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# MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 2 (SB 598)	Income Tax - Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Allowing employers that claim the federal work opportunity credit to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid to individuals with barriers to employment; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to prepare a tax credit evaluation of the credit on or before December 31, 2028; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, but before January 1, 2029.	Luedtke	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
HB 14 (SB 48)	Health - Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to coordinate the implementation of advance care planning programs in the State; requiring each health insurance carrier to offer electronic advance directives to its members and enrollees at certain times and make arrangements to receive certain notifications; and authorizing a health insurance carrier to contract with an electronic advance directives service under certain circumstances.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing canceled	Health and Government Operations		Support
HB 28 (SB 62)	Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy to prescribe and dispense nicotine replacement therapy medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as aids for the cessation of the use of tobacco products.	Bhandari	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 4:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/20 4:30 PM		Oppose
HB 32 (SB 2)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Electronic Record	Authorizing a petition for emergency evaluation to be in the form of an electronic record.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/26 3:00 PM		Support

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HB 49 (SB 380)	Public Health - Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program - Nurse Practitioners	Authorizing nurse practitioners to prescribe and dispense auto-injectable epinephrine to certain certificate holders who operate youth camps.	Johnson	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:50 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/19 2:50 PM		TBD
HB 55 (SB 312)	Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority and Collaboration	Authorizing a nurse anesthetist to prescribe, order, and administer drugs, including controlled dangerous substances, without obtaining approval from a practitioner with whom the nurse anesthetist collaborates, subject to certain limitations; and authorizing a nurse anesthetist to collaborate with a podiatrist.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/1 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 66	Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Previous Cesarean Section	Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a patient who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/1 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 112 (SB 230)	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting	Requiring health occupations boards to issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; and prohibiting a health occupations board from issuing a certain temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit if the issuance would pose a risk to public health, welfare, or safety.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 4:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/20 4:30 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 180 (SB 386)	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact - Sunset Extension and Reporting	Extending from September 30, 2022, to September 30, 2027, the termination date of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and other provisions of law related to the Compact; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to include an update on the status of the Compact in its 2023 annual report.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/25 2:30 PM		Support
HB 229 (SB 19)	Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections	Altering the definition of "maintenance injectable medication" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/3 2:30 PM		No Position
HB 276 (SB 513)	Health Occupations - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing Authority	Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; altering the definition of "authorized prescriber" for purposes of the Maryland Pharmacy Act to include clinical nurse specialists; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/1 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 286	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Immunization Administration - Effective Date	Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2026, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under certain circumstances.	Kaiser	In the House - Hearing 2/08 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/8 3:00 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 287 (SB 243)	Secretary of Health - Professional Qualification Requirement	Requiring the Secretary of Health to be professionally qualified through certain experience or education in at least one health-related field, health or law policy, health care facilities administration, health economics or financial management, government operations related to health care, or as a health care provider.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/2 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 292 (SB 555)	Occupational Licensing Boards and Commission on Judicial Disabilities - Reporting Disciplinary Activities	Requiring business occupation licensing boards to include on license, registration, and certification application and renewal forms an option for the applicant to provide the applicant's gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the business occupation licensing boards to encourage applicants to provide gender, race, and ethnicity information; requiring business and health occupation licensing boards to include certain information related to disciplinary activities in the boards' annual reports; etc.	Davis	In the House - Hearing 2/08 at 3:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) and Hearing canceled (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations Tue 2/8 3:00 PM Tue 2/8 3:00 PM		Support
HB 353 (SB 253)	Maryland Health Care Commission - User Fee Assessments	Increasing the maximum amount, from \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000, of user fees the Maryland Health Care Commission may assess against hospitals, nursing homes, payors, and health care practitioners to cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commission.	Landis	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/9 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 407 (SB 407)	Health Occupations - Health Care Staffing Shortage Emergency - Declaration and Licensing and Practice Requirements (Health Care Heroes Act of 2022)	Authorizing the Secretary of Health to declare a health care staffing shortage emergency in the State; requiring each health occupations board to establish processes for the issuance of initial licenses, temporary licenses, and temporary practice letters on an expedited basis during a health care staffing shortage emergency; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment
HB 421 (SB 398)	Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - Provision of Behavioral Health Services via Telehealth - Authorization	Authorizing a health care practitioner who is not licensed in the State to provide behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient in the State under certain circumstances; providing that an out-of-state health care practitioner who provides behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient in Maryland shall be held to the same standards of practice applicable to in-person health care settings in the State.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 462 (SB 159)	Health Occupations - Authorized Prescribers - Reporting of Financial Gratuities or Incentives	Requiring each authorized prescriber who receives a financial gratuity or incentive from a pharmaceutical distributor or manufacturer to file a disclosure form with a certain health occupations board that licenses the authorized prescriber within 30 days after the financial gratuity or incentive is received by the authorized prescriber; and applying the Act prospectively	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/15 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 510	Health Care Facilities - Health Services Cost Review Commission - User Fee Assessment	Altering the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.	Pendergrass	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		TBD
HB 533 (SB 523)	Occupations and Professions - Licenses, Certificates, and Registration - Immigrants	Prohibiting a State occupational or professional licensing board or other government agency in the State from denying an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain requirements.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/15 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 625 (SB 440)	Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment	Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 643 (SB 385)	Health - Disclosure of Medical Records - Penalty	Altering the penalty for the knowing refusal by a health care provider to disclose a medical record within a certain time; and altering the definition of "medical record" to include certain electronic data or information.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support with Amendment

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 670	Maryland Health Care Commission - Study on Expansion of Interstate Telehealth	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with certain State agencies and stakeholders, to study ways that interstate telehealth can be expanded to allow State residents to use telehealth to receive health services from out-of-state practitioners; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2023.	Wilkins	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment
HB 717	Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office - Authority of Director - Dispositive Issues of Law	Authorizing the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to rule on dispositive issues of law under certain circumstances.	Cardin	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 2/23 1:00 PM		Oppose
HB 790 (SB 311)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician".	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/15 1:30 PM		Oppose



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HB 830	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 Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by removing the physician members.	R. Lewis	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose
SB 2 (HB 32)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Electronic Record	Authorizing a petition for emergency evaluation to be in the form of an electronic record.	Augustine	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance	Finance Tue 1/25 1:00 PM		Support
SB 19 (HB 229)	Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections	Altering the definition of "maintenance injectable medication" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/1 1:00 PM		No Position

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SB 48 (HB 14)	Health - Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to coordinate the implementation of advance care planning programs in the State; requiring each health insurance carrier to offer electronic advance directives to its members and enrollees at certain times and make arrangements to receive certain notifications; and authorizing a health insurance carrier to contract with an electronic advance directives service under certain circumstances.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support
SB 62 (HB 28)	Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy to prescribe and dispense nicotine replacement therapy medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as aids for the cessation of the use of tobacco products.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Tue 2/1 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 77	Health Occupations Boards - Investigations - Right to Counsel	Authorizing a licensee or certificate holder to be represented by counsel during an investigation by a health occupations board that may result in charges or sanctions; and authorizing a licensee or certificate holder to have counsel present at any interview conducted by or on behalf of the health occupations board during the investigation.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/1 1:00 PM		Support
SB 111	Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Pre-application Determinations - Criminal Convictions	Establishing a process for potential applicants for an occupational license or certificate to obtain a determination, before submitting an application, from a department as to whether certain criminal convictions would be the basis for the denial of an application for a certain occupational license or certificate; requiring a department to provide a determination in writing to the potential applicant; authorizing a department to set a reasonable fee to cover the cost of performing the service; etc.	McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/1 1:00 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 144	Health - Authorization to Prescribe and Administer Amygdalin - Repeal	Repealing certain provisions of law relating to the prescription, administration, and regulation of amygdalin.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support
SB 154	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact	Entering into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse to practice in a party state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Commission of APRN Compact Administrators and its duties and powers; providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact; and providing the Compact is contingent on the enacting of substantially similar legislation in six other states.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 159 (HB 462)	Health Occupations - Authorized Prescribers - Reporting of Financial Gratuities or Incentives	Requiring each authorized prescriber who receives a financial gratuity or incentive from a pharmaceutical distributor or manufacturer to file a financial disclosure form with the health occupations board that licenses the authorized prescriber within 30 days after the financial gratuity or incentive is received by the authorized prescriber; and applying the Act prospectively.	Kelley	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment

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SB 230 (HB 112)	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting	Requiring health occupations boards to issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; and prohibiting a health occupations board from issuing a certain temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit if the issuance would pose a risk to public health, welfare, or safety.	Jackson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 2/1 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 243 (HB 287)	Secretary of Health - Professional Qualification Requirement	Requiring the Secretary of Health to be professionally qualified through experience or education in health law or policy, health care facilities administration, health economics or financial management, government operations related to health care, or as a health care provider.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 253 (HB 353)	Maryland Health Care Commission - User Fee Assessments	Increasing the maximum amount, from \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000, of user fees the Maryland Health Care Commission may assess against hospitals, nursing homes, payors, and health care practitioners.	Kelley	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/26 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 311 (HB 790)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician".	Reilly	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 312 (HB 55)	Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority and Collaboration	Authorizing a nurse anesthetist to prescribe, order, and administer drugs, including controlled dangerous substances, without obtaining approval from a practitioner with whom the nurse anesthetist collaborates, subject to certain limitations; and authorizing a nurse anesthetist to collaborate with a podiatrist.	Reilly	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 336	Family Law - Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training	Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2023, an individual complete 20 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 5 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 355	HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements	Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide drugs that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for HIV prevention; prohibiting managed care organizations, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for certain drugs for HIV prevention; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 380 (HB 49)	Public Health - Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program - Nurse Practitioners	Authorizing nurse practitioners to prescribe and dispense auto-injectable epinephrine to certain certificate holders who operate youth camps.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/17 1:00 PM		TBD
SB 385 (HB 643)	Health - Disclosure of Medical Records - Penalty	Altering the penalty for the knowing refusal by a health care provider to disclose a medical record within 21 working days after the date a person in interest requests the disclosure; and altering the definition of "medical record" to include certain electronic data or information.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 386 (HB 180)	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact - Sunset Extension and Reporting	Extending from September 30, 2022, to September 30, 2027, the termination date of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and other provisions of law related to the Compact; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to include an update on the status of the Compact in its 2023 annual report.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support
SB 398 (HB 421)	Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - Provision of Behavioral Health Services via Telehealth - Authorization	Authorizing a health care practitioner who is not licensed in the State to provide behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient in the State under certain circumstances; providing that an out-of-state health care practitioner who provides behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient located in the State will be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in-person health care settings in the State.	President	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		Oppose

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SB 407 (HB 407)	Health Occupations - Health Care Staffing Shortage Emergency - Declaration and Licensing and Practice Requirements (Health Care Heroes Act of 2022)	Authorizing the Secretary of Health to declare a health care staffing shortage emergency in the State; requiring each health occupations board to establish processes for the issuance of initial licenses, temporary licenses, and temporary practice letters on an expedited basis during a health care staffing shortage emergency; etc.	President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 440 (HB 625)	Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment	Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 513 (HB 276)	Health Occupations - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing Authority	Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; altering the definition of "authorized prescriber" for purposes of the Maryland Pharmacy Act to include clinical nurse specialists; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 523 (HB 533)	Occupations and Professions - Licenses, Certificates, and Registration - Immigrants	Prohibiting a State occupational or professional licensing board or other government agency in the State from denying an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain requirements.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/17 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 555 (HB 292)	Occupational Licensing Boards and Commission on Judicial Disabilities - Reporting Disciplinary Activities	Requiring business occupation licensing boards to include on license, registration, and certification application and renewal forms an option for the applicant to provide the applicant's gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the business occupation licensing boards to encourage applicants to provide gender, race, and ethnicity information; requiring business and health occupation licensing boards to include certain information related to disciplinary activities in the boards' annual reports; etc.	Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support
SB 598 (HB 2)	Income Tax - Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Allowing employers that claim the federal work opportunity credit to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid to individuals with barriers to employment; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to prepare a tax credit evaluation of the credit on or before December 31, 2028; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, but before January 1, 2029.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/23 1:00 PM		Support



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SB 605	Medical Malpractice - Collateral Sources	Requiring collateral source evidence made to or for the benefit of the plaintiff to be admissible in medical malpractice jury trials for a certain purpose; requiring the trier of fact to consider collateral source evidence when determining damages; requiring the court to deduct from any award recovered by the plaintiff any collateral source benefit that duplicates any benefit contained in the jury's award to the plaintiff; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/22 1:00 PM		Support
SB 626	Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Alterations	Clarifying that part-time physicians and physician assistants are eligible for participation in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part-time physicians and physician assistants; and establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants to assist the Department in the administration of the Program.	Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/17 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

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HB 142	Health Insurance - Coverage of In Vitro Fertilization - Revisions	Expanding the benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are prohibited from excluding from coverage; prohibiting certain carriers from denying coverage of benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures because a policyholder or subscriber or dependent spouse of a policyholder or subscriber is a genetic carrier and at risk for a fetal anomaly; etc.	Amprey	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/27 4:00 PM		Support
HB 213	Health Information Exchanges - Definition and Privacy Regulations	Altering the definition of a "health information exchange" as used in provisions of law governing the confidentiality of medical records; and providing that regulations governing the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange may not prohibit the sharing and disclosing of information that is required to be exchanged under federal law or for payment purposes or the use of electronic health information for purposes important to public health.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/2 1:30 PM		Support
HB 260 (SB 305)	State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits	Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; and altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications.	Carr	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/25 2:30 PM		Support
HB 413 (SB 395)	Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Extension of Provider Fee	Continuing the stabilization of the individual health insurance market by extending to calendar year 2028 the assessment of a health insurance provider fee.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment

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HB 536	Maryland Insurance Commissioner - Authority - Federal Health Emergency	Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations that may be applied when a national or public health emergency, that within the Commissioner's discretion affects the State, is issued by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Health and Human Services; and requiring that a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies establish a special enrollment period for certain individuals enrolled in Medicare Part B and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.	Pendergrass	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/10 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 610 (SB 493)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.	Ruth	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position
HB 675 (SB 621)	Health Insurance - Changes to Coverage, Benefits, and Drug Formularies - Timing	Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from making changes to coverage, benefits, or drug formularies under a health insurance policy or contract during the term of the health insurance policy or contract; and authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to make certain changes to coverage, benefits, and drug formularies on renewal of a health insurance policy or contract.	Hartman	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/17 1:30 PM		Support

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HB 709 (SB 632)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program	Establishing a Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program in the State to provide subsidies to small business and nonprofit employers and their employees for the purchase of qualified health benefit plans on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.	R. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/17 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 715 (SB 549)	Administrative Services Organizations - Requirements for Retraction, Repayment, or Mitigation of Claims	Prohibiting an administrative services organization that administers the delivery of specialty mental health services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from retracting, requiring repayment of, or seeking mitigation of certain claims made by health care providers unless the administrative services organization provides to the health care providers certain forms and information; etc.	Valentino-Smith	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support
HB 820	Health Insurance - Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders - Modification of Coverage Requirements	Removing a requirement that rituximab be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to be subject to a requirement on certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the treatment of certain pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; etc.	Carr	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position
SB 180	Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law - The No Surprises Act and Other Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021	Providing that the federal No Surprises Act and certain other provisions of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 regarding transparency apply to all insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that deliver or issue for delivery in the State policies or contracts for a health benefit plan, blanket health insurance, or short-term limited duration insurance; and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce the Act.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (45-0)	Finance Wed 1/19 1:00 PM		No Position

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SB 305 (HB 260)	State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits	Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; and altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/10 1:00 PM		Support
SB 353	Health Insurance - Prescription Insulin Drugs - Limits on Copayment and Coinsurance (Insulin Cost Reduction Act)	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug to not more than \$30 for a 30-day supply.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support
SB 395 (HB 413)	Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Extension of Provider Fee	Continuing the stabilization of the individual health insurance market by extending to calendar year 2028 the assessment of a health insurance provider fee.	President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 493 (HB 610)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.	Pinsky	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		No Position

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SB 549 (HB 715)	Administrative Services Organizations - Requirements for Retraction, Repayment, or Mitigation of Claims	Prohibiting an administrative services organization that administers the delivery of specialty mental health services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from retracting, requiring repayment of, or seeking mitigation of certain claims made by health care providers unless the administrative services organization provides to the health care providers certain forms and information; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		Support
SB 621 (HB 675)	Health Insurance - Changes to Coverage, Benefits, and Drug Formularies - Timing	Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from making changes to coverage, benefits, or drug formularies under a health insurance policy or contract during the term of the health insurance policy or contract; and authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to make certain changes to coverage, benefits, and drug formularies on renewal of a health insurance policy or contract.	Corderman	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support
SB 632 (HB 709)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program	Establishing a Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program in the State to provide subsidies to small business and nonprofit employers and their employees for the purchase of qualified health benefit plans on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.	Hester	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		No Position

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SB 634	Health Insurance - Home Test Kits for Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Required Coverage	Requiring certain health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for the purchase of home test kits to test for sexually transmitted diseases and related laboratory costs if the home test kit is ordered by an in-network provider under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2023.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support
SB 637	Health and Health Insurance - Behavioral Health Services - Expansion (Behavioral Health System Modernization Act)	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health peer recovery, measurement-based care, and crisis response services; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and reimbursement for certain behavioral health services; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		TBD

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 6 (SB 150)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Dental Coverage for Adults	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning January 1, 2023, and subject to certain limitations, to provide comprehensive dental care for adults whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level; and repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation of a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the Program.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/9 1:30 PM		Support
HB 48 (SB 94)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee; providing that a person has immunity from liability for certain actions related to the Committee; providing for the sharing of information with and confidentiality of information obtained by the Committee; exempting Committee meetings from the Open Meetings Act; and prohibiting certain persons from testifying in any proceeding about details of a Committee meeting.	Belcastro	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/26 3:00 PM		Support
HB 96	Public Health - Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Gifts and Organ Transplantation - Financial Status	Prohibiting covered entities from taking certain actions regarding organ transplantation and anatomical gifts solely on the basis of an individual's financial status; and requiring, except under certain circumstances, covered entities to make certain modifications to policies, practices, and procedures to allow an individual with financial issues access to services related to organ transplantation.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/26 3:00 PM		Support



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 101	Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance	Requiring as part of a complaint for repossession for failure to pay rent that a landlord provide registration or licensing information for a property for which registration or licensing is required under local law and to state whether a property is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; requiring a rental property in Baltimore City to be in compliance with lead-based paint abatement requirements before a landlord may file a complaint for repossession of the property for failure to pay rent; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 1/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Tue 1/18 1:00 PM		Support
HB 109 (SB 242)	Maryland Department of Health - System for Newborn Screening - Requirements	Requiring the newborn screening program in the Maryland Department of Health to require testing for each condition listed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recommended Uniform Screening Program.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:50 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/19 2:50 PM		Support
HB 129 (SB 12)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services and Public Safety Answering Points - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the definition of "mobile crisis team" to include prioritizing limiting interaction of law enforcement with individuals in crisis; and requiring each public safety answering point to develop a written policy for calls involving an individual suffering an active mental health crisis.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 3:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Wed 1/26 3:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 141 (SB 23)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; establishing the Commission on Transportation Equity to assist in developing policies and performance measures to ensure the State transportation system is equitable; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing service changes; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Thu 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
HB 164	Institutions of Higher Education - Pregnant Students - Policy	Prohibiting an institution of higher education from requiring pregnant students to take a leave of absence, withdraw, or limit studies; requiring an institution of higher education to allow pregnant students, students who have recently given birth, and students who are the nonbirth parents of a recently born child to take a leave of absence and return to the institution in good academic standing, subject to a certain condition; requiring an institution to adopt and implement a written policy on pregnancy discrimination awareness; etc.	Healey	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations Tue 1/25 1:00 PM		Support
HB 245 (SB 331)	Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims - Alterations and Repeal of Sunset	Repealing the termination date of the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims; repealing the limit on the total annual amount physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals are entitled to be paid for providing certain treatment or follow-up care; and altering the requirement that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services report to the Governor and General Assembly on the operation and results of the program.	Reznik	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Wed 2/9 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 267 (SB 298)	Criminal Law - Threat Against Public Health Official or Hospital Staff Member	Prohibiting a person from making or sending a threat to a public health official with the intent to intimidate, interfere with, or impede a public health official from performing the official's duties; and providing that a person who violated the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days and a fine of up to \$500, or both.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 1/25 1:00 PM		Support
HB 275 (SB 273)	Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements (George "Walter" Taylor Act)	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging designed for direct food contact in the State; etc.	Love	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/9 1:30 PM		Support
HB 293 (SB 241)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund	Establishing the 9-8-8 Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9-8-8 as the primary phone number for the State's behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Wed 2/2 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 361 (SB 320)	Mold Inspections and Remediation - Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2024, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; authorizing a tenant to deposit the tenant's rent in an escrow account under certain circumstances; authorizing a tax credit for taxpayers of certain residential properties who incur mold remediation costs; etc.	Henson	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support
HB 387 (SB 268)	Pesticide Regulation - Transfer to Department of the Environment	Transferring the regulation of pesticides, plant diseases, and mosquitos in the State from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Environment.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Wed 2/9 1:00 PM		Support
HB 408 (SB 394)	Statewide Targeted Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2022	Authorizing certain emergency medical services providers to dispense naloxone to individuals who received treatment for a nonfatal drug overdose or were evaluated by a crisis evaluation team; requiring certain community services programs, certain private and public entities, and hospitals to have a protocol to dispense naloxone to certain individuals free of charge under certain circumstances; etc.	The Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/16 1:30 PM		Support
HB 477 (SB 99)	Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Fennell	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 481 (SB 509)	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances which reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering a list of items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia; etc.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/15 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
HB 517 (SB 460)	Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care - Establishment	Establishing the Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care to assist State residents in accessing mental health and substance use disorder services under public and private health insurance and address insurance-related barriers to mental health and substance use disorder services; establishing certain requirements for the Program relating to consumer medical records and other information; requiring the Program to promote equity in access to mental health and substance use disorder services; etc.	R. Lewis	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support with Amendment
HB 534 (SB 244)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring	Requiring, beginning January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring.	Bhandari	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/9 1:30 PM		Support

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 578 (SB 323)	Maryland Medical Assistance Programs - Prior Authorization for Drug Products to Treat an Opioid Use Disorder - Prohibition	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program from applying a prior authorization requirement for certain drug products when used to treat an opioid use disorder.	Kaiser	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/16 1:30 PM		Support
HB 669 (SB 503)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Services - Coverage	Requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to provide doula services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services.	Wilkins	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/16 1:30 PM		Support
HB 746 (SB 682)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act of 2022)	Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender-affirming treatment; and prohibiting the Program from issuing an adverse benefit determination related to gender-affirming treatment unless a health care provider with experience prescribing or delivering gender-affirming treatment has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination.	Kaiser	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support with Amendment

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 12 (HB 129)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services and Public Safety Answering Points - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the definition of "mobile crisis team" to include prioritizing limiting interaction of law enforcement with individuals in crisis; and requiring each public safety answering point to develop a written policy for calls involving an individual suffering an active mental health crisis.	Augustine	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance	Finance Tue 1/25 1:00 PM		Support
SB 23 (HB 141)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; establishing the Commission on Transportation Equity to assist in developing policies and performance measures to ensure the State transportation system is equitable; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing service changes; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 94 (HB 48)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, the State Team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicide deaths; requiring the State Teams to meet quarterly and report annually to the Governor and General Assembly; providing for the sharing of information with and confidentiality of information obtained by the Committee; exempting Committee meetings from the Open Meetings Act; etc.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance	Finance Tue 1/18 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 99 (HB 477)	Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, except for the issuance of certain licenses or the imposition of certain taxes.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/27 2:00 PM		Support
SB 150 (HB 6)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Dental Coverage for Adults	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning January 1, 2023, and subject to certain limitations, to provide certain dental care for adults whose annual income is at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level; and repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation of a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the Program.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/25 1:00 PM		Support
SB 168	Department of Health - ImmuNet and Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations	Repealing the exemption for certain health care providers or agents from the requirement to provide individuals receiving vaccinations with certain documents, notify the individuals or the parent or guardian of a minor of a certain right, and report all vaccines administered to ImmuNet; altering the membership of and term limits for members of the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations; etc.	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (43-2)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 1/20 1:00 PM		Support
SB 176	Vehicle Laws - Rear-Facing Child Safety Seats - Requirement	Requiring a person transporting a child under the age of 2 years in a motor vehicle to secure the child in a rear-facing child safety seat that complies with applicable federal regulations until the child reaches the manufacturer's weight or height limit for the child safety seat.	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	In the Senate - Laid Over (Senator Jennings) Adopted	Judicial Proceedings Thu 1/13 1:30 PM		Support



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SB 196	Maryland Department of Health - Overdose Report	Extending the termination date for certain provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Health to examine and report on fatal overdoses involving opioids and other controlled substances; and altering the requirements relating to the examination and report.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/18 1:00 PM		Support
SB 200	Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Naloxone Medication Data	Altering the requirements of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to require the Program to monitor the dispensing of naloxone medication by all prescribers and dispensers in the State and to require dispensers to report naloxone medication data to the Program.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Finance	Finance Thu 1/27 2:00 PM		Support
SB 241 (HB 293)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund	Establishing the 9-8-8 Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9-8-8 as the primary phone number for the State's behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		Support
SB 242 (HB 109)	Maryland Department of Health - System for Newborn Screening - Requirements	Requiring the newborn screening program in the Maryland Department of Health to require testing for each condition listed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recommended Uniform Screening Program.	Hershey	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/3 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 244 (HB 534)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring	Requiring, beginning January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		Support
SB 268 (HB 387)	Pesticide Regulation - Transfer to Department of the Environment	Transferring the regulation of pesticides, plant diseases, and mosquitos in the State from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Environment.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 273 (HB 275)	Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements (George "Walter" Taylor Act)	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging designed for direct food contact in the State; etc.	Elfreth	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 298 (HB 267)	Criminal Law - Threat Against Public Health Official or Hospital Staff Member	Prohibiting a person from making or sending a threat to a public health official or hospital staff member with the intent to intimidate, interfere with, or impede a public health official or hospital staff member from performing official duties; and providing that a person who violated the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days and a fine of up to \$500, or both.	Young	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 320 (HB 361)	Mold Inspections and Remediation - Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2024, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; authorizing a tenant to deposit the tenant's rent in an escrow account under certain circumstances; authorizing a tax credit for taxpayers of certain residential properties who incur mold remediation costs; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 323 (HB 578)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Prior Authorization for Drug Products to Treat an Opioid Use Disorder - Prohibition	Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from applying a prior authorization requirement for certain drug products when used to treat an opioid use disorder.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		Support
SB 331 (HB 245)	Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims - Alterations and Repeal of Sunset	Repealing the termination date of the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims; repealing the limit on the total annual amount physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals are entitled to be paid for providing certain treatment or follow-up care; and altering the requirement that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services report to the Governor and General Assembly on the operation and results of the program.	King	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 394 (HB 408)	Statewide Targeted Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2022	Authorizing certain emergency medical services providers to dispense naloxone to individuals who received treatment for a nonfatal drug overdose or were evaluated by a crisis evaluation team; requiring certain community services programs, certain private and public entities, and hospitals to have a protocol to dispense naloxone free of charge to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.	President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/17 1:00 PM		Support
SB 460 (HB 517)	Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care - Establishment	Establishing the Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care to assist State residents in accessing mental health and substance use disorder services under public and private health insurance and address insurance-related barriers to mental health and substance use disorder services; requiring the Program to promote equity in access to mental health and substance use disorder services; establishing certain requirements for the Program relating to consumer medical records and other information; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support with Amendment
SB 503 (HB 669)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Services - Coverage	Requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to provide doula services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support

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SB 509 (HB 481)	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances which reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering a list of items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 607	Health Equity Resource Communities - Modifications	Requiring the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) to provide technical assistance to the Community Health Resources Commission in implementing provisions of law governing Health Equity Resource Communities; altering the date from October 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023, by which the Commission must issue a request for proposals to designate areas as Health Equity Resource Communities; establishing that the Health Equity Resource Fund may be used to fund two full-time staffing positions at the Commission; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support
SB 682 (HB 746)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act of 2022)	Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender-affirming treatment; and prohibiting the Program from issuing an adverse benefit determination related to gender-affirming treatment unless a health care provider with experience prescribing or delivering gender-affirming treatment has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination.	Washington	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		Support with Amendment

# MedChi FYI Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 1	Constitutional Amendment - Cannabis - Adult Use and Possession	Establishing that, on or after July 1, 2023, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may use and possess cannabis.	Clippinger	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 10:00 a.m.	Judiciary Mon 2/14 10:00 AM		FYI
HB 50	Public Health - Abortion, Artificial Insemination, and Sterilization - Requirement	Requiring, rather than prohibiting, licensed hospitals, hospital directors, and hospital governing boards to authorize within the hospitals the performance of any medical procedure that results in artificial insemination, sterilization, or termination of pregnancy or to refer to any source for these medical procedures.	Amprey	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 106 (SB 173)	Health Insurance - Nonprofit Health Service Plan - Board of Directors	Altering the required composition of the board of directors of a nonprofit health service plan; requiring the board be composed of at least 11 members and no more than 23 members; and requiring the Board to seek to include individuals with a diverse range of experience relevant to the mission of the corporation as a nonprofit health services plan including experience in data, consumer experience, government programs, population health, geriatrics, diversity, equity and inclusion.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 4:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/27 4:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 188 (SB 120)	Acupuncture Licensure Requirements	Altering the education requirements that an applicant for licensure by the State Acupuncture Board must achieve to be issued a license; and requiring that an applicant who is issued a license on or before May 31, 2026 must achieve a diplomate in acupuncture from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or a passing score on an examination determined by the Board to be equivalent to the examination given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/3 2:30 PM		FYI
HB 190	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity	Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs or assisting someone experiencing a certain medical emergency.	Cardin	In the House - Hearing 1/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 1/18 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 319 (SB 100)	General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Overdose Awareness	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day as part of a global event that aims to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related death, and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends of those who have died or been injured as a result of a drug overdose.	R. Jones	In the House - Hearing 3/15 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/15 2:30 PM		FYI
HB 364 (SB 488)	Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption	Exempting the sale of certain thermometers, pulse oximeters, and blood pressure monitors from the sales and use tax.	Henson	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/2 1:00 PM		FYI

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 501 (SB 433)	Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation Claims - Fees for Legal Services	Authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission, if there is no compensation other than a medical benefit payable to a covered employee, to order that a fee of not more than \$2,000 for legal services rendered on behalf of the covered employee be payable by the covered employee, an employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers' Fund; exempting the ordered fee from the requirement that a fee approved by the Commission be a lien on compensation awarded; and applying the Act prospectively.	Valderrama	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/15 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 570	Pesticides - Mosquito Control Products and PFAS Chemicals	Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to require the submission of a certain affidavit relating to mosquito control products and PFAS chemicals for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to the registration of pesticides in the State; prohibiting the State, a local government, or a certified applicator or a person working under the supervision of a certified applicator from using a mosquito control product that contains PFAS chemicals; etc.	Stein	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 623	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Essential Health Care Workers	Allowing, for taxable years 2021 and 2022, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of \$2,000 for essential health care workers; and defining "essential health care worker" as a licensed physician, a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or an emergency medical services provider who performed a duty or work responsibility during a state of emergency declared by the Governor and that could not be performed remotely.	Brooks	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI



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HB 661 (SB 263)	Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options With Children's Meals	Requiring a food service facility that offers children's meals to offer certain beverages, plain water, whole, nonfat, or low fat unsweetened milk, a certain nondairy beverage, or a beverage consisting of 6 ounces or less of 100% fruit or vegetable juice or a combination of both, as the default beverages included with the meal.	Fennell	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 694	Hospitals - Financial Assistance - Medical Bill Reimbursement	Establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including a requirement that the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Human Services develop a process for identifying and informing patients who qualify for reimbursement and that hospitals reimburse certain patients; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 725 (SB 506)	Children - Therapeutic Child Care Program - Funding	Establishing the Therapeutic Child Care Program to provide specialized child care and early childhood education by educators, early intervention providers, mental health providers, and health care providers to children under the age of 6 years who have delays in development, physical disabilities, or delays in social, emotional, or behavioral functioning.	Luedtke	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	Ways and Means		FYI

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HB 735	Public Health - Abortion	Repealing certain provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion, regulations related to abortion, and liability or criminal punishment for physicians 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; establishing requirements for performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman; etc.	Metzgar	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 760	States of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Renewals - Authorization by General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee	Prohibiting the Governor from renewing a state of emergency or catastrophic health emergency for more than 30 days without approval from the General Assembly by joint resolution or if the General Assembly is not in session, by a majority vote of the Legislative Policy Committee; and clarifying that a state of emergency expires under certain circumstances.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 3/1 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 761 (SB 330)	County Boards of Health and Baltimore City Health Department - Procedures and Appeals Process	Requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to establish certain requirements and a certain appeals process regarding inspections, issuances of a citation, or issuances of an order to cease operation; requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to publish the requirements and the appeals process on their websites; etc.	Krebs	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 765 (SB 166)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Program	Establishing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program Doula Program to provide doula services to program recipients who are pregnant or postpartum; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Doula Program; requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to participate in the Doula Program; and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services, with certain limitations.	Bridges	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/16 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 779	Vaccination Requirements - Provision of Services - Statement of Prior Viral Infection	Prohibiting a public or private entity that requires a person to be vaccinated against a virus in order to receive services from denying services to a person who signs a certain statement about a prior viral infection.	Arikan	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 794	Public Health - Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council	Establishing the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council in the Maryland Department of Health to provide specific findings and recommendations regarding the allocation of money from the Opioid Restitution Fund; and altering the permissible uses for the Fund and the requirement that the Governor consult with certain persons to identify recommended appropriations from the Fund.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Wed 2/16 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 799	State and Local Government - COVID-19 - Vaccination by Choice Act	Prohibiting the State and the political subdivisions in the State from requiring an applicant for employment or an employee to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition for employment.	Morgan	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 800 (SB 565)	Public Safety - Emergency Management - Price Gouging Consumer Protections	Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service during a state of emergency and for the 90 days following the end of the state of emergency for a price of 10% or more of the price charged prior to the state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive certain information.	Queen	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 819	Public Health - COVID-19 and Other Influenza- Like Illnesses - Antibody Tests	Authorizing an individual to use proof of a positive antibody test to satisfy a vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or other influenza-like illnesses.	Parrott	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 821 (SB 518)	Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program	Establishing the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing grants to eligible employers for training programs attended by health care workers.	Turner	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 845 (SB 623)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers		Buckel	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	Ways and Means		FYI
SB 10	Workers' Compensation - COVID-19 Occupational Disease Presumption	Establishing that first responders, public safety employees, and health care workers are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law after a positive test or diagnosis for COVID-19; and applying the Act retroactively.	Jackson	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 100 (HB 319)	General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Overdose Awareness	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.	Jackson	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		FYI
SB 120 (HB 188)	Acupuncture Licensure Requirements	Altering the education requirements that an applicant for licensure by the State Acupuncture Board must achieve to be issued a license; and requiring that an applicant issued a license on or before May 31, 2026 must have achieved a diplomate in acupuncture from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, or a passing score on an examination that is determined by the Board to be equivalent to the examination given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 1/26 1:30 PM		FYI
SB 166 (HB 765)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Program	Establishing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program Doula Program to provide doula services to program recipients who are pregnant or postpartum; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Doula Program; requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to participate in the Doula Program; and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services, with certain limitations.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 167	Maryland Insurance Administration - Enforcement Authority - Payment of Claims	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require an insurer that holds a certificate of authority to fulfill the holder's obligations or pay a claim or an amount due instead of, or in addition to, suspending or revoking the certificate; and authorizing the Commissioner, on a finding of a violation of certain provisions of law, to require an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization to provide a payment that has been improperly denied.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/19 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 173 (HB 106)	Health Insurance - Nonprofit Health Service Plan - Board of Directors	Altering the required composition of the board of directors of a nonprofit health service plan; requiring the Board to consist of at least 11 members and no more than 23; and requiring the board to include individuals with a diverse range of experience relevant to the mission of the corporation as a nonprofit health service plan including experience in data, consumer experience, government programs, population health, geriatrics, diversity, equity and inclusion.	Feldman	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance	Finance Wed 1/26 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 185	Maryland Insurance Administration - Virtual Hearings	Requiring that hearings held by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner be considered open to the public if a member of the public can observe the hearing virtually through an electronic media platform; authorizing the Commissioner to direct that a hearing be held virtually, subject to certain limitations; and requiring the Commissioner to make available a space within the office of the Maryland Insurance Administration with access to the equipment necessary to allow parties to participate in the virtual hearing.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (45-0)	Finance Wed 1/19 1:00 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 207	Insurance Carriers - Cybersecurity Standards	Establishing certain cybersecurity standards applicable to insurance carriers, including health maintenance organizations and third-party administrators; requiring a carrier to take certain actions related to cybersecurity, including developing, implementing, and maintaining a written information security program, identifying certain threats, and establishing a certain incident response plan; etc.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/19 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 263 (HB 661)	Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options With Children's Meals	Requiring a food service facility that offers children's meals to offer certain beverages, plain water, whole, nonfat, or low fat unsweetened milk, a certain nondairy beverage or a beverage consisting of 6 ounces or less of 100% fruit or vegetable juice or a combination of both, as the default beverages included with the meal.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/3 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 294	Health - Automated External Defibrillator, First Aid, and CPR - Requirements for Health Clubs	Requiring a health club to make available an automated external defibrillator on the premises of the health club; requiring a health club to have an employee on the premises who is certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and providing immunity from civil liability for employees of health clubs regarding the presence or use of or failure to use an automated external defibrillator.	Cassilly	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/17 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 330 (HB 761)	County Boards of Health and Baltimore City Health Department - Procedures and Appeals Process	Requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to establish certain requirements and a certain appeals process regarding inspections, issuances of a citation, or issuances of an order to cease operation; requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to publish the requirements and the appeals process on their websites; etc.	Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/8 1:00 PM		FYI

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 433 (HB 501)	Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation Claims - Fees for Legal Services	Authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission, if there is no compensation other than a medical benefit payable to a covered employee, to order that a fee of not more than \$2,000 for legal services rendered on behalf of the covered employee be payable by the covered employee, an employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers' Fund; and exempting the ordered fee from the requirement that a fee approved by the Commission be a lien on compensation awarded.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI
SB 488 (HB 364)	Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption	Exempting the sale of certain thermometers, pulse oximeters, and blood pressure monitors from the sales and use tax.	Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Tue 2/15 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 504	Equal Protection of Unborn Human Beings Act of 2022	Repealing provisions of law providing for the prosecution for murder or manslaughter of a viable fetus under certain circumstances; requiring certain executive, legislative, and judicial officers in the State to fulfill a certain duty to support the United States Constitution and the Maryland Constitution to protect the life of each unborn human being within their jurisdiction; prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from providing any device, procedure or drug to cause or attempt to cause an abortion; etc.	Salling	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings)	Finance; Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI



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SB 506 (HB 725)	Children - Therapeutic Child Care Program - Funding	Establishing the Therapeutic Child Care Program to provide specialized child care and early childhood education by educators, early intervention providers, mental health providers, and health care providers to children under the age of 6 years who have delays in development, physical disabilities, or delays in social, emotional, or behavioral functioning.	King	In the Senate - Hearing canceled	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		FYI
SB 518 (HB 821)	Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program	Establishing the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing grants to eligible employers for training programs attended by health care workers.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI
SB 535	Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act	Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the performance of or the attempt to perform a dismemberment abortion that kills an unborn child on a pregnant woman; providing for certain hearing proceedings before the State Board of Physicians; and authorizing certain individuals to bring certain legal actions against an individual who has performed or attempted to perform a dismemberment abortion.	Ready	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI
SB 547	Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/23 1:00 PM		FYI

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SB 565 (HB 800)	Public Safety - Emergency Management - Price Gouging Consumer Protections	Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service during a state of emergency and for the 90 days following the end of the state of emergency for a price of 10% or more of the price charged prior to a state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive certain information.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI
SB 591	Maryland Health Care Commission - Patient Safety Center - Designation and Fund	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to designate a center as the Patient Safety Center for the State on or before December 31, 2025; requiring the Center to develop, coordinate, and implement patient safety initiatives across the State, be a model for innovation and implementation, convene health care providers, patients and families to improve the quality of health care and share information on best practices; establishing the Patient Safety Center Fund to subsidize a portion of the costs of the Center; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 623 (HB 845)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers	Allowing, for tax years 2021 and 2022, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$25,000 of income attributable to an individual's work as a health care worker during the taxable year.	Corderman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 2/23 1:00 PM		FYI