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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. 2025 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 867](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Prescriptive Authority and Administration of Medication

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 447](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Hospitals - Emergency Medical Conditions - Procedures

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 539](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Charles

Title: Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Shared Custody or Visitation Schedules

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 658](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Provisions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 681](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Charles

Title: Health Care Malpractice Claims - Health Care Provider - Definition

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 697](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Health Insurance - Artificial Intelligence, Adverse Decisions, and Grievances - Reporting Requirements

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 718](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 820](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Use of Artificial Intelligence

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 518](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Charles

Title: Health Insurance - Screening for Ovarian Cancer - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

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

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 519](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Charles

Title: Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 641](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gallion

Title: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 646](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Muse

Title: Health Insurance - Insulin - Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 729](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 594](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 737](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Public Health - Nonopioid Advance Directives

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 743](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 592](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Public Health - Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs - Establishment

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 884](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Public Health - Sale of Diet Pills to Minors – Prohibition

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

Position: No Position

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 - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 560](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator M. Washington

Title: Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Membership and Purposes

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 604](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Criminal Law - Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Serious Bodily Injury or Death (Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law)

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 696](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Public Health - Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 428](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 349](#)

Sponsor: Senator Love

Title: Medical Debt - Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/5 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 722](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Report on Oversight of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs and Recovery Residences

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

Bill: [HB 765](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ivey

Title: Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt

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

Bill: [HB 798](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 589](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Lehman

Title: Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard

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

Bill: [HB 871](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program

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

Bill: [SB 495](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 728](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Opioid Restitution Fund - Authorized Uses

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 547](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator James

Title: Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling - Establishment

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

Bill: [SB 599](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program - Funding

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

Bill: [SB 614](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Consumer Protection - Credit Reporting - Medical Debt (Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 684](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Public Health - Health Equity Dashboard

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance