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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Monday, February 2, 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 203](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Labor and Employment - Training Repayment Agreements - Prohibition

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. – Government, Labor, and Elections

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 476](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ziegler

Title: Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 504](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Physician Members - Repeal

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 520](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 526](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kaufman

Title: Civil Actions - Settlement Agreements - Payment and Release

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 595](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Lewis

Title: Income Tax - Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Alterations

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 333](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 380](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 598\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 411](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2026)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 418](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses

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

Position: Hold

V. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 494](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 416](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendments

VI. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 46](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Queen

Title: Sports Wagering - Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - Hearing canceled – Ways and Means

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 153](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 12\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Lehman

Title: Residential Rental Apartments - Air-Conditioning Requirement

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Economic Matters

Position: Move to FYI

Bill: [HB 291](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 102\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Title: Sports Wagering Proceeds - Promotional Play Exclusion - Limitation

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 379](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Recovery Residence Grant Program - Funding

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 385](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: The President

Title: Public Health - Recommendations for Immunizations, Screenings, and Preventive Services - Pharmacist Administration and Required Health Insurance Coverage (The Vax Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

VII. FYI

Bill: [HB 468](#)

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 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 498](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities

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

Bill: [HB 515](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Public Health - Local Drug Overdose Fatality Review Teams - Membership

Status: In the House - First Reading Health

Bill: [HB 544](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Long

Title: Vehicle Laws - Cannabis Use in Motor Vehicle With Minor Occupant - Prohibition

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Bill: [HB 599](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health - Licensure of Hospitals - Ownership Requirements

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

Bill: [SB 389](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: The President

Title: Land Use - Transit-Oriented Development - Alterations (Maryland Transit and Housing Opportunity Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance