lacks Commission of Maryland Act of 2026)	Establishing the Henrietta Lacks Commission to take certain actions related to the legacy of Henrietta Lacks and the use of HeLa cells; and requiring the Commission, beginning in 2027, to report by December 1 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities regarding oversight of life sciences activities in the State and promotion of education on the life of Henrietta Lacks.	Metzgar	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 178	Public Health - Sickle Cell Disease - Specialized Clinics and Scholarship Program for Medical Residents	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain specialized clinics for the management and treatment of sickle cell disease and establish a scholarship program for medical residents who specialize in classical hematology with a focus on sickle cell disease; and requiring the Governor for fiscal year 2028 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$6,138,000 to support clinic operations, staffing, training, and social support services.	Patterson	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:30 p.m.	Health Tue 2/10 2:30 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 181	Public Health - Restaurants - Disclosure of Main Food Allergens	Requiring restaurants to make available to each customer a certain written disclosure of each main food allergen, if any, that the restaurant knows or reasonably should know is an ingredient in each menu item.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/3 3:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 196 (SB 570)	Public Health - Baby Food Testing - Definition of Baby Food	Altering the definition of "baby food" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing baby food testing to include, rather than exclude, infant formula and to include infant cereal; and altering the defined term "toxic heavy metal" to be "toxic element" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing baby food testing.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/4 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 203	Labor and Employment - Training Repayment Agreements - Prohibition	Prohibiting employers from requiring, as a condition of employment, employees or prospective employees to enter into training repayment agreements; defining "training repayment agreement" as one that requires an employee to pay an employer or a third party, such as a training provider, a sum of money if the employee voluntarily or involuntarily leaves employment with the employer; and providing that an agreement that constitutes a training repayment agreement is null and void as being against the public policy of the State.	Vogel	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections Thu 2/5 2:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 209	Health Care Providers - Assisted Reproductive Treatment - Informed Consent and Fraud	Prohibiting a health care provider from using the health care provider's human reproductive material when providing assisted reproductive treatment without the consent of the recipient of the treatment; prohibiting a health care provider from using a donor's human 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 - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		No Position	PH

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HB 222	Educational Institutions - Opioid Overdose-Reversing Medications - Policy Requirements (Naloxone Access Act)	Requiring the State Board of Education to update a certain drug addiction and prevention education program to include information on the mitigating effects of naloxone or other opioid overdose-reversing medication; requiring each county board of education and certain institutions of higher education to update certain policies to include information on authorized possession of naloxone or other opioid overdose-reversing medication by certain individuals and immunity from liability; etc.	Vogel	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Appropriations; Ways and Means Tue 1/20 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 273 (SB 14)	Health Insurance - Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Enrollment - Effective Dates	Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods.	Chair, Health Committee	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Thu 1/29 2:00 PM	Finance	FYI	FYI
HB 277 (SB 139)	Insurance - Third Party Administrators - Enforcement	Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.	Chair, Health Committee	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Thu 1/29 2:00 PM	Finance	Support	HI

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HB 279 (SB 196)	Correctional Services - Medication Review Committee - Administration of Psychotropic Medication to an Incarcerated Individual	Authorizing the establishment of a medication review committee within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that convenes to determine whether to approve the administration of psychotropic medication to a certain incarcerated individual under certain circumstances; providing that psychotropic medication may not be administered to an incarcerated individual who refuses the medication except under certain circumstances; etc.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 280 (SB 205)	Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - Codification of Federal Requirements	Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Favorable Report by Health	Health Thu 1/29 2:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 291 (SB 102)	Sports Wagering Proceeds - Promotional Play Exclusion - Limitation	Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to establish a certain limit, by regulation, on the amount of money given away as free promotional play by a sports wagering licensee that may be excluded from sports wagering proceeds.	Chair, Ways and Means Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 2/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 316	Confidentiality of Medical Records - Definition of Medical Record	Altering the definition of "medical record" for purposes of law governing the confidentiality of medical records to require that certain information be recorded by a health care provider through certain means, instead of entered into the record of a patient or recipient, and to include certain electronic messages.	Kaufman	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/3 3:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 322 (SB 260)	Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership	Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including a representative of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.	Kerr	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Wed 2/11 2:00 PM	Finance	No Position	BC

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HB 331 (SB 342)	Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program	Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a beverage container stewardship organization; etc.	Terrasa	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation) and Hearing canceled (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Environment and Transportation Wed 2/11 1:00 PM Wed 2/11 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 340 (SB 238)	School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact	Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.	Mireku-North	In the House - Favorable Report by Ways and Means	Ways and Means Wed 2/11 2:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 341	Maryland Commission for Boys' and Men's Health - Establishment	Establishing the Maryland Commission for Boys' and Men's Health in the Maryland Department of Health; providing the purpose of the Commission is to raise public awareness of health issues specific to boys and men, including prostate and testicular cancer, oral cancer, cardiovascular disease, depression, diabetes, and substance use disorders; and requiring the Commission to submit a report every 2 years beginning in 2028, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly, with recommendations for certain policy changes.	Wims	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:30 p.m.	Health Tue 2/10 2:30 PM		No Position	PH
HB 372 (SB 169)	Hospitals - Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions - Procedures	Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on a patient presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the patient has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of a patient who has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances; etc.	Lopez	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Wed 2/11 2:00 PM	Finance	Support	BC

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HB 377 (SB 326)	Physician Assistants - Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners	Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program, and the Attendant Care Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related to examinations by a physician assistant for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/4 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
HB 385 (SB 269)	Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Evidence - Rebuttable Presumption of Medical Bills	Establishing a rebuttable presumption in an action for personal injury or wrongful death that a medical bill from a health care provider or an agent of the health care provider is authentic, fair, and reasonable if the bill was properly provided in discovery; and establishing that a party may overcome the presumption that a medical bill is authentic, fair, and reasonable by proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the medical bill, or any charge in a medical bill, is not authentic, is unfair, or is unreasonable.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 393 (SB 272)	Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.	Nkongolo	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Thu 2/5 1:45 PM	Finance	No Position	HI
HB 410 (SB 546)	Public Health - Food and Milk Product Labeling - Requirements	Establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding food and milk product labeling; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to create a marketing program and educational materials to inform consumers about the meaning of quality dates and safety dates for food labels by July 1, 2027, and to post the information on the Department's website.	Boyce	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/3 3:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 417 (SB 435)	Public Health - Medetomidine and Xylazine Consumer Protection Act	Prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine product or xylazine product unless the purchaser provides proof the intended use is for institutional, veterinary, or scientific purposes; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to an individual under the age of 21 years; requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to maintain certain records; etc.	Pippy	In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Health	Health Tue 2/10 2:30 PM		Support	PH
HB 420 (SB 242)	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction; and altering the definition of "eligible veteran" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.	Rogers	In the House - Reassigned to Government, Labor, and Elections and Health	Government, Labor, and Elections; Health Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 422 (SB 394)	Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis and Licensed Certified Midwives	Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care providers may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner.	Bagnall	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Wed 2/11 2:00 PM	Finance	Support	PH
HB 427 (SB 336)	Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances - Extension	Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.	Guzzone	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Tue 2/10 2:30 PM	Finance	No Position	PH

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HB 445 (SB 276)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses (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, 2027; clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job-related activities or performing certain other physical activities; etc.	Martinez	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Thu 2/12 1:30 PM	Finance	No Position	HI
HB 468	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 for 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 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 2/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 476 (SB 474)	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 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 494	Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting	Requiring certain entities to provide reimbursement to health care providers in a manner that meets the annual primary care investment targets established by the State on or after February 1, 2026; and requiring certain entities to provide a description of the entity's progress in meeting the annual primary care investment targets to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner when filing a premium rate or premium rate change with the Commissioner.	Bagnall	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Thu 2/12 1:30 PM	Finance	Support	HI

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HB 498 (SB 444)	Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities	Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for intermediate care facilities that offer substance use disorder treatment services; providing a certificate of need is not required for a change in bed capacity at certain facilities offering certain treatment services if a written notice is filed with the Commission 45 days before the facility's establishment, the facility is consistent with the State Health Plan, will result in more efficient service delivery, and is in the public interest; etc.	Cullison	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Wed 2/11 2:00 PM	Finance	FYI	FYI
HB 504	State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Physician Members - Repeal	Altering the membership of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by removing the physician members.	Martinez	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		Oppose	BC
HB 515	Public Health - Local Drug Overdose Fatality Review Teams - Membership	Requiring that the hospital representative on a local drug overdose fatality review team be a vice president, a chief medical officer, or an assistant medical officer at the hospital.	Vogel	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 520 (SB 470)	State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance	Altering the drugs that may be prescribed, provided, or administered or for which a starter dose may be dispensed by a naturopathic doctor; altering the methods by which a naturopathic doctor may administer medication; altering the requirements for renewal of a naturopathic doctor license; altering the grounds for discipline of naturopathic doctors; requiring the State Board of Physicians to include certain information regarding professional liability insurance on a naturopathic doctor's licensee profile; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 2:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/17 2:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 526	Civil Actions - Settlement Agreements - Payment and Release	Requiring a settling defendant in a tort action for money damages to provide a proposed release to a plaintiff within 10 days and to pay all sums due to a plaintiff under a settlement agreement within 15 days; providing for the protection by a plaintiff of certain third-party rights of recovery or subrogation; and establishing the accrual of interest on settlement sums under certain circumstances.	Kaufman	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 529 (SB 244)	Code Revision - Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program	Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.	The Speaker	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Tue 2/17 2:00 PM	Finance	No Position	PH

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HB 544	Vehicle Laws - Cannabis Use in Motor Vehicle With Minor Occupant - Prohibition	Prohibiting an individual from smoking, vaping, or consuming cannabis in the passenger area of a motor vehicle in which a minor is an occupant.	R. Long	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/11 2:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 551 (SB 327)	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Paraphernalia Prohibitions - Repeal	Repealing prohibitions relating to drug paraphernalia and controlled paraphernalia.	Simpson	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 595 (SB 466)	Income Tax - Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Alterations	Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community-based clinical training; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.	Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Health; Ways and Means Thu 2/12 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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HB 598 (SB 380)	Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians	Authorizing the State Board of Physicians, beginning October 1, 2028, to issue a license, not to exceed 3 years, to practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications and application fees and to provide a pathway to full licensure; etc.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
HB 599	Health - Licensure of Hospitals - Ownership Requirements	Requiring that hospitals, to qualify for a license on or after October 1, 2026, qualify as a nonprofit organization under federal law and be registered as a nonprofit organization with the State; requiring hospitals that receive licensure on or after October 1, 2026, to maintain status as a nonprofit organization as a condition of licensure; and providing that, on or after October 1, 2026, the ownership of a licensed hospital may be transferred only to a nonprofit organization.	Hill	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Wed 2/11 2:00 PM	Finance	No Position	BC
HB 615 (SB 563)	Health Facilities - Confidentiality of Medical Records - Crisis Pregnancy Clinics	Applying certain provisions of law governing the confidentiality of medical records to crisis pregnancy clinics.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 616 (SB 515)	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Health Facilities - Jurisdiction and Rate Setting	Altering the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and requiring the Commission, in carrying out certain responsibilities relating to evaluating facility resources to meet certain financial requirements and reviewing costs and rates of hospital services, to take into account all costs incurred or expenditures made by a health facility in connection with the operation of the facility.	Cullison	In the House - First Reading Health	Health		Support with Amendment	BC
HB 619 (SB 333)	Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.	Cullison	In the House - Favorable Report by Health	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 624 (SB 411)	Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2026)	Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring each clinical staffing committee to develop a clinical staffing plan; requiring, on or before July 1 each year, each hospital's clinical staffing committee to conduct a review of the clinical staffing plan for certain purposes; requiring, on or before January 1, 2028, each hospital to implement a clinical staffing plan and assign personnel in accordance with the plan; etc.	White Holland	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		Support	BC
HB 632	Certificate of Need - Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services - Exemption	Altering the definition of "medical service" for the purpose of providing an exemption to the certificate of need requirement by removing psychiatry and any subcategory of psychiatry; and providing that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate a psychiatric health care facility or to offer psychiatric or other mental health services at a health care facility.	Grammer	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 633 (SB 551)	Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide individuals with salpingectomy coverage for ovarian cancer prevention; and prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the salpingectomy coverage.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 637 (SB 385)	Public Health - Recommendations for Immunizations, Screenings, and Preventive Services - Pharmacist Administration and Required Health Insurance Coverage (The Vax Act)	Requiring the Secretary of Health to issue recommendations for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services based on certain evidence-based scientific and clinical guidance; altering the authority of pharmacists to administer certain vaccinations; altering the health insurance coverage requirements for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services; and repealing obsolete language regarding the pertussis vaccine.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/26 1:30 PM		Support	PH

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HB 646	Driver Licensing - Self-Reporting of Medical Conditions	Requiring that a medical provider report or physician referral be the primary factor in the Motor Vehicle Administration's decision on whether to issue, refuse, or cancel a driver's license for driver's license holders or applicants who self-report a diagnosis of certain medical conditions, subject to a certain exception; authorizing the Administration in its discretion to require additional testing of a licensee or an applicant who provides notice of a diagnosis; etc.	Guyton	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Thu 2/19 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 672	Public Health - Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund - Entities Eligible for Grants	Altering which entities are eligible to receive grants from the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to exclude certain physicians, laboratories, and persons, and include certain nonprofit institutions.	Shetty	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Tue 2/17 2:00 PM	Finance	No Position	PH
HB 679	Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors	Prohibiting a licensed health care practitioner from prescribing, dispensing, or administering a cross-sex hormone or otherwise providing cross-sex hormone therapy for the treatment of a mental health diagnoses associated with gender nonconformity, including gender dysphoria, to an individual who is a minor.	Arikan	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Wed 2/18 1:30 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 684	Health Insurance - Material Changes to Provider Networks - Notification and Special Enrollment Period	Requiring certain health systems to comply with certain insurance provisions regarding notice of termination of contracts; altering the notification requirements a carrier is required to provide an enrollee regarding changes to the carrier's provider panel; altering the notice requirements a carrier is required to provide to the Insurance Commissioner for certain material changes to the carrier's provider panel; requiring certain notice if a carrier and health system intend to terminate certain contracts; etc.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 704 (SB 586)	Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program - Establishment	Establishing the Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program in the State Department of Education to provide funding to eligible schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision of the child nutrition programs; requiring schools that opt out of the Community Eligibility Provision of the Child Nutrition Program to include certain information in a certain report; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2028 and succeeding years to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.	Palakovich Carr	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations) and Hearing canceled (Ways and Means)	Appropriations; Ways and Means Tue 2/17 1:00 PM Tue 2/17 1:00 PM Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 714	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 - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 715 (SB 602)	Algorithmic Addiction Fund - Establishment	Establishing the Algorithmic Addiction Fund to be administered by the Maryland Department of Health; providing the Fund consists of all civil penalties received by the State from any source resulting, directly or indirectly, from a judgment against or settlement relating to claims concerning harm to children from the use of social media and the improper use of algorithms; requiring the Secretary to make a report to the General Assembly by November 1 each year concerning the provision of algorithmic addiction intervention services; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations)	Appropriations; Economic Matters Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 737 (SB 416)	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.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 739	Health Insurance - Prompt Payment of Claims - Requirements	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to send certain communications in a certain manner; establishing that certain communications by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations shall be considered denials of all or part of certain claims for reimbursement; and requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to deny all or part of certain claims for reimbursement under certain circumstances.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support	HI

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HB 740	Public Schools - School-Based Mental Health Services - Full-Time Therapist	Requiring each public school to employ a full-time therapist that provides school-based mental health services to students during the instructional day; and requiring the full-time therapist to be licensed and certified by the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.	Stinnett	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Health; Ways and Means Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 746 (SB 428)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health and certain carriers from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model statewide in primary care settings that provide health care services to Program recipients.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support	HI

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HB 758	Problem Gambling - Authorized Uses of Funds - Alterations	Altering the purposes for which the Secretary of Health may make grants from or agreements for the use of State and federal funds with respect to the provision of services for problem gamblers; and altering the purposes for which the Maryland Department of Health may utilize the Problem Gambling Fund to provide reimbursement to support peers providing behavioral health services to individuals with problem gambling issues who are receiving treatment or participating in certain prevention programs.	Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 2/19 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 766 (SB 623)	Retail Tobacco Businesses and Establishment of a Premium Cigar Lounge Alcoholic Beverages License (Maryland Premium Cigar Lounge Act of 2026)	Establishing a Class C-PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with a certain tobacco products retailer license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license; prohibiting a county clerk from issuing a certain tobacco products retailer license if the location is adjacent to a health care facility or a child care facility; exempting a holder of a certain tobacco products retailer license from the Clean Indoor Air Act; providing an annual license fee of \$100; etc.	A. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections Mon 2/23 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 771	Health Occupations - Human Trafficking Awareness Training	Requiring each health occupations board to adopt certain regulations related to continuing education credits for a certain human trafficking awareness training program on or before October 1, 2026; and establishing requirements for the training program.	Miller	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 772	Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization - Establishment	Establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization in the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop transparent, cost-based reimbursement methodologies for certified community behavioral health clinics and outpatient mental health centers; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2027.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH

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HB 795	Health Insurance - Artificial Intelligence - Grievance Process and Reporting (AI Health Insurance Accountability Act of 2026)	Requiring that a carrier's internal grievance process provide for human review of grievances resulting from adverse decisions made using artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools; requiring carriers to report certain information on grievances resulting from adverse decisions made using artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools; requiring a carrier to provide a model review process under certain circumstances; etc.	Wu	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 808 (SB 490)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from applying a prior authorization requirement in certain circumstances to and from applying a step therapy or fail-first protocol for a prescription drug used to treat an adult enrollee's diagnosis of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, major depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, or a medication-induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of serious mental illness.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support	HI

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HB 813 (SB 496)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity - Authorization	Authorizing, beginning January 1, 2027, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients if the Department elects to provide the comprehensive coverage.	Martinez	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health Tue 2/17 2:00 PM	Finance	No Position	HI
HB 838 (SB 562)	State Board of Pharmacy - Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements	Repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber-pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber-pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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HB 860	Petitions for Emergency Evaluation (Arnaud and Magruder Memorial Act)	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 requiring peace officers to comply with a certain provision of law when executing a petition.	Alston	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 2:00 p.m. (Health)	Health; Judiciary Tue 2/17 2:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 865	Health Insurance - Remittance Advice - Interest on Late-Paid Claims	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that owe interest on claims under a certain provision of law to provide certain remittance advice that separately identifies and itemizes the interest owed claims.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		Support	HI

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HB 883	Consumer Protection - Artificial Intelligence - Behavioral Health Care Prohibitions	Prohibiting a developer of artificial intelligence from making, or knowingly causing artificial intelligence to make, certain representations or statements relating to behavioral health care subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000,000; requiring a developer artificial intelligence sold, leased, given, or otherwise provided to consumers in the State to include a certain notice or protocols; authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action for an alleged violation of the Act; etc.	Qi	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters) and Hearing canceled (Health)	Economic Matters; Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 886	Certified Peer Recovery Specialists - Coverage Under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance and Workgroup on Certification	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for services provided in any setting by certain certified peer recovery specialists; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a certain workgroup on the certification process of peer recovery specialists.	Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/19 1:30 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 894 (SB 389)	Land Use - Transit-Oriented Development - Alterations (Maryland Transit and Housing Opportunity Act)	Providing for the automatic designation of certain transit-oriented developments as enterprise zones; requiring the Maryland Development Corporation to prioritize certain redevelopment projects when making loans under the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on land located near certain transit stations; delaying the collection of certain development excise taxes and development impact fees for certain residential real estate projects; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Environment and Transportation Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 906	Civil Actions - Punitive Damage Awards - Surcharge	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with gross negligence; requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a certain surcharge on a defendant against whom a judgment for punitive damages is entered; requiring the Administrator to deposit money collected from the surcharge into the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund; etc.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 917	Health Insurance - Retroactive Denial of Reimbursement	Altering the circumstances under which a carrier may retroactively deny reimbursement; altering the information a carrier is required to provide to a health care provider if the carrier retroactively denies reimbursement; prohibiting a carrier from retroactively denying reimbursement under certain circumstances; and requiring certain carriers that retroactively deny reimbursement to develop a certain training plan for health care providers.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/26 1:30 PM		Support	HI
HB 921	Juvenile Law - Confinement and Restrictive Housing - Limitations	Limiting the circumstances under which an incarcerated minor may be involuntarily placed in restrictive housing; establishing that a minor may not be placed in restrictive housing solely for the purposes of discipline, punishment, administrative convenience, retaliation, or staff shortages; authorizing the Department of Juvenile Services to place a minor in restrictive housing at the minor's request; and specifying certain protocols for minors placed in restrictive housing.	Moreno	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 2/26 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 922 (SB 702)	Behavioral Health Administration - Behavioral Health Program Relocation - Regulations	Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to adopt regulations authorizing a behavioral health program to relocate to another site; and requiring the regulations to address an expedited approval process, the use of documentation previously submitted, providing authorization for temporary approvals for a relocation, and authorization to consider the program's regulatory record as a basis for expediting the process.	Hutchinson	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
HB 944 (SB 494)	Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificates of Need and Material Change Transactions	Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for certain mergers; requiring certain health care entities to provide certain notice of a material change transaction to the Maryland Health Care Commission and the public; establishing a public interest review process for material change transactions, including criteria for determining whether a material change transaction is subject to a public interest review; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 965 (SB 240)	Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council - Establishment	Establishing the Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council to provide feedback to the Office of Health Care Quality regarding maintaining oversight of health care facilities and to notify the Secretary of Health if the Office is negligent in providing oversight of health care facilities; requiring the Advisory Council, beginning January 1, 2027, to hold a virtual public meeting once every 6 months; and requiring a summary of each public meeting to be published on the Council's website within 30 days of the meeting.	Worman	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 971	Maryland Medical Advisory Committee - Duties and Workgroup to Study the Adoption of a Fee-for-Service Model for All Medicaid Services	Requiring the Maryland Medical Advisory Committee to form subcommittees and workgroups, as necessary, to carry out the duties of the Committee; establishing the Workgroup to Study the Adoption of a Fee-for-Service Model for all Medicaid Services to study the feasibility of implementing a direct care payment model throughout the State's Medicaid program; and requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Advisory Committee and certain members of the General Assembly by January 1, 2027.	Woods	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		FYI	FYI

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HB 992 (SB 655)	Electronic Device Producer Responsibility Program - Established	Altering the contents and use of the State Recycling Trust Fund; establishing a separate covered electronic device producer responsibility program plan and annual report, registration, and review fee account within the Fund; repealing certain provisions of law relating to existing covered electronic device takeback programs; altering certain provisions of law relating to registration fees for certain manufacturers of covered electronic devices; etc.	Stein	In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Fri 2/27 1:30 PM		Support	PH
HB 995	Health Occupations - Behavioral Health Care Providers - Use of Artificial Intelligence	Prohibiting behavioral health care providers from using artificial intelligence to provide behavioral health care to a patient; authorizing a behavioral health care provider to use a system that employs artificial intelligence in performing administrative support tasks under certain circumstances; and requiring a behavioral health care provider to obtain certain informed consent from patients if the provider uses a certain system that employs artificial intelligence under certain circumstances.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1004	Public Health - Prohibited Ingredients in Food	Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State food that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, red dye 3, or any other ingredient or additive that is prohibited for use in food under federal law or regulation.	Alston	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
HB 1012	Public Health - Local Suicide Fatality Review Teams - Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to establish a local suicide fatality review team; requiring a local team to coordinate with the State Suicide Fatality Review Committee; exempting certain meetings of a local team from the Maryland Open Meetings Act; providing that certain information acquired by a local team is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act; and prohibiting certain persons from testifying in any proceeding about details of a local team meeting.	Fair	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1014 (SB 707)	Mental Health Law - Danger to the Life or Safety of the Individual or of Others - Definition (Right to Treatment)	Defining "danger to the life or safety of the individual or of others" for purposes of the involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a facility or Veterans' Administration hospital and the emergency evaluation of individuals with mental disorders.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC

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HB 1018 (SB 985)	Correctional Services - Correctional Facilities and Immigration Detention Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities; altering certain duties of and prohibitions on the actions of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards relating to correctional facilities and immigration detention facilities; etc.	Stewart	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Government, Labor, and Elections Thu 2/12 2:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings		BC
HB 1021 (SB 568)	Health Occupations - Licensed Psychologists - Prescriptive Authority	Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority under certain circumstances if the psychologist is certified by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; establishing the Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee to advise the Board on oversight and implementation of certain provisions of the Act; establishing application and qualification requirements for certified prescribing psychologists; and establishing requirements for prescribing psychologists who use prescriptive authority.	White Holland	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 1022 (SB 686)	PFAS Chemicals - Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements	Prohibiting manufacturers from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or distributing for sale in the State, certain products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals on or after certain dates; establishing registration requirements for certain products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals; providing for the testing of certain products to determine compliance with the Act; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Rereferred to Environment and Transportation and Health	Environment and Transportation; Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1042	Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training - Funding Sources	Clarifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly regarding the development and offering of structural racism training that applicants for the renewal of a health occupations license are required to take be developed and offered at no cost to the State using funding from certain external sources.	Woorman	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1045	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Data Disclosure to Federal Law Enforcement - Limitation	Altering the circumstances under which the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is required to disclose prescription monitoring data to a federal law enforcement agency to prohibit the disclosure if the Protected Health Care Commission determines that the data is sensitive health services information that has been determined by the Secretary of Health to be legally protected health care.	Cullison	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 1047 (SB 915)	State Board of Physicians - Delegation of Duties - Alterations	Requiring an individual to be registered with the State Board of Physicians to perform limited X-ray machine operations in the State; establishing certain disciplinary procedures for limited X-ray machine operators; recodifying certain provisions of law related to registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and supervised medical graduates; and authorizing a physician assistant to perform X-ray duties under certain circumstances.	Hutchinson	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 1048 (SB 866)	Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars Warning Icons	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the sale of food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content by a chain restaurant by January 1, 2027, and to administer a certain continuing education campaign during calendar year 2027; and requiring certain chain restaurants to display certain icons next to certain food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content on each menu or menu board beginning January 1, 2028.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
HB 1051	Public Health - Patient Access to Medication	Establishing the Meds-to-Beds Program in the Maryland Department of Health: providing the purpose of the Program is to reduce hospital readmissions by using a licensed pharmacist to deliver discharge medications to patients before they leave the hospital; requiring each hospital in the State to participate in the Program; authorizing certain health care facilities to use automated drug dispensing systems and remote dispensing systems; and altering the definition of "telehealth" as it applies to certain insurance coverage.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1055 (SB 495)	Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, as part of the newborn screening system, to screen for Gaucher disease.	Solomon	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1087	Health Care Facilities - Surgical Smoke - Smoke Evacuation Systems	Requiring, by January 1, 2028, each health care facility that performs surgical procedures to adopt and implement policies that require the use of a smoke evacuation system during a surgical procedure that may generate surgical smoke.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 1092 (SB 870)	Maryland Department of Health - Adolescent Psychiatric Inpatient Beds - Capacity in Prince George's County and Report	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure the establishment and ongoing operation of a minimum 24 licensed adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in Prince George's County; requiring, if the Department determines that expanding the bed capacity will not meet a certain deadline, the Department to issue by June 30, 2027, a request for proposals to establish adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in the county and to administer a certain grant program; etc.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1093 (SB 808)	Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Requirements	Altering the process by which health care providers apply to participate on a carrier's provider panel, including certain notice requirements; establishing certain civil penalties for carriers that fail to provide certain notices in a certain manner and during a certain time frame; repealing the authorization for a carrier to charge a certain application fee; requiring carriers to use certain information to update the carriers' provider directory at a certain frequency; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/26 1:30 PM		Support	HI
HB 1106 (SB 19)	Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement - Establishment	Establishing the Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement to study the feasibility of establishing a State women's hospital in Southern Maryland and a statewide clinical network to advance women's health; requiring the Commission by January 1, 2027, to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an initial action plan, including a timeline, milestones, and specific research objectives; etc.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		No Position	PH

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HB 1107	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 related to scars or scarring determined to be medically necessary for the treatment of physical injuries caused by domestic violence.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1109 (SB 790)	Public Health Reform Act	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to organize the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps; altering the membership, leadership selection process, and staffing of the Commission on Public Health; requiring the Commission to provide oversight over the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission; establishing the Public Health Workforce Development Fund; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to develop a process to assess the health equity impacts of relevant legislation; etc.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Health)	Appropriations; Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1112	Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Study on Individual and Group Health Insurance Market Stability	Altering the duties of the Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to require the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding individual and group health insurance market stability.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health Thu 2/26 1:30 PM		Support	HI
HB 1114	HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage	Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; prohibiting managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or step therapy or cost sharing for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention; etc.	Martinez	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI

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HB 1118 (SB 891)	Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations - Perinatal Mental Health Conditions	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal mental health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a perinatal mental health condition screening program; requiring certain applicants for the renewal of a health occupation license or certificate to provide documentation that the applicant completed continuing education credit hours on perinatal mental health conditions; etc.	White Holland	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 1120 (SB 418)	Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses	Authorizing members of the Foreign Service and spouses of members of the Foreign Service, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction.	Rogers	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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HB 1121 (SB 892)	Public Health - Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions	Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards that require a licensee or certificate holder to complete continuing education requirements as a condition of renewal to grant at least a certain amount of continuing education credits for completing continuing education on perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal evaluation and treatment; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing canceled	Health		Support	BC
HB 1124 (SB 796)	Commercial Law - Consumer Protections - Health Care Financing	Establishing consumer protections related to health care financing, including disclosure and refund requirements; prohibiting health care providers and certain agents of health care providers from offering, obtaining, applying for, or assisting in applying for certain financing; prohibiting a health care provider from promoting certain financing to certain patients or billing a certain financier before a certain number of days prior to a procedure; etc.	Palakovich Carr	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Health Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Oppose	HI

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HB 1126	Health Insurance and Managed Care Organizations - Laboratory Services - Contract Providers	Prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from prohibiting an enrollee from selecting, or limiting the ability of an enrollee to select, a laboratory; prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from denying a laboratory the right to participate in the health benefit plan if the laboratory agrees to comply with certain terms; and prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from imposing additional copayments, fees, or conditions for laboratory services provided to an enrollee.	Qi	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 1131	Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)	Prohibiting individuals who experienced a pregnancy loss from being subject to investigation, civil liability, or criminal prosecution except under certain circumstances; establishing a private right of action for a violation of a certain prohibition against investigations of pregnancy loss; providing that an incidence of pregnancy loss does not constitute probable cause to issue a certain search warrant, except under certain circumstances; etc.	Lopez	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health; Judiciary Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1134	Pharmaceutical Drugs and Devices - Gifts to Health Care Professionals - Prohibition	Prohibiting sellers of certain pharmaceutical drugs and devices from giving or offering to give to health care professionals gifts in a calendar year that have a total combined retail value of more than \$50.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 1135 (SB 773)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Vaccination Orders	Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also administer the vaccination.	Lopez	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 1136 (SB 832)	Nonprofit Hospitals - Community Benefits	Requiring certain nonprofit hospitals to provide a certain value of community benefits each year; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report on the compliance of nonprofit hospitals with the community benefits requirement to the Attorney General and the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to revoke the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit hospital under certain circumstances; and altering the requirements of a community benefit report.	D. Jones	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1143	Public Health - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - Perinatal Autopsies (Lung Float Test Ban)	Prohibiting the Chief Medical Examiner, deputy chief medical examiners, assistant medical examiners, and pathologists authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner from using a hydrostatic lung test, also known as a lung float test, if performing a certain perinatal autopsy; authorizing a parent, guardian, or legal representative to bring a civil action for a violation of certain provisions of the Act; and altering the grounds for discipline of a physician to include a violation of certain provisions of the Act.	Lopez	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1146	Crime of Violence - Medical Facilities and Places of Worship - Penalty (Sacred Places Safety Act)	Prohibiting a person from committing a crime of violence while the person is in a medical facility or a place of worship; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years.	Alston	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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HB 1150 (SB 506)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Minor Conditions and HIV Prevention and Treatment	Authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs or devices and perform and interpret certain laboratory tests; repealing provisions establishing and governing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain statewide written protocols relating to the treatment of minor conditions and the prevention and treatment of human immunodeficiency virus.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 1153 (SB 797)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Claims for Reimbursement - Downcoding	Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organization from downcoding a claim for reimbursement under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures that insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations are required to follow if the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization intends or makes a final decision to downcode a claim; etc.	Guzzone	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 1157 (SB 774)	Health Insurance - Plan Benefits and Coverage - Annual Reporting (Transparency, Reporting, Understanding, Timeliness, and Honesty (TRUTH) in Mental Health Coverage Act)	Requiring each carrier that provides a health benefit plan in the State to report certain data regarding claims and coverage to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner using a certain template; requiring the Commissioner to develop a template for carriers to report the data and make the data publicly available by posting certain data on a public website and developing and maintaining certain data dashboards; etc.	Guzzone	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		Support	HI
HB 1159 (SB 785)	Public Health and Health Insurance - Access to Abortion Care - Reporting Requirements	Requiring that the annual report on the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program include certain recommendations; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to collect certain data on certain segregated accounts established under the federal Affordable Care Act and certain federal regulations from certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations and submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee on or before January 1 each year.	Lopez	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1167 (SB 963)	Maryland Department of Health - Medicaid Management Information System - Mainframe System Replacement	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to replace the State Medicaid Management Information System mainframe with a modular system.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1209 (SB 950)	Conversion Therapy - Prohibitions and Causes of Action	Clarifying that injury resulting from conversion therapy is cognizable for purposes of a health care malpractice action; establishing certain procedures in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; removing the limitation on noneconomic damages to a claimant in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health; Judiciary Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Letter of Info	BC

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HB 1246 (SB 772)	Maryland Department of Health - Employment Training and Opportunity Database	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an employment training and opportunity database for the purpose of assisting individuals in the State in finding employment training and other opportunities that may enable the individuals to become eligible and maintain eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to assist individuals in enrolling in programs listed in the database; etc.	Lewis	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Government, Labor, and Elections Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1249	Certified Recovery Residences - Refusing Services to Individuals Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment - Prohibition	Requiring that the requirements for the certification of recovery residences established by a credentialing entity prohibit a certified recovery residence from refusing services to an individual receiving medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder or requiring an individual to cease receiving or modify how the individual receives medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder as a condition to receive services from a certified recovery residence.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1255 (SB 761)	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Internet Gaming Referendum	Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain Internet gaming licenses; requiring certain implementation legislation to include certain criteria and specifications, subject to a certain limitation; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that certain revenues be used for dedicated purposes including the funding of public education; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.	Young	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1263	Public Health - Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care	Establishing the Workgroup on Post-Operative Cosmetic Care to study the regulation of post-operative cosmetic and body-altering services provided by nonphysician practitioners with focus on patient safety, consumer protection, and continuity of care; and requiring the Workgroup to submit its final report of findings and recommendations by December 1, 2027, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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HB 1264 (SB 798)	Public Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Tobacco Cessation	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by federal law, individual and group counseling for the purpose of tobacco cessation; and prohibiting the Program and managed care organizations from requiring prior authorization for any product or service for use in tobacco cessation.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1281	Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Wait Time	Prohibiting a qualified provider from performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman within 24 hours after the woman receives certain ultrasound imaging; establishing certain requirements related to the performance of a certain transabdominal ultrasound; and providing that a woman is not required to accept anything offered during certain transabdominal ultrasound imaging.	Ciliberti	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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HB 1282	Tobacco Products, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Advertising to Minors - Prohibition	Prohibiting a person who is licensed to sell tobacco products, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices from directly or indirectly advertising or marketing tobacco products, other tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or vaping liquid to individuals under 21 years of age; and providing that certain advertisements or promotions are a violation against the prohibition on advertising or marketing to certain individuals.	Young	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 1285	Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Possession, Storage, and Administration Past Expiration Date	Altering certain provisions of law relating to an opioid overdose reversal drug to allow for the possession, storage, or administration of an expired opioid overdose reversal drug within 1 year after the expiration date.	Guzzone	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health		No Position	PH

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HB 1291	Public Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Continuity of Care	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations to establish a procedure to provide for the temporary continuation of services and maintain the continuity of care for certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients over the age of 65 facing a lapse in services due to an administrative or technical error; prohibiting the Department from altering appeal and hearing rights to accommodate the temporary continuation of services procedures; etc.	Roberts	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
HB 1298 (SB 894)	Third-Party Litigation Financing - Licensing and Regulation	Prohibiting a certain litigation financier from providing certain litigation financing unless licensed under the Maryland Consumer Loan Law or provisions of law relating to installment loans; providing that litigation financing shall be considered a loan for certain purposes; requiring a certain disclosure of a litigation financing contract in certain civil actions; and providing that certain information is a permissible subject of discovery in certain civil actions.	A. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 1323	Health Care Decisions Act - Surrogate Decision Making - Hospital Surrogate Committee	Requiring hospitals to establish a surrogate committee to provide surrogate decision making for an unrepresented patient; authorizing the surrogate committee to make treatment decisions for unrepresented patients under certain circumstances; and establishing requirements for the composition, training, and procedures of a surrogate committee.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1331	Maryland Department of Health and Department of Human Services - Public Benefits - Eligibility and Prohibitions	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to enter into certain data-sharing agreements with certain agencies to conduct certain reviews related to eligibility for and use of certain public benefits; establishing requirements related to redeterminations of eligibility, a waiver for a certain lockout period, retroactive eligibility, and work requirements under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.	Grammer	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations) and Hearing canceled (Health)	Appropriations; Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1364	Public Health - Mammograms - Arterial Calcification Notice	Requiring certain centers where mammography testing is performed to include in the screening results letter that is sent to a patient, as required by federal law, a notice of the presence of arterial calcification as observed during the patient's mammogram.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1365	Health Occupations and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training and Coverage Requirements	Requiring health occupations boards that require licensees or certificate holders to complete certain continuing education to grant a certain number of hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause-associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause-associated conditions; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	BC
HB 1367	Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland	Establishing a Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care to envision and make recommendations regarding establishing a comprehensive health care system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by December 1, 2027, and a final report of the Commission's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2029.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Hold To be discussed at next Legislative Council Meeting.	PH

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HB 1372	Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a process to receive and publish certain inspection information on the Commission's Maryland Quality Reporting website; establishing the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide certain advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards; etc.	Solomon	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
HB 1375 (SB 969)	Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for the full length of long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from placing a quantitative limit on or denying coverage for benefits required under the Act.	Howard	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1376	Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Health Insurance - Transfers to Special Pediatric Hospitals - Requirements	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, managed care organizations, and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide a prior authorization determination regarding a transfer on request of a special pediatric hospital or a referring health care provider and provide a retrospective review of a determination of medical necessity under certain circumstances; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 1377	Prescription Drug Repository Program - Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program	Establishing the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Health to collaborate with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and certain repositories in the State to separate and redirect certain prescription medications to a State repository program; and requiring each repository participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any prescription medications collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred to a drop-off site.	Kaiser	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1380	Health Insurance - Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy - Coverage and Dispensing Requirements	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a certain supply of prescription drugs used for gender-affirming care, hormone therapy, or reproductive health in certain circumstances; and altering the amount of certain prescription drugs that a pharmacist is allowed to dispense on or after January 1, 2027.	Fair	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1385	Health Insurance - Use of Artificial Intelligence - Human Evaluation	Requiring that certain audits and compliance reviews of an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool used for utilization review include a certain evaluation by a licensed health care professional; and requiring that the review and revision of the performance, use, and outcomes of an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool used for utilization review include a certain human evaluation and use of the findings of the evaluation for a certain purpose.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI

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HB 1389 (SB 907)	Public Health - Female Genital Mutilation	Altering the definition of "abuse" to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.	D. Jones	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1401	Public Health - Abortion - Informed Consent	Requiring qualified providers to inform patients of certain information and obtain signed, written informed consent before performing a procedure to terminate a pregnancy.	McComas	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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HB 1409 (SB 862)	Gaming - Problem Gambling - Prevalence Study and Fund Revenue	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling, with an initial study to be completed on or before July 1, 2031; requiring the Secretary of Health, on or before November 1 each year, beginning in 2027, to submit a report to the General Assembly on how the funds in the Problem Gambling Fund have been expended on treatment and prevention programs; and altering the distribution of certain fantasy competition and sports wagering proceeds.	Ross	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		Support Position to follow MDDCSAM	PH
HB 1426 (SB 778)	Clinical Research Pharmacies and Clinical Trials - Permits, Ownership, and Definition of Practice of Medicine	Establishing a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to issue a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing a health care provider to hold an ownership interest in a clinical research pharmacy under certain circumstances; exempting the conduct of an investigational or experimental treatment or clinical trial by a corporation or other legal entity from the definition of "practice medicine"; etc.	Solomon	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 1435	Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hormone-Related Care	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for hormone-related care, including hormone therapy treatment for perimenopausal and menopausal symptoms; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions related to coverage for hormone-related care; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to report to the Maryland Insurance Administration certain data related to hormone-related care; etc.	Spiegel	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1440 (SB 837)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Utilization Review - Drugs Reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board	Prohibiting a managed care organization and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a prior authorization or step therapy or fail-first protocol under certain circumstances for prescription drugs that have been reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; etc.	Woorman	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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HB 1450	Health Insurance - Coordination of Benefits - Carrier Responsibilities and Retroactive Denials of Reimbursement	Requiring, under certain circumstances, an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, a health maintenance organization, a dental plan organization, a managed care organization, or any other entity providing health benefit plans in the State to identify primary and secondary payors, the amounts payable by those payors, and to coordinate benefits with those identified payors; and altering the time period in which a carrier may retroactively deny reimbursement subject to coordination of benefits with another carrier.	S. Johnson	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Support	HI
HB 1451 (SB 485)	Public Health - Women's Health Care Data - Report	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a standard system to collect and compile annual data on the costs of prenatal care, birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, abortion services, and menopausal care in the State; establishing limitations on the data and information that may be collected or reported under the Act; and requiring the Department to annually submit a report, beginning December 1, 2026, to the General Assembly and make the report publicly available on its website.	McComas	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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HB 1461	Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs - Rheumatologic Conditions	Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are prohibited from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs for the treatment of rheumatologic conditions.	Taveras	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Fri 3/13 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1464	Health Insurance - Third-Party Administrators - Verification of Eligibility	Requiring third-party administrators of plans that provide health benefits to develop a process through which a health care provider can request information to determine the eligibility of an enrollee and the administrator can respond to a request in a timely manner; and prohibiting certain carriers from retroactively denying reimbursement to a provider who used a certain process to confirm an enrollee was eligible for certain services.	Guzzone	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1468	Hospitals - Patients in Active Labor - Safe Discharge Labor Plans	Requiring a hospital to prepare a safe discharge labor plan before discharging or transferring a patient in active labor, subject to a certain exception; requiring a hospital to maintain records of safe discharge labor plans for at least 21 years; requiring a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the rights of a patient in active labor; and requiring a hospital to provide certain annual training to certain staff members.	Ruff	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1469	Health Insurance - Workgroup to Study the Definition of Specialty Drug	Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to convene a workgroup to study a certain definition of specialty drug in a certain manner and make a recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2027, for a new definition of specialty drug.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
HB 1470 (SB 839)	Medical Assistance Programs - Drug Dispensing - Cost-of-Dispensing Survey and Fee-for-Service Professional Dispensing Fee	Requiring, beginning in 2026, the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at least every 3 years; and requiring, within 6 months after the completion of the survey, the Department to adopt regulations establishing a fee-for-service professional dispensing fee based on the results of the survey.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		No Position	HI

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HB 1477 (SB 527)	Public Health - Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program - Establishment (Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act)	Establishing the Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program to provide grants to certain research institutions to conduct certain clinical drug development trials on the use of ibogaine; and including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund.	Odom	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
HB 1481	Tissue Banks and Hospitals - Autologous and Directed Blood Donations	Prohibiting tissue banks and hospitals from denying a patient a physician-ordered autologous or directed blood donation under certain circumstances; authorizing a patient or an individual authorized to make medical decisions on a patient's behalf to request an autologous or directed blood donation; and authorizing tissue banks and hospitals to decline a request for a physician-ordered autologous or directed blood donation only under certain circumstances.	Reilly	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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HB 1485	Public Health - Crisis Response System - Resources for Family Members and Trauma-Informed Care Training (Tiarra's Law)	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain pamphlet relating to State and national crisis support resources; requiring certain health care providers and representatives of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to give the pamphlet to an individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to conduct a review of certain trauma-informed care training.	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	PH
HB 1507 (SB 913)	Motor Vehicles - Enhanced Tinted Windows - Medical Exemption	Authorizing an out-of-state physician licensed to practice medicine to issue a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows; and repealing the time limit applicable to a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows.	Adams	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1519	Cannabis - Management Service Agreements, Advertising, and Penalties - Alterations (Cannabis Reform and Opportunity Act)	Altering the definition of "control" of a cannabis business and excluding from the definition certain management services agreements, franchise relationships, and options to purchase; prohibiting the Maryland Cannabis Administration from limiting the acquisition of a certain ownership interest in cannabis businesses; reducing the number of years that a cannabis licensee is prohibited from transferring ownership or control of the license; repealing certain criteria for a certain prohibition on cannabis advertising that targets minors; etc.	Amprey	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
HB 1523 (SB 820)	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission - Unauthorized Consumable Products - Enforcement and Seizure	Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation or charging document; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products and certain other products; etc.	Ross	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Health)	Health; Judiciary Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1527	Complementary and Alternative Health Care - Practice Authorized (Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice Act)	Authorizing an individual to practice complementary or alternative health care in the State without obtaining a license, certification, or authorization issued under certain provisions of law; establishing certain requirements and limitations regarding the practice of complementary or alternative health care; and providing that certain provisions of this Act do not waive certain claims for relief.	Arikan	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/18 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
HB 1533 (SB 656)	Public Health - Cosmetic Products - Enforcement and Penalties for Prohibited Ingredients (Crown and Care Act - Protecting Communities from Harmful Hair Chemicals)	Providing that a person who violates the prohibition on the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale a cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients is liable for certain civil damages; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to investigate a complaint alleging that a person included certain prohibited ingredients in cosmetic products.	Alston	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
HB 1556	Business Regulation - Sugary Beverage Advertisements - Warning Labels	Prohibiting a person from placing an advertisement for a sugary beverage on certain property unless the advertisement includes a certain warning.	Ross	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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HB 1558 (SB 951)	State Board of Physicians - Anesthesiologist Assistants - Licensing	Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for anesthesiologist assistants under the State Board of Physicians.	Woods	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Health Wed 3/18 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
HB 1559	Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients - Placement	Prohibiting the placement of children in unlicensed settings under the out-of-home placement program required to be established by the Social Services Administration; altering the duties of the pediatric hospital overstay coordinators; establishing the Child and Youth Placement Review Panel in the Governor's Office for Children with the Placement Manager as its head; establishing the Advisory Council on Maryland's System of Care for Children, Youth, and Families; establishing the Interagency Council on Children, Youth, and Families; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations)	Appropriations; Health Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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HB 1589 (SB 626)	Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)	Altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Health is required to make a new certificate of birth due to the change of a sex designation of an individual; establishing requirements and a prohibition related to the making of new certificates of birth; and altering the options for indicating an individual's sex designation on a license, identification card, or moped operator's permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration.	Martinez	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations		Support	PH
HB 1597	Health - Unregulated Space in Hospital Operating Suites - Pilot Project	Establishing an unregulated space in hospital operating suites pilot project; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to administer the pilot project; requiring the Commission to develop certain criteria and standards for the pilot project; requiring the Commission by December 1 annually to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; and requiring certain ambulatory surgical centers and freestanding surgical centers to provide the Commission with certain information.	Hill	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations		FYI	FYI

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HB 1617	Public Health - Health Innovation Zones - Establishment	Authorizing the local zoning authority in a county to designate a health innovation zone, a contiguous area that demonstrates measurable and documented health disparities and poor health outcomes; requiring a county, if the local zoning authority designates a health innovation zone, to establish, by law, certain incentives; requiring the Prince George's County Council to designate a health innovation zone in certain areas; authorizing the Prince George's County Council to designate additional health innovation zones in certain areas; etc.	Alston	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations			FYI
HJ 7 (SJ 4)	Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution (Back from the Brink Act)	Stating that the General Assembly joins seven other state legislative bodies and over 75 counties and municipalities in passing a Back from the Brink resolution on reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons; urging members of the State's Congressional Delegation to cosponsor a certain federal resolution related to the use of nuclear weapons; and urging the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.	Williams	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations		Support	PH

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SB 12 (HB 153)	Residential Rental Apartments - Air-Conditioning Requirement	Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to residential rental units in apartment buildings with four or more individual dwelling units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2026, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2026, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement or substantial upgrade of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/20 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 14 (HB 273)	Health Insurance - Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Enrollment - Effective Dates	Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Wed 1/28 2:00 PM	Health	FYI	FYI
SB 19 (HB 1106)	Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement - Establishment	Establishing the Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement to study the feasibility of establishing a State women's hospital in Southern Maryland and a statewide clinical network to advance women's health; requiring the Commission by January 1, 2027, to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an initial action plan, including a timeline, milestones, and specific research objectives; etc.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/27 2:30 PM		No Position	PH

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SB 39	Behavioral Health - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Reimbursement Rates	Establishing the Workgroup on Certified Behavioral Health Clinic Implementation and Rate Methodology in the Behavioral Health Administration; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain rate study of outpatient mental health centers in the State; requiring the Department to increase the Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimbursement rate for outpatient mental health centers by 3% in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
SB 50	Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports - Designation (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)	Requiring certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain schools to be expressly designated in a certain manner; prohibiting certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports from including certain students; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain adverse actions against a school under certain circumstances; etc.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 78	Public Health - Prostate-Specific Antigen Testing (Protect Our Prostate Act)	Requiring certain providers and laboratories to provide certain written information to patients receiving prostate-specific antigen testing; and requiring clinical laboratories that administer prostate-specific antigen tests to follow certain disclosure requirements, use standard calibration for testing assays and report test results in a standard manner, make certain disclosures to ordering providers, and follow guidelines from certain organizations.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/12 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
SB 83	Health Occupations - Grounds for Discipline - Federal and Court Actions	Altering the grounds for discipline by certain health occupations boards to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and altering the grounds for discipline of a naturopathic doctor by the State Board of Physicians to include being convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country.	Simonaire	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 2/3 2:00 PM	Health	No Position	BC

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SB 102 (HB 291)	Sports Wagering Proceeds - Promotional Play Exclusion - Limitation	Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to establish a certain limit, by regulation, on the amount of money given away as free promotional play by a sports wagering licensee that may be excluded from sports wagering proceeds.	Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 10:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 1/21 10:00 AM		FYI	FYI
SB 120	Health Insurance - Required Benefits for Dental Preventive Care - Frequency Limitation Interval (Healthy Moms and Family Smiles Act)	Shortening, from 120 to 90, the maximum interval of days that certain carriers may impose as a frequency limitation on dental preventive care; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 139 (HB 277)	Insurance - Third Party Administrators - Enforcement	Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Wed 1/28 2:00 PM	Health	Support	HI

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SB 169 (HB 372)	Hospitals - Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions - Procedures	Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on a patient presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the patient has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of a patient who has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances; etc.	Lam	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 2/3 2:00 PM	Health	Support	BC
SB 195	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 old 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 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/28 11:00 AM		Oppose	PH

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SB 196 (HB 279)	Correctional Services - Medication Review Committee - Administration of Psychotropic Medication to an Incarcerated Individual	Authorizing the establishment of a medication review committee within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that convenes to determine whether to approve the administration of psychotropic medication to a certain incarcerated individual under certain circumstances; providing that psychotropic medication may not be administered to an incarcerated individual who refuses the medication except under certain circumstances; etc.	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/21 11:00 AM		FYI	FYI
SB 205 (HB 280)	Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - Codification of Federal Requirements	Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Wed 1/28 2:00 PM	Health	Support	HI

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SB 222 (HB 137)	Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications	Establishing qualifications for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator; and authorizing a court to waive certain requirements for a court employee or an individual under contract with the court under certain circumstances.	Carozza	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/20 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 238 (HB 340)	School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact	Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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SB 240 (HB 965)	Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council - Establishment	Establishing the Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council to provide feedback to the Office of Health Care Quality regarding maintaining oversight of health care facilities and to notify the Secretary of Health if the Office is negligent in providing oversight of health care facilities; and requiring the Advisory Council, beginning in 2027, and by December 1 annually, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.	Lewis Young	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/3 2:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 242 (HB 420)	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction; and altering the definition of "eligible veteran" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.	Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Thu 2/12 2:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 244 (HB 529)	Code Revision - Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program	Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.	The President	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 1/27 2:30 PM	Health	No Position	PH
SB 246	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Term of Office of Members	Authorizing a member of the Health Services Cost Review Commission to continue to serve for a period not to exceed 6 months after the expiration of the member's term of office, rather than until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and repealing the authority of a member of the Commission who was appointed after a term began to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/27 2:30 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 249	Tobacco Product Licensees - Additional Licensure for Electronic Smoking Devices	Repealing a provision of law authorizing a person holding a certain license relating to cigarettes or other tobacco products to manufacture, distribute, or sell electronic smoking devices in the same capacity as a person holding a certain license relating to electronic smoking devices; exempting the holder of a certain license who is an applicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices retailer or vape shop vendor from the requirement to pay an additional license fee for the license; etc.	Beidle	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Finance Thu 2/5 1:00 PM	Economic Matters	Support	PH

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SB 269 (HB 385)	Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Evidence - Rebuttable Presumption of Medical Bills	Establishing a rebuttable presumption in an action for personal injury or wrongful death that a medical bill from a health care provider or an agent of the health care provider is authentic, fair, and reasonable if the bill was properly provided in discovery; and establishing that a party may overcome the presumption that a medical bill is authentic, fair, and reasonable by proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the medical bill, or any charge in a medical bill, is not authentic, is unfair, or is unreasonable.	Henson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/3 2:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 272 (HB 393)	Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.	Gile	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Wed 2/4 1:00 PM	Health	No Position	HI

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SB 276 (HB 445)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses (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, 2027; clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job-related activities, or performing certain other physical activities; etc.	Beidle	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Wed 2/4 1:00 PM	Health	No Position	HI
SB 326 (HB 377)	Physician Assistants - Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2026)	Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program, and the Attendant Care Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related to examinations by a physician assistant for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC

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SB 327 (HB 551)	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Paraphernalia Prohibitions - Repeal	Repealing prohibitions relating to drug paraphernalia and controlled paraphernalia.	McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Thu 2/5 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 333 (HB 619)	Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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SB 336 (HB 427)	Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances - Extension and Membership	Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.	Feldman	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Thu 2/12 1:00 PM	Health	No Position	PH
SB 342 (HB 331)	Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program	Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a beverage container stewardship organization; etc.	Brooks	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 379	Recovery Residence Grant Program - Funding	Extending through fiscal year 2030 the requirement that an appropriation of \$500,000 be included in the annual budget bill for the Recovery Residence Grant Program.	Guzzone	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/4 1:00 PM	Appropriations	No Position	PH
SB 380 (HB 598)	Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians	Authorizing the State Board of Physicians, beginning October 1, 2028, to issue a license, not to exceed 3 years, to practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications and application fees and to provide a pathway to full licensure; etc.	Lewis Young	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
SB 385 (HB 637)	Public Health - Recommendations for Immunizations, Screenings, and Preventive Services - Pharmacist Administration and Required Health Insurance Coverage (The Vax Act)	Requiring the Secretary of Health to issue recommendations for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services based on certain evidence-based scientific and clinical guidance; altering the authority of pharmacists to administer certain vaccinations; altering the health insurance coverage requirements for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services; and repealing obsolete language regarding the pertussis vaccine.	The President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 389 (HB 894)	Land Use - Transit-Oriented Development - Alterations (Maryland Transit and Housing Opportunity Act)	Providing for the automatic designation of certain transit-oriented developments as enterprise zones; requiring the Maryland Development Corporation to prioritize certain redevelopment projects when making loans under the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on land located near certain transit stations; delaying the collection of certain development excise taxes and development impact fees for certain residential real estate projects; etc.	The President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 394 (HB 422)	Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis	Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care practitioners may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner; and adding licensed certified midwives to the list of health care practitioners who may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a certain assessment of the sexual partner.	Gile	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM	Health	Support	PH

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SB 411 (HB 624)	Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2026)	Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring each clinical staffing committee to develop a clinical staffing plan; requiring, on or before July 1 each year, each hospital's clinical staffing committee to conduct a review of the clinical staffing plan for certain purposes; requiring, on or before January 1, 2028, each hospital to implement a clinical staffing plan and assign personnel in accordance with the plan; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Support	BC
SB 416 (HB 737)	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 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
SB 418 (HB 1120)	Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses	Authorizing members of the Foreign Service and spouses of members of the Foreign Service, for the duration of the assignment or detail, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction under certain circumstances.	Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Thu 2/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 421 (HB 60)	Sickle Cell Disease - Institutions of Higher Education - Policies, Procedures, and Educational Campaigns	Prohibiting an institution of higher education from denying access or services to a student based on the student's diagnosis of sickle cell disease; requiring an institution of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations for students with sickle cell disease; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop an education and awareness campaign for institutions of higher education in the State regarding students with sickle cell disease; etc.	M. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment; Finance Tue 2/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 428 (HB 746)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health and certain carriers from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model statewide in primary care settings that provide health care services to Program recipients.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 435 (HB 417)	Public Health - Medetomidine and Xylazine Consumer Protection Act	Prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine product or xylazine product unless the purchaser provides proof the intended use is for institutional, veterinary, or scientific purposes; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to an individual under the age of 21 years; requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to maintain certain records; etc.	Folden	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/11 2:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 444 (HB 498)	Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities	Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for intermediate care facilities that offer substance use disorder treatment services; providing a certificate of need is not required for a change in bed capacity at certain facilities offering certain treatment services if a written notice is filed with the Commission 45 days before the facility's establishment, the facility is consistent with the State Health Plan, will result in more efficient service delivery, and is in the public interest; etc.	Kramer	In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM	Health	FYI	FYI

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SB 466 (HB 595)	Income Tax - Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Alterations	Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community-based clinical training; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.	King	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Support	BC
SB 470 (HB 520)	State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance	Altering the drugs that may be prescribed, provided, or administered or for which a starter dose may be dispensed by a naturopathic doctor; altering the methods by which a naturopathic doctor may administer medication; altering the requirements for renewal of a naturopathic doctor license; altering the grounds for discipline of naturopathic doctors; requiring the State Board of Physicians to include certain information regarding professional liability insurance on a naturopathic doctor's licensee profile; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 474 (HB 476)	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 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
SB 485 (HB 1451)	Public Health - Women's Health Care Data - Report	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a standard system to collect and compile annual data on the costs of prenatal care, birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, abortion services, and menopausal care in the State; establishing limitations on the data and information that may be collected or reported under the Act; and requiring the Department to submit a comprehensive report of the collected data to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/19 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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SB 489	Health Occupations - Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools	Establishing that certain applicants for a physician license are exempt from certain educational requirements if the applicant submits certain evidence of international postgraduate medical education training accredited by a certain entity; and authorizing certain licensed physicians trained in international medical schools to practice medicine during their initial license term only under supervision.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
SB 490 (HB 808)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from applying a prior authorization requirement in certain circumstances to and from applying a step therapy or fail-first protocol for a prescription drug used to treat an adult enrollee's diagnosis of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, major depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, or a medication-induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of serious mental illness.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 494 (HB 944)	Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificates of Need and Material Change Transactions	Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for certain mergers; requiring certain health care entities to provide certain notice of a material change transaction to the Maryland Health Care Commission and the public; establishing a public interest review process for material change transactions, including criteria for determining whether a material change transaction is subject to a public interest review; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
SB 495 (HB 1055)	Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, as part of the newborn screening system, to screen for Gaucher disease.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/18 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 496 (HB 813)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity	Authorizing, beginning January 1, 2027, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients if the Department elects to provide the comprehensive coverage.	Hershey	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		No Position	HI

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SB 506 (HB 1150)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Minor Conditions and HIV Prevention and Treatment	Authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs or devices and perform and interpret certain laboratory tests; repealing provisions establishing and governing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain statewide written protocols relating to the treatment of minor conditions and the prevention and treatment of human immunodeficiency virus.	Lewis Young	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/17 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
SB 515 (HB 616)	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Health Facilities - Jurisdiction and Rate Setting	Altering the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and requiring the Commission, in carrying out certain responsibilities relating to evaluating facility resources to meet certain financial requirements and reviewing costs and rates of hospital services, to take into account all costs incurred or expenditures made by a health facility in connection with the operation of the facility.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC

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SB 521	Health Insurance - Material Changes to Provider Networks - Notification and Special Enrollment Period	Requiring certain health systems to comply with certain insurance provisions regarding notice of termination of contracts; altering the notification requirements a carrier is required to provide an enrollee regarding changes to the carrier's provider panel; altering the notice requirements a carrier is required to provide to the Insurance Commissioner for certain material changes to the carrier's provider panel; requiring certain notice if a carrier and health system intend to terminate certain contracts; etc.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	HI
SB 527 (HB 1477)	Public Health - Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program - Establishment (Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act)	Establishing the Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program to provide grants to certain research institutions to conduct certain clinical drug development trials on the use of ibogaine; and including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund.	Harris	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH

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SB 546 (HB 410)	Public Health - Food and Milk Product Labeling - Requirements	Establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding food and milk product labeling; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to create a marketing program and educational materials to inform consumers about the meaning of quality dates and safety dates for food labels by July 1, 2027, and to post the information on the Department's website.	Attar	In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Fri 2/27 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 551 (HB 633)	Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide individuals with salpingectomy coverage for ovarian cancer prevention; and prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the salpingectomy coverage.	Charles	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 561	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Community Violence Prevention Services - Reimbursement and Provision of Services	Establishing requirements and prohibitions governing the provision of community violence prevention services through telehealth under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Program to reimburse community violence prevention services that are provided in person regardless of the location at which the services were provided; prohibiting certain entities that employ or contract with a certified violence prevention professional from being required to maintain an affiliation with a hospital or trauma center; etc.	Sydnor	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 562 (HB 838)	State Board of Pharmacy - Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements - Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders	Repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber-pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber-pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	BC
SB 563 (HB 615)	Health Facilities - Confidentiality of Medical Records - Crisis Pregnancy Clinics	Applying certain provisions of law governing the confidentiality of medical records to crisis pregnancy clinics.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/19 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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SB 568 (HB 1021)	Health Occupations - Licensed Psychologists - Prescriptive Authority	Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority under certain circumstances if the psychologist is certified by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; establishing the Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee to advise the Board on oversight and implementation of certain provisions of the Act; establishing application and qualification requirements for certified prescribing psychologists; and establishing requirements for prescribing psychologists who use prescriptive authority.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC
SB 570 (HB 196)	Public Health - Baby Food Testing - Definition of Baby Food	Altering the definition of "baby food" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing baby food testing to include, rather than exclude, infant formula and to include infant cereal; and altering the defined term "toxic heavy metal" to be "toxic element" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing baby food testing.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 586 (HB 704)	Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program - Establishment	Establishing the Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program in the State Department of Education to provide funding to eligible schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision of the child nutrition programs; requiring schools that opt out of the Community Eligibility Provision of the Child Nutrition Program to include certain information in a certain report; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2028 and succeeding years to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 587	Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund - Funding	Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 594	Cannabis - Advertising - Alterations	Repealing certain criteria for a certain prohibition on cannabis advertising that targets minors; authorizing a standard dispensary to place certain exterior signage for certain limited purposes under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to accept certain advertising audience composition data and establish by regulation an alternative method for determining audience composition; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/26 1:00 PM		Oppose	PH
SB 602 (HB 715)	Algorithmic Addiction Fund - Establishment	Establishing the Algorithmic Addiction Fund to be administered by the Maryland Department of Health; providing the Fund consists of all civil penalties received by the State from any source resulting, directly or indirectly, from a judgment against or settlement relating to claims concerning harm to children from the use of social media and the improper use of algorithms; requiring the Secretary to make a report to the General Assembly by November 1 each year concerning the provision of algorithmic addiction intervention services; etc.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 608	Maryland Medical Assistance Plan and Health Insurance - Pharmacogenomic Testing - Required Coverage	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for single-gene and multigene pharmacogenomic testing in certain circumstances; and limiting the prior authorization requirements that certain health insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organizations may implement for pharmacogenomic testing.	Mautz	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 623 (HB 766)	Retail Tobacco Businesses and Establishment of a Premium Cigar Lounge Alcoholic Beverages License (Maryland Premium Cigar Lounge Act of 2026)	Establishing a Class C-PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with a certain tobacco products retailer license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license; prohibiting a county clerk from issuing a certain tobacco products retailer license if the location is adjacent to a health care facility or a child care facility; exempting a holder of a certain tobacco products retailer license from the Clean Indoor Air Act; etc.	Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 626 (HB 1589)	Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)	Altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Health is required to make a new certificate of birth due to the change of a sex designation of an individual; establishing requirements and a prohibition related to the making of new certificates of birth; and altering the options for indicating an individual's sex designation on a license, identification card, or moped operator's permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Finance; Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 655 (HB 992)	Electronic Device Producer Responsibility Program - Established	Altering the contents and use of the State Recycling Trust Fund; establishing a separate covered electronic device producer responsibility program plan and annual report, registration, and review fee account within the Fund; repealing certain provisions of law relating to existing covered electronic device takeback programs; altering certain provisions of law relating to registration fees for certain manufacturers of covered electronic devices; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 656 (HB 1533)	Public Health - Cosmetic Products - Enforcement and Penalties for Prohibited Ingredients (Crown and Care Act - Protecting Communities from Harmful Hair Chemicals)	Providing that a person who violates the prohibition on the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale a cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients is liable for certain civil damages; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to investigate a complaint alleging that a person included certain prohibited ingredients in cosmetic products.	Henson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Fri 2/27 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 686 (HB 1022)	PFAS Chemicals - Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements	Prohibiting manufacturers from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or distributing for sale in the State, certain products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals on or after certain dates; establishing registration requirements for certain products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals; providing for the testing of certain products to determine compliance with the Act; etc.	Love	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 702 (HB 922)	Behavioral Health Administration - Behavioral Health Program Relocation - Regulations	Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to adopt regulations authorizing a behavioral health program to relocate to another site.	Mautz	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		No Position	PH
SB 707 (HB 1014)	Mental Health Law - Danger to the Life or Safety of the Individual or of Others - Definition (Right to Treatment)	Defining "danger to the life or safety of the individual or of others" for purposes of the involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a facility or Veterans' Administration hospital and the emergency evaluation of individuals with mental disorders.	Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/24 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	BC
SB 738	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Mobile Crisis and Crisis Stabilization	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for mobile crisis and crisis stabilization services; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 761 (HB 1255)	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Internet Gaming Referendum	Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain Internet gaming licenses; requiring certain implementation legislation to include certain criteria and specifications, subject to a certain limitation; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that certain revenues be used for dedicated purposes including the funding of public education; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.	Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 772 (HB 1246)	Maryland Department of Health - Employment Training and Opportunity Database	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an employment training and opportunity database for the purpose of assisting individuals in the State in finding employment training and other opportunities that may enable the individuals to become eligible and maintain eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to assist individuals in enrolling in programs listed in the database; etc.	Ferguson	In the Senate - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 773 (HB 1135)	Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Vaccination Orders	Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also administer the vaccination.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 774 (HB 1157)	Health Insurance - Plan Benefits and Coverage - Annual Reporting (Transparency, Reporting, Understanding, Timeliness, and Honesty (TRUTH) in Mental Health Coverage Act)	Requiring each carrier that provides a health benefit plan in the State to report certain data regarding claims and coverage to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner using a certain template; requiring the Commissioner to develop a template for carriers to report the data and make the data publicly available by posting certain data on a public website and developing and maintaining certain data dashboards; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 778 (HB 1426)	Clinical Research Pharmacies and Clinical Trials - Permits, Ownership, and Definition of Practice of Medicine	Establishing a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to issue a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing a health care provider to hold an ownership interest in a clinical research pharmacy under certain circumstances; exempting the conduct of an investigational or experimental treatment or clinical trial by a corporation or other legal entity from the definition of "practice medicine"; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	BC

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SB 785 (HB 1159)	Public Health and Health Insurance - Access to Abortion Care - Reporting Requirements	Requiring that the annual report on the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program include certain recommendations; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to collect certain data on certain segregated accounts established under the federal Affordable Care Act and certain federal regulations from certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations and submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee on or before January 1 each year.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 790 (HB 1109)	Public Health Reform Act	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to organize the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps; altering the membership, leadership selection process, and staffing of the Commission on Public Health; requiring the Commission to provide oversight over the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Public Health; establishing the Public Health Workforce Development Fund; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to develop a process to assess the health equity impacts of relevant legislation; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Support	PH

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SB 794	Health Insurance - Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy - Coverage Effective Date	Authorizing an individual who enrolls for coverage or enrolls a dependent for coverage during a certain special enrollment period for pregnancy to choose a certain date option on which the coverage will become effective; and requiring the carrier, if the individual fails to select the effective date, to select a certain date option.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		No Position	HI
SB 796 (HB 1124)	Commercial Law - Consumer Protections - Health Care Financing	Establishing consumer protections related to health care financing, including disclosure and refund requirements; prohibiting health care providers and certain agents of health care providers from offering, obtaining, applying, assisting in applying for certain financing; prohibiting a health care provider from promoting certain financing to certain patients or billing a certain financier before a certain number of days prior to a procedure; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Oppose	HI

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SB 797 (HB 1153)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Claims for Reimbursement - Downcoding	Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organization from downcoding a claim for reimbursement under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures that insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations are required to follow if the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization intends or makes a final decision to downcode a claim; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 798 (HB 1264)	Public Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Tobacco Cessation	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by federal law, individual and group counseling for the purpose of tobacco cessation; and prohibiting the Program and managed care organizations from requiring prior authorization for any product or service for use in tobacco cessation.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 804	Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Revisions to Heat Stress Standards	Requiring certain employers to develop, implement, and maintain an excessive heat-related illness prevention plan for employees; requiring certain employers to develop and implement an acclimatization plan for certain employees or follow the acclimatization plan established by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; requiring certain employers to monitor temperature in certain work locations and provide shade and water to employees; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 808 (HB 1093)	Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Requirements	Altering the process by which health care providers apply to participate on a carrier's provider panel, including certain notice requirements; establishing certain civil penalties for carriers that fail to provide certain notices in a certain manner and during a certain time frame; repealing the authorization for a carrier to charge a certain application fee; requiring carriers to use certain information to update the carrier's provider directory at a certain frequency; etc.	King	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support	HI

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SB 820 (HB 1523)	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission - Unauthorized Consumable Products - Enforcement and Seizure	Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation or charging document; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products and certain other products; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 3/5 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 832 (HB 1136)	Nonprofit Hospitals - Community Benefits	Requiring certain nonprofit hospitals to provide a certain value of community benefits each year; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report on the compliance of nonprofit hospitals with the community benefits requirement to the Attorney General and the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to revoke the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit hospital under certain circumstances; and altering the requirements of a community benefit report.	Hershey	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 837 (HB 1440)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Utilization Review - Drugs Reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board	Prohibiting a managed care organization and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a prior authorization or step therapy or fail-first protocol under certain circumstances for prescription drugs that have been reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; etc.	Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 3/4 1:00 PM		Support	HI
SB 839 (HB 1470)	Medical Assistance Programs - Drug Dispensing - Cost-of-Dispensing Survey and Fee-for-Service Professional Dispensing Fee	Requiring, beginning in 2026, the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at least every 3 years; and requiring, within 6 months after the completion of the survey, the Department to adopt regulations establishing a fee-for-service professional dispensing fee based on the results of the survey.	Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		No Position	HI

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SB 862 (HB 1409)	Gaming - Problem Gambling - Prevalence Study and Fund Revenue	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling, with an initial study to be completed on or before July 1, 2031; requiring the Secretary of Health, on or before November 1 each year, beginning in 2027, to submit a report to the General Assembly on how the funds in the Problem Gambling Fund have been expended on treatment and prevention programs; and altering the distribution of certain fantasy competition and sports wagering proceeds.	Zucker	In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		Support Position to follow MDDCSAM	PH
SB 866 (HB 1048)	Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars Warning Icons	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the sale of food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content by a chain restaurant by January 1, 2027, and to administer a certain continuing education campaign during calendar year 2027; and requiring certain chain restaurants to display certain icons next to certain food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content on each menu or menu board beginning January 1, 2028.	A. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/25 1:00 PM		No Position	PH

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SB 870 (HB 1092)	Maryland Department of Health - Adolescent Psychiatric Inpatient Beds - Capacity in Prince George's County and Report	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure the establishment and ongoing operation of at least 24 licensed adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in Prince George's County; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Department to issue a request for proposals to establish adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in the county and to administer a certain grant program; etc.	A. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 871	Civil Actions - Punitive Damage Awards - Surcharge	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with gross negligence; requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a certain surcharge on a defendant against whom a judgment for punitive damages is entered; requiring the Administrator to deposit money collected from the surcharge into the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Smith	In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 3/11 1:00 PM		Oppose	BC

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SB 891 (HB 1118)	Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations - Perinatal Mental Health Conditions	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal mental health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a perinatal mental health condition screening program; requiring certain applicants for the renewal of a health occupation license or certificate to provide documentation that the applicant completed continuing education credit hours on perinatal mental health conditions; etc.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Fri 2/27 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment	PH
SB 892 (HB 1121)	Public Health - Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions	Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards that require a licensee or certificate holder to complete continuing education requirements as a condition of renewal to grant at least a certain amount of continuing education credits for completing continuing education on perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal evaluation and treatment; etc.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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SB 894 (HB 1298)	Third-Party Litigation Financing - Licensing and Regulation	Prohibiting a certain litigation financier from providing certain litigation financing unless licensed under the Maryland Consumer Loan Law or provisions of law relating to installment loans; providing that litigation financing shall be considered a loan for certain purposes; requiring a certain disclosure of a litigation financing contract in certain civil actions; and providing that certain information is a permissible subject of discovery in certain civil actions.	Gile	In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Fri 2/27 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 907 (HB 1389)	Public Health - Female Genital Mutilation	Altering the definition of "abuse" to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.	Love	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI

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SB 913 (HB 1507)	Motor Vehicles - Enhanced Tinted Windows - Medical Exemption	Authorizing an out-of-state physician licensed to practice medicine to issue a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows; and repealing the time limit applicable to a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows.	Mautz	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		FYI	FYI
SB 915 (HB 1047)	State Board of Physicians - Delegation of Duties - Alterations	Requiring an individual to be registered with the State Board of Physicians to perform limited X-ray machine operations in the State; establishing certain disciplinary procedures for limited X-ray machine operators; recodifying certain provisions of law related to registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and supervised medical graduates; and authorizing a physician assistant to perform X-ray duties under certain circumstances.	Mautz	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 917	Health Occupations - Practice of Audiology - Definition	Altering the definition of "practice audiology", including by clarifying that the ordering and performing of certain scanning and imaging are included as these procedures relate to auditory or vestibular conditions in the human ear.	Mautz	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 3/3 1:00 PM		Support	BC

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SB 950 (HB 1209)	Conversion Therapy - Prohibitions and Causes of Action	Clarifying that injury resulting from conversion therapy is cognizable for purposes of a health care malpractice action; establishing certain procedures in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; removing the limitation on noneconomic damages to a claimant in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; etc.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings)	Finance; Judicial Proceedings Tue 3/10 1:00 PM		Letter of Info	BC
SB 951 (HB 1558)	State Board of Physicians - Anesthesiologist Assistants - Licensing	Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for anesthesiologist assistants under the State Board of Physicians.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Fri 3/6 1:00 PM		No Position	BC
SB 963 (HB 1167)	Maryland Department of Health - Medicaid Management Information System - Mainframe System Replacement	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to replace the State Medicaid Management Information System mainframe with a modular system.	Hester	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules		Rules	FYI	FYI

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SB 969 (HB 1375)	Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for the full length of long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from placing a quantitative limit on or denying coverage for benefits required under the Act.	Mautz	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules		Rules	FYI	FYI
SB 985 (HB 1018)	Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities; altering certain duties of and prohibitions on the actions of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards relating to correctional facilities and immigration detention facilities; etc.	Smith	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules		Rules		BC

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SJ 4 (HJ 7)	Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution	Stating that the General Assembly joins certain other state legislative bodies, counties, and municipalities in passing a Back from the Brink resolution on reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons; urging members of the State's Congressional Delegation to cosponsor a certain federal resolution related to the use of nuclear weapons; and urging the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.	A. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Thu 3/12 1:00 PM		Support	PH
SB 260 (HB 322)	Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership	Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including a representative of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.		In the House - First Reading Health	Finance Tue 2/3 2:00 PM	Health	No Position	BC

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