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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. 2026 Legislative Session Updates
- b. 2026 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room
- c. MMPAC

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

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 - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 377](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 326\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate S. Johnson

Title: Physician Assistants - Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [SB 260](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 322\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Jackson

Title: Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 269](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 385\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Henson

Title: Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Evidence - Rebuttable Presumption of Medical Bills

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Judicial Proceedings

Position: Oppose

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [SB 205](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 280\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

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

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 272](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 393\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 276](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prosthesis (So Every Body Can Move Act)

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

Position: No Position

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 331](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Terrasa

Title: Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. – Environment and Transportation

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 341](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wims

Title: Maryland Commission for Boys' and Men's Health - Establishment

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:00 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 417](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pippy

Title: Public Health - Medetomidine and Xylazine Consumer Protection Act

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 422](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:30 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 427](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances - Extension

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:00 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 249](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Tobacco Product Licensees - Additional Licensure for Electronic Smoking Devices

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 327](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McCray

Title: Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Paraphernalia Prohibitions - Repeal

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Position: Support

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 - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 410](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Boyce

Title: Public Health - Food and Milk Product Labeling - Requirements

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [SB 246](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Services Cost Review Commission - Term of Office of Members

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 2:30 p.m. – Finance