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**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Review of Committee Protocols**
- III. Legislative Items**
  - a. 2026 Legislative Session Updates
  - b. 2026 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room
  - c. MMPAC

**IV. Boards and Commissions (B&C)**

Bill: [HB 137](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 222\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kaufman

Title: Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 203](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Labor and Employment - Training Repayment Agreements - Prohibition

Status: In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 316](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kaufman

Title: Confidentiality of Medical Records - Definition of Medical Record

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 83](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Health Occupations - Grounds for Discipline - Federal and Court Actions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 169](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Hospitals - Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions - Procedures

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 238](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 240](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

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

Bill: [HB 88](#)

Cross-File Bill:

Sponsor: Delegate Taveras

Title: Health Insurance - Bulk Purchasing Pools for Prescription Drugs

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 277](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 139\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Insurance - Third Party Administrators - Enforcement

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 280](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 205\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - Codification of Federal Requirements

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Hold

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

Bill: [HB 49](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 105](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Foley

Title: Public Health - Restaurants - Disclosure of Main Food Allergens

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 158](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 181](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Public Health - Restaurants - Disclosure of Main Food Allergens

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 196](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Taveras

Title: Public Health - Baby Food Testing - Definition of Baby Food

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 209](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Allen

Title: Health Care Providers - Assisted Reproductive Treatment - Informed Consent and Fraud

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 222](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Educational Institutions - Opioid Overdose-Reversing Medications - Policy Requirements  
(Naloxone Access Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 19](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 39](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Behavioral Health - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Reimbursement Rates

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 78](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Public Health - Prostate-Specific Antigen Testing (Protect Our Prostate Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 195](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McKay

Title: Motorcycles - Protective Headgear Requirement - Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 244](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: The President

Title: Code Revision - Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

## VII. FYI

Bill: [HB 60](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Patterson

Title: Sickle Cell Disease - Institutions of Higher Education - Policies, Procedures, and Educational Campaigns

Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations

Bill: [HB 166](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Public Health - Henrietta Lacks Commission - Establishment (Henrietta Lacks Commission of Maryland Act of 2026)

Status: In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections

Bill: [HB 178](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Patterson

Title: Public Health - Sickle Cell Disease - Specialized Clinics and Scholarship Program for Medical Residents

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Bill: [HB 273](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 14\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Health Insurance - Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Enrollment - Effective Dates

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Bill: [HB 279](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 196\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Correctional Services - Medication Review Committee - Administration of Psychotropic Medication to an Incarcerated Individual

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Bill: [SB 120](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Health Insurance - Required Benefits for Dental Preventive Care - Frequency Limitation Interval  
(Healthy Moms and Family Smiles Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance