



**MedChi Legislative Council**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Legislative Items**

- a. Discussion of 2021 Legislative Session (Steve Wise)
- b. First Aid Room – Telehealth (Gene Ransom)
- c. Bill Testimony – Sign Up Process (Steve Wise)

**III. Boards and Commissions (BC)**

Bill: [HB 25](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 311](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 95](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Krebs

Title: Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 123](#)  
Cross-File Bill: [SB 3](#)  
Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk  
Title: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021  
Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Support

Bill: [HB 135](#)  
Cross-File Bill: [SB 84](#)  
Sponsor: Delegate K. Young  
Title: Pharmacists – Administration of Self–Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications  
Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Support

Bill: [HB 182](#)  
Cross-File Bill: [SB 169](#)  
Sponsor: Delegate Kerr  
Title: Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians  
Status: In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 191](#)  
Cross-File Bill: [SB 56](#)  
Sponsor: Delegate Kelly  
Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination  
Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Support

Bill: [HB 219](#)  
Cross-File Bill: N/A  
Sponsor: Delegate Krebs  
Title: Naturopathic Doctors - Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice  
Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 224](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 262](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Krebs

Title: Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 288](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 183](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charles

Title: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 299](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 34](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Carr

Title: State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 67](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Senate, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Title: Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccination Administration

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 92](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Eckardt

Title: Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Eligibility and Sunset Repeal

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 102](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Eckardt

Title: Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 210](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

#### **IV. Health Insurance (HI)**

Bill: [HB 107](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines – Repeal

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 124](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Valderrama

Title: Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 148](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 112](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Carey

Title: Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 162](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ivey

Title: Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Upper Payment Limits and Reports

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 167](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 290](#)

Sponsor: Delegate P. Young

Title: Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 170](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate K. Young

Title: Cancer Drugs – Physician Dispensing and Coverage

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 226](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Title: Maryland Insurance Administration - Delivery of Notices and Other Communications by Electronic Means

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/14 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 272](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Title: Insurance - Claim Payment - Clarification

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

## **v. Public Health (PH)**

Bill: [HB 28](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 5](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 29](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ivey

Title: Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Substance Use Disorder

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 32](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate J. Lewis

Title: Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation (Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)

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

Bill: [HB 34](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 278](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 49](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 78](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 52](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 108](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 286](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services – Modifications

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 129](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 70](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Henson

Title: Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 132](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 41](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 134](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 177](#)

Sponsor: Delegate J. Lewis

Title: Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 205](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Reznik

Title: Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 209](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 168](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Belcastro

Title: Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 289](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 105](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Atterbeary

Title: Peace Orders - Workplace Violence

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 309](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 377](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Position: Move to FYI



Bill: [HB 396](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 279](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 94](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Public Health – Local Health District Boards

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 163](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doulas

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 172](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 273](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Electronic Smoking Device Regulation Act of 2021

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 322](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Health – Health and Wellness Standards – Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

## **VI. FYI**

Bill: [HB 14](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kerr

Title: Pharmacists - Prescription Drug and Device Labels - Expiration Dates

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 55](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Crosby

Title: Immunities – Associations, Organizations, and Charities – Liability of Agents and Volunteers

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 56](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Boyce

Title: Labor and Employment – Leave With Pay – Bereavement Leave

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Bill: [HB 212](#)

Cross-File Bill: Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Bill: [HB 233](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 82](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Sample-Hughes

Title: State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Maryland Music Therapists Act

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 244](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 161](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Valentino-Smith

Title: Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 368](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 100](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 375](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 211](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Valderrama

Title: Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Bill: [HB 377](#)

Cross-File Bill:

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 390](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Johnson

Title: University of Maryland - Harford Memorial Hospital Closure - Economic Impact Study

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 64](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Salling

Title: Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance07000

Bill: [SB 78](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Public Safety - Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Administration of Ketamine

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 11:00 a.m.