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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 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 924](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wilson

Title: Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1099](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Clippinger

Title: Civil Actions - Punitive Damage Awards - Surcharge

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1104](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Title: Maryland Department of Health - AHEAD Model Implementation - Electronic Health Care Transactions and Population Health Improvement Fund

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1199](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians

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

Position: Hold

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 - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 720](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 905](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2025)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 919](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health Occupations - Practice of Audiology - Definition

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 985](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Consumer Protection - Third-Party Litigation Financing

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 956](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wilson

Title: Consumer Protection - Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 974](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Title: Health Insurance - Preventive Services - Enforcement Authority

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 995](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 776](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System - Establishment

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1031](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Miller

Title: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Prescription Weight Loss Drugs

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1086](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Anesthesia - Prohibiting Time Limitations

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1187](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Nkongolo

Title: Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage

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

Position: No Position

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: Oppose

Bill: [SB 641](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1355](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Gallion

Title: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 773](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hershey

Title: Health Benefit Plans - Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution - Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 876](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hershey

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 921](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1087](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols - Drugs to Treat Associated Conditions of Advanced Metastatic Cancer

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 961](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Pharmacogenomic Testing - Required Coverage

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 974](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1013](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Nonopioid Drugs for the Treatment of Pain

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 975](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1243](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 987](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Artificial Intelligence - Health Software and Health Insurance Decision Making

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 1066](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Membership and Workgroups

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1131](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Public Health - Buprenorphine - Training Grant Program and Workgroup

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 589](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 798](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 848](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 930](#)

Sponsor: Senator Guzzone

Title: Public Health Abortion Grant Program - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 926](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Smith

Title: End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 965](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Public Health - Women's Health Care Data - Report

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SJ 4](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HJ 6](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Use of Nuclear Weapons

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 880](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Smith

Title: Cannabis - Prohibition on Outdoor Advertising - Repeal

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

Position: Oppose

VI. Other Business

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: Support with Amendment

VII. FYI

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 927](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: General Assembly - Fiscal Notes - Impact of Reduction in Health and Community Support Services

Status: In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Bill: [HB 936](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Shetty

Title: Health Insurance - Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Coverage - Required Notice

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 996](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bhandari

Title: Public Health - Phenibut Consumer Protection Act

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

Bill: [HB 999](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program Data - Submission to Local Health Departments

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

Bill: [HB 1059](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Title: Health - Maryland Helping Everyone Afford Life-Saving Treatments and Health Care (HEALTH) Fund and Income Tax Checkoff

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

Bill: [HB 1082](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Establishment of the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program

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

Bill: [HB 1208](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Public Health - Prohibited Ingredients in Food

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

Bill: [SB 674](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 939](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Maryland Commission for Women - Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control

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

Bill: [SB 748](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1004](#)

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Public Health - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias - Information on Prevalence and Treatment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 790](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1083](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 875](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1109](#)

Sponsor: Senator Folden

Title: Public Health - Medetomidine and Xylazine Consumer Protection Act

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 900](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1146](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System - Integration of 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network and Outcome Evaluations

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 920](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1142](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Public Health - Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 936](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hester

Title: Consumer Protection - High-Risk Artificial Intelligence - Developer and Deployer Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 940](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1045](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Health Insurance and Family Planning Services - Consumer Protections - Updates

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.