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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. Discussion of the 2025 Legislative Session (Steve Wise)
- b. 2025 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 468](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Petitions for Emergency Evaluation

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 407](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 602](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 423](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [SB 447](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Hospitals - Emergency Medical Conditions - Procedures

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 458](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Letter of Information

Bill: [SB 490](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: State Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and Workgroups - Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity Requirements

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

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 424](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 357](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 374](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 459](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters - Required Coverage (James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 393](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 529](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Prescription Drug Formularies and Coverage for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 411](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Health Insurance - Postpartum Depression Screening - Required Coverage and Authorized Cost Sharing

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 438](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Pharmacy Benefits Administration - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 474](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Reporting and Examinations

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 475](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 659](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Exemption for Participation in Value-Based Care Arrangements

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 476](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Insurance - Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost-Sharing

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 62](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 253](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Title: Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 414](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Health and Taxation - Digital Social Media Services and the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 572](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Public Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 214](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 12](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Cannabis - Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 368](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 30](#)

Sponsor: Senator Watson

Title: County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Phone Use Policy - Establishment (Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 2:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 370](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 556](#)

Sponsor: Senator McCray

Title: Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 372](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 397](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McKay

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

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 448](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Directed Mental Health Services - Pilot Program

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 519](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Schindler

Title: Public Health - Hospitals - Parking for Patients

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

Bill: [HB 534](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 547](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Hospitals - Price Transparency - Requirements and Fund

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

Bill: [HB 594](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Embry

Title: Civil Actions - Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Vulnerable Individuals - Comparative Negligence

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary