



MedChi Legislative Council – Meeting Minutes Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. Physician of the Day – First Aid Room – Volunteer Sign Up (Open Dates Available)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 533](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 523](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Peña-Melnyk

Title: Occupations and Professions - Licenses, Certificates, and Registration - Immigrants

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 623](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Brooks

Title: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Essential Health Care Workers

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 845](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 623](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Buckel

Title: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 903](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cox

Title: Maryland Nondiscrimination in Health Care Coverage Act

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 944](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shoemaker

Title: Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Immunity From Civil Liability

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 696](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 975](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment for Nurses and Nursing Workers – Program Establishment and Funding

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 716](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Maryland Health Care Workers Loan Assistance Program - Establishment and Funding

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 808](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 961](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Health Occupations - Physician Assistants - Revisions

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 821](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Medical Excellence Zone Compact

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

Position: Withdrawn by Sponsor

Bill: [SB 824](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1073](#)

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Health – Accessibility of Electronic Advance Care Planning Documents

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 899](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: Health Occupations Boards - Authority Over Staffing and Infrastructure Operations

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

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [SB 637](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 935](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health and Health Insurance - Behavioral Health Services - Expansion (Behavioral Health System Modernization Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 661](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Reimbursement of Pharmacist for Services Rendered

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 688](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review for Coverage of Prescription Drugs and Devices - Expedited Appeals

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 707](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 912](#)

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipation

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 725](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 974](#)

Sponsor: Senator McCray

Title: Health Insurance - Physical Therapy - Copayments, Coinsurance, and Deductibles

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 728](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1035](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance – Qualified Resident State Subsidy Program (Access to Care Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 734](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health and Health Insurance – Primary Care Reform Commission

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 787](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 970](#)

Sponsor: Senator Feldman

Title: Managed Care Organizations and Health Insurance Carriers - Prior Authorization for HIV

Postexposure Prophylaxis for Victims of Sexual Offenses - Prohibition

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 834](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Two-Sided Incentive Arrangements and Capitated Payments - Authorization

Status: In the Senate – Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

IV. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 971](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Substance Abuse Treatment - Network Adequacy

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1082](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Peña-Melnyk

Title: Public Health - Consumer Health Information - Hub and Requirements

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1110](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Holmes

Title: Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Elevated Blood Lead Level

Status: In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 384](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 674](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Landlord and Tenant - Stay of Eviction Proceeding for Rental Assistance Determination

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 547](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 659](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 684](#)

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatric Inpatient Care - Admissions Restrictions (Psychiatric Hospital Admissions Equity Act)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 700](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Prevent Workplace Violence in Health Care Settings Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 745](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hough

Title: Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exception

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 778](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1080](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Children and Pregnant Women (Healthy Babies Equity Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 859](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1176](#)

Sponsor: Senator Watson

Title: Public Health – Sickle Cell Disease Registry – Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 865](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Controlled Dangerous Substances and Treatment of Chronic Pain and Long-Term Oxygen Use Patients (Continuity of Care Act of 2022)

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

Position: TBD

Bill: [SB 883](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1170](#)

Sponsor: Senator Watson

Title: Public Health – Sickle Cell Disease – Testing at a Community–Based Health Fair

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

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Bill: [HB 908](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Mental Health - Emergency Evaluations - Modification to Peace Officer Transport Requirement

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Bill: [HB 1029](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Valentino-Smith

Title: Maryland Higher Education Commission – Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee – Establishment

Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations

Bill: [SB 711](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1016](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers - Dry Needling Registration

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

Bill: [SB 781](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1018](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hester

Title: Public Safety and Behavioral Health Improvement Act

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance and Budget and Taxation

Bill: [SB 840](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Rosapepe

Title: COVID-19 Response Act of 2022

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 PM (Finance)

Bill: [SB 857](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Klausmeier

Title: Hospital Flu Vaccines

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 891](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Public Health - Medical Procedures - Parent or Guardian Notice (Maryland Parental Involvement Enhancement Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 PM