



**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 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 1199](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1251](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Toles

Title: Health Care Facilities and Medical Professional Liability Insurers - Obstetric Services Policies (Doula and Birth Policy Transparency Act)

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1437](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arentz

Title: Catastrophic Health Emergency - Immunity for Health Care Providers - Repeal

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

Position: Oppose

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 1240](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wilson

Title: Health Care Providers and Health Insurance Carriers - Use of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care Decision Making

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1246](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate S. Johnson

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

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1292](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kaiser

Title: Health Insurance - Provider Directory - Required Updates

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1301](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Health Insurance - Transfers to Special Pediatric Hospitals - Prior Authorizations

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1314](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Miller

Title: Health Care - Prior Authorizations - Prohibiting Fees and Use of Artificial Intelligence

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1315](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Health Insurance - Coverage for Child Wellness Services - Immunizations

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1341](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Health Insurance - Appeals and Adverse Decisions - Call Centers, Notification Requirements, and Required Survey

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1366](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruff

Title: Health Insurance - Testing for Ovarian and Cervical Cancers - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1376](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Provision of Health Care Services - Study

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/21 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 641](#)

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

Sponsor: Senator Gallion

Title: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids

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

Position: Oppose

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 1306](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Patterson

Title: Public Health - Sickle Cell Disease - Specialized Clinics and Scholarship Program for Medical Residents

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1328](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 926](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

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

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 2:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1380](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 676](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Freestanding Birthing Centers - Perinatal Care Standards

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/21 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1382](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Public Health - Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer and Study

Status: In the House - Hearing canceled (Judiciary)

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1399](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arian

Title: Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors - Prohibition (Protect the Kids Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1469](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Title: Taxes - Sugary Beverage Distributor Tax (For Our Kids Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 769](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1254](#)

Sponsor: Senator Guzzone

Title: Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 882](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1088](#)

Sponsor: Senator Rosapepe

Title: Coal Transportation Fee and Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund (Coal Dust Cleanup and Asthma Remediation Act)

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

Position: Support

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.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 978](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 1484](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Environmental Permits - Requirements for Public Participation and Impact and Burden Analyses (Cumulative Harms to Environmental Restoration for Improving Shared Health - CHERISH Our Communities Act)

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1095](#)

Cross-file Bill: [SB 468](#)

Sponsors: Delegate Miller

Title: Public Middle, High, and Charter Schools - Start Time for Instruction

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m.

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 1268](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Howard

Title: Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1271](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ciliberti

Title: Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Wait Time

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1289](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Howard

Title: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs - Discharge of Patients and Referral Services - Standards

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

Bill: [HB 1308](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 1010](#)

Sponsor: Senator Alston

Title: Crime of Violence - Medical Facilities and Places of Worship - Penalty (Sacred Places Safety Act)

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

Bill: [HB 1336](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Hospitals - Financial Assistance - Medical Bill Reimbursement

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

Bill: [HB 1351](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ghrist

Title: Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Credentialing for Behavioral Health Care Professionals

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [HB 1352](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Patterson

Title: Sickle Cell Disease - Institutions of Higher Education - Policies, Procedures, and Educational Campaigns

Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations

Bill: [HB 1441](#)

Cross-File Bill: SB 918

Sponsor: Delegate Rogers

Title: Business Regulation - Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers - Certifications

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

Bill: [HB 1456](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Hospitals and Tissue Banks - Autologous and Directed Blood Donations - Requirements

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