

2016 Key Health-Related Legislation

SB 1 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 11
Cheryl C. Kagan Senate - Passed Enrolled

Health Insurance - In Vitro Fertilization - Use of Spouse's Sperm - Exception

Altering the circumstances under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing an exception to the required use of a spouse's sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; and providing the Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, renewed, or in force in the State on or after July 1, 2016.

SB 12 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 1121
Jim Rosapepe et al. Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Care Facilities - Closures or Partial Closures of Hospitals - County Board of Health Approval

Prohibiting a person proposing to close or partially close a hospital that receives State and county funding from closing or partially closing the hospital except under specified circumstances; requiring the county board of health for the county in which the hospital is located to hold a public hearing at a location within 5 miles of the hospital and within 30 days of receiving notice of the proposed closure or partial closure; requiring the board of health to consider specified factors; etc.

SB 22 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 593
Joanne C. Benson Senate - Passed Enrolled

Human Services - Interagency Council on Homelessness - Membership

Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; repealing specified provisions of law regarding the designation of the chair of the Council and the terms of the chair of the Council; stating the intent of the General Assembly that specified designees have decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council; etc.

SB 30 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Joan Carter Conway Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Maryland Anesthesiologists Assistants Act

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Requiring the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants and the practice of anesthesia care by anesthesiologist assistants; establishing the Anesthesiologist Assistants Advisory Committee within the Board; providing for the scope of practice for medical acts delegated to an anesthesiologist assistant under specified circumstances; requiring anesthesiologist assistants to execute a specified delegation agreement; etc.

SB 63 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 56

Bryan W. Simonaire Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Right to Try Act

Authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make available the investigational drug, biological product, or device to eligible patients; specifying the manner in which a specified drug, product, or device may be provided to eligible patients; prohibiting a health occupations board from taking specified action against a health care provider's license on a specified basis; establishing that the Act does not create a specified cause of action; etc.

SB 65 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 528

Ronald N. Young Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 3:00 p.m.

Primary and Secondary Education - Health and Safety - Sugar-Free Schools Act

Requiring specified county boards to develop a plan on or before August 1, 2017, for reducing students' total sugar intake per school meal based on specified recommendations; requiring each county board to convene a workgroup to study the best methods of other jurisdictions to lower students total sugar intake per school meal, consider if the results of the study would be appropriate in the local school system, and make recommendations to the county board based on specified information; etc.

SB 67 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 1193

Ronald N. Young et al. House - Third Reading Passed with Amendments (132-0)

State Government - Administrative Procedure Act - Effective Date of Adopted Regulations

Altering the effective dates of specified regulations adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

SB 70 Judicial Proceedings Crossfiled Bill: HB 43

Edward R. Reilly Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn

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Duties of Guardian of the Person and Visitation Between Adult Child and Parent

Expanding the duties of a guardian of a disabled person to include enforcing the right to receive visitors and specified communications; authorizing an adult child to file a petition to compel visitation with a parent; requiring the court to appoint an independent investigator to conduct an investigation and report to the court; requiring the court to determine whether the proposed visitee has specified decision-making capacity; requiring the court to grant or deny visitation under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 71

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Crossfiled Bill: HB 771

Ronald N. Young et al.

House - Conference Committee Appointed

Public and Nonpublic Schools - Student Diabetes Management Program

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish guidelines for the training of employees to become trained diabetes care providers; providing the purpose of the Student Diabetes Management Program is to have trained employee volunteers available to provide diabetes care services to diabetic students during school hours and at school activities; establishing that a trained diabetes care provider providing care services is not civilly liable under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 89

Finance

Chair, Finance Committee et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Provision of Substance Use Services to Enrollees of Managed Care Organizations

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the provision of benefits for specified substance abuse services by managed care organizations to specified enrollees in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring a managed care organization to provide or arrange to provide substance-related disorder services for children in State supervised care; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a delivery system for substance-related disorder services; etc.

SB 91

Finance

Chair, Finance Committee et al.

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 46

Public Health - State-Identified HIV Priorities

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Requiring rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program as a result of State General Fund expenditures to be distributed to a specified special nonlapsing fund and used only to fund State-identified priorities for HIV prevention, surveillance, and care; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing, as appropriate, income and other eligibility criteria for the receipt of specified HIV prevention and care services.

SB 97

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 468

Chair, Finance Committee et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Public Health - Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs

Repealing the Prince George's County AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program; authorizing the establishment of Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs; requiring a local health department or a specified community-based organization to apply to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a local health officer for authorization to operate a Program; requiring the Department and a local health officer to approve or deny an application within 60 days of receiving a completed application; etc.

SB 108

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Senate - Returned Passed

Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund - Revisions

Altering the types of nursing positions that are eligible to receive grants from the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund.

SB 109

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee et al. Approved by the Governor - Chapter 48

Health Occupations Boards - Criminal History Records Checks - Required

Requiring specified applicants and licensees of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists, the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, and

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the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to submit to a specified criminal history records check; authorizing specified health occupations boards to take specified actions against applicants and licensees who fail to submit the specified criminal history records check; etc.

SB 114

Finance

Chair, Finance Committee et al. Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Health - Prohibition on Distribution of Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices to Minors - Civil Enforcement

Prohibiting the distribution of a tobacco product, an electronic smoking device, cigarette rolling papers, or a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product to a minor, with specified exceptions; authorizing a county health officer or specified designees of a county health officer to issue a citation for a violation of the Act; establishing specified civil penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

SB 116

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 84

President

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 49

State Government - Office of Legislative Audits - Alterations in Audit Requirements

Altering the time period during which the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor are required to audit specified State funds, programs, authorities, units, and a specified local liquor board; requiring the audit of each unit of State government to be conducted at an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless the Legislative Auditor determines, on a per case basis, that more frequent audits are required; etc.

SB 171

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1489

Delores G. Kelley et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings

Guardianship of a Minor or Disabled Person - Criminal History Records Check

Requiring a court to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for a State and national criminal history records check for a specified prospective guardian before appointing a guardian of the person of a minor or disabled person; requiring a court to submit specified materials and fees to the Central Repository as part of an application for a criminal history records check; providing specified exceptions to the criminal history records check; etc.

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SB 186

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 504

Katherine Klausmeier et al. Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability Compensation - Reversal or Modification of Award

Applying a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation to the Workers' Compensation Commission; clarifying that, for purposes of a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation, the payment of any new compensation awarded is subject to a monetary credit for compensation previously awarded and paid; and applying the Act prospectively.

SB 190

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 150

President

Enacted under Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution Assigned a chapter number - Chapter 143

Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

SB 191

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 151

President

Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 27

Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,005,072,199 the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

SB 197

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 690

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam et al. Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 2:00 p.m.

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Community Empowerment and Wellness Center

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Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Empowerment and Wellness Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

SB 204

Finance

Thomas M. Middleton et al. Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Electronic Smoking Devices - E-Liquid Containers - Child-Resistant Packaging

Prohibiting a retailer from distributing to a consumer an e-liquid containers unless the container is distributed in child-resistant packaging; establishing specified civil penalties; providing that a sworn law enforcement officer, a county health officer, or a designee of a county health officer may issue a specified civil citation for a violation of the Act; etc.

SB 242

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 886

Delores G. Kelley et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telemedicine - Modifications

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; authorizing the Department to require a health care provider to submit a registration form that includes information required for the processing of claims for the reimbursement of specified health care services; etc.

SB 258

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 710

Katherine Klausmeier Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Workers' Compensation - Medical Benefits - Payment of Medical Services and Treatment

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within 45 days of treatment or medical service to a covered employee, a bill for and documentation summarizing the medical services or treatment provided to a covered employee under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

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SB 297

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 539

Richard S. Madaleno Jr. et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Health Insurance - Habilitative Services - Period of Time for Coverage

Extending until at least the end of the month in which the insured or enrollee turns 19 years old the period of time during which health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of habilitative services for its insureds and enrollees who are children; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2017; etc.

SB 304

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 423

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam et al. Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.

Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring specified health impact assessments to be performed in a specified manner; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 1 of each year on the findings from and recommendations based on any health impact assessments performed by the Commission; etc.

SB 320

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 139

John C. Astle et al. Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.

Tobacco Tax - Premium Cigars - Rate

Altering the tobacco tax rate on premium cigars from 15% to 7.5%; and providing for the termination of the Act after 5 years.

SB 324

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 309

Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. et al. Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 13

Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016

Requiring that in specified fiscal years specified amounts be provided to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation to support the transition of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center to operation as a participating institution of the University of Maryland Medical Corporation; requiring that State and Prince George's County funds be used only to increase access

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to critical health care services and to improve the quality of the services provided; making the Act subject to specified contingencies; etc.

SB 328 Judicial Proceedings Crossfiled Bill: HB 220

Joan Carter Conway et al. House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Criminal Procedure - Expungement

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of specified misdemeanor convictions; requiring a person to file a petition for expungement in a specified court; providing that a petition for expungement of specified misdemeanor convictions may not be filed earlier than 10 years after the person satisfied the specified sentence or sentences imposed for all convictions for which expungement is requested; requiring the court to provided written notice of the petition to all victims listed in the case; etc.

SB 329 Judicial Proceedings

Joan Carter Conway Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn

Criminal Procedure - Nonviolent Felonies - Stet, Shielding, and Expungement

Requiring a court to dispose of a charge for a nonviolent felony by stet if the court finds that the disposition is in the interest of justice; authorizing a person to file a petition to shield a conviction for a nonviolent felony in accordance with specified provisions of law no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies specified requirements; etc.

SB 334 Finance

Delores G. Kelley et al. Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Insurance - Access to Accurate Provider Directories

Prohibiting a carrier from issuing or delivering a health benefit plan in the State before a provider directory for the health benefit plan is submitted to and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring a carrier to submit a specified provider directory on a specified basis for review and reapproval by the Commissioner; establishing specified requirements for a specified provider directory; etc.

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SB 335

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1505

Delores G. Kelley et al.

Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Modifications

Making specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and the reimbursement of nonpreferred providers who are physicians applicable to other specified health care practitioners; altering the circumstances under which a provision for an insured to pay a balance bill may not apply; repealing the requirements that an assignment of benefits be obtained and that an insurer be notified for specified provisions of law to apply; etc.

SB 336

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1277

Delores G. Kelley et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Hospitals - Designation of Lay Caregivers

Requiring a hospital to provide a patient or the legal guardian of a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document the decision to not designate a lay caregiver by a patient or the legal guardian of a patient in the patient's medical record; authorizing the patient or the legal guardian of the patient to change the designation of a lay caregiver in the event the lay caregiver becomes incapacitated; etc.

SB 352

Finance

Stephen S. Hershey Jr. et al.

House - Passed Enrolled

Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificate of Need Review - Interested Party

Altering the definition of "interested party", for the purpose of certificate of need review of replacement health care facility projects, to include a jurisdiction that does not contain the replacement health care facility project.

SB 375

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 449

President et al.

Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Relief From Budget Mandates

Providing that if a specified revenue estimate does not exceed a prior estimate the Governor is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for a program or item in an amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2018 appropriation for the program or item; requiring the Governor to fund specified mandated appropriations; prohibiting the General Assembly from enacting

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legislation that creates a new required level of funding in the annual budget bill for a specific program or item unless specified provisions are included; etc.

SB 382 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 456

President et al. Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions

Requiring that specified authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a specified new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; requiring that specified pharmacists be registered with the Program by a certain date; requiring specified prescribers and pharmacists to request and assess specified drug monitoring data under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 388 Judicial Proceedings Crossfiled Bill: HB 461

President et al. Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.

Crimes - Criminal Gangs - Prohibitions and Funding

Altering the penalties for specified offenses relating to criminal gangs; prohibiting a criminal gang or an individual belonging to a criminal gang from receiving or investing specified proceeds in a specified manner; prohibiting criminal gangs and persons involved with criminal gangs from obtaining specified property under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 411 Budget and Taxation Crossfiled Bill: HB 1494

Adelaide C. Eckardt et al. Senate - Passed Enrolled

Income Tax - Credit for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for an individual who serves as a preceptor in specified preceptorship programs under specified circumstances and works in specified areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; establishing the Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to offset the costs of the specified tax credit; requiring the State Board of Nursing to assess a \$15 fee for the renewal of a specified certification; etc.

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SB 413

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1499

Guy Guzzone et al.

House - Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Developmental Disabilities Administration - Crisis Resolution and Prevention Resolution Services - Funding and Reporting

Requiring a specified report on the Waiting List Equity Fund to include information regarding individuals in the crisis resolution category of the waiting list for developmental disabilities services; establishing mandated appropriations for developmental disabilities community services; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that an individual who, after receiving services provided with specified funds, continue to receive uninterrupted developmental disabilities services in accordance with the individual's needs; etc.

SB 418

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 404

Ronald N. Young et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn

Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of-Life Option Act

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making specified requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet specified requirements; establishing requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a specified form; requiring an attending physician who receives a written request for aid in dying to make a specified determination; etc.

SB 436

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 554

Brian J. Feldman et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Insurance - Surplus Lines - Short-Term Medical Insurance

Altering the scope of provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for short-term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short-term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under specified circumstances; prohibiting the inclusion of specified provisions in a short-term policy procured from a nonadmitted insurer; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available on the Web site a consumer guide on short-term medical insurance; etc.

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SB 442 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 91
Roger Manno et al. Senate - Returned Passed

General Provisions - Commemorative Days - National Healthcare Decisions Day

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.

SB 446 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Catherine E. Pugh et al. Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Enacting, with specified other member states, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to strengthen access to health care by providing a streamlined process allowing physicians to become licensed in multiple states; establishing specified eligibility requirements for physicians; requiring physicians to designate a specified state as the state of principal license; establishing the Interstate Commission to administer the Compact; requiring the Commission to establish a database of specified physicians and applicants; etc.

SB 449 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 981
Delores G. Kelley et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Guardianship Fees - Personal Needs Allowance

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include as part of the personal needs allowance guardianship fees for guardianship services when determining the portion of income specified recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of the personal needs allowance for specified guardianship fees; etc.

SB 450 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 1487
Delores G. Kelley et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Health Care Provider Malpractice Insurance - Scope of Coverage

Authorizing the inclusion, in a policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care, of coverage for the defense of a health care provider in a specified disciplinary hearing

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if the cost of the included coverage is itemized in the billing statement, invoice, or declarations page for the policy and reported to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a form and manner required by the Commissioner.

SB 452 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 25

Andrew A. Serafini Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance

Health Insurance - Group Health Benefit Plans - Renewal Premium Rate Calculation Statement

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide to the policyholder or plan sponsor of a group health benefit plan a renewal premium rate calculation statement at least 90 days before the date of renewal of the group health benefit plan; requiring the statement to include specified information; and applying the Act to all group health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2016.

SB 457 Budget and Taxation; Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 108

Nathaniel J. McFadden Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Capital Budget - Construction Projects - Apprenticeship Requirements

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives funding from the State capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 or more to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

SB 462 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 724

Joan Carter Conway House - Third Reading Passed with Amendments (140-0)

Public Health - Copies of Medical Records - Fees

Altering the fees health care providers and hospitals may charge for copying and mailing specified medical records and for retrieving and preparing specified medical records; authorizing specified hospitals and other health care providers to charge specified fees and a specified cost for electronic copies of medical records that are in an electronic format requested by a person in interest or any other authorized person; providing that specified fees may not be adjusted annually for inflation; etc.

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SB 472

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 580

Catherine E. Pugh et al.

Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.

Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

SB 481

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1003

Susan C. Lee et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work

Altering a specified provision of law concerning equal pay for equal work to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or gender identity; prohibiting an employer from discriminating between employees by providing less favorable employment opportunities based on sex or gender identity; providing that specified provisions of the Act do not preclude an employee from demonstrating that an employer's reliance on a specified exception is a pretext for discrimination on the basis of sex or gender identity; etc.

SB 485

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 740

Catherine E. Pugh et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Establishing the Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance; providing for the composition, chair and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations regarding the development of a State social insurance program that provides short-term benefits to eligible employees who lose wages due to specified circumstances; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

SB 497

Budget and Taxation; Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 595

Guy Guzzone et al.

House - Third Reading Passed with Amendments (137-1)

Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act

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Requiring, except under specified circumstances, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in the State budget; requiring, on or before December 1, 2018, and on December 1 annually thereafter, the Department to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the impact of the reimbursement rate adjustment required under the Act on community providers and other specified outcomes; etc.

SB 513 Finance; Judicial Proceedings Crossfiled Bill: HB 377

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam et al. Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings)

Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; providing equitable compensation, on no-fault basis, for a limited class of catastrophic injuries that result in unusually high costs for custodial care and rehabilitation; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund to provide compensation and benefits to eligible claimants; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

SB 514 Budget and Taxation Crossfiled Bill: HB 71

Richard S. Madaleno Jr. Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Tobacco Taxes - Healthy Maryland Initiative

Requiring the Governor to include for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter an additional \$11,000,000 in annual appropriations for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; establishing the tobacco tax rates on cigarillos; clarifying that all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after July 1, 2016, are subject to the full tax enacted under the Act; etc.

SB 537 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 437

Katherine Klausmeier et al. Senate - Passed Enrolled

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Modifications

Requiring that specified authorized providers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a new or renewal controlled dangerous substance registration; requiring that specified prescribers be registered with the Program before obtaining a new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of monitored prescription drugs with a low potential for abuse; etc.

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SB 550

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1608

Catherine E. Pugh et al.

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

Task Force to Study Access to Dental Care in the State

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Dental Care in the State; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2016; etc.

SB 551

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 682

Catherine E. Pugh et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Behavioral Health Advisory Council - Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams - Strategic Plan

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with specified agencies, specified health providers, and specified stakeholders, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day; requiring the Council to submit an annual report on or before December 31, 2016, and include an update on the development of the specified strategic plan; etc.

SB 566

Judicial Proceedings

Robert Cassilly

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

Medical Malpractice - Notice of Intent to File Claim

Prohibiting a claim against a health care provider for damage due to a medical injury from being filed with the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office unless, at least 90 days before filing the claim, the claimant has given a notice of intent to file a claim to the health care provider; requiring the notice to include specified information and to be served on the health care provider at a specified address; etc.

SB 569

Finance

Lisa A. Gladden

Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.

Methadone Treatment Facilities - Location - Limitations

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Prohibiting a methadone treatment facility from being established or operated within 500 feet of specified schools, child care centers, or agencies unless the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives a letter of support for the location of the facility from specified schools, child care centers, and agencies; etc.

SB 574

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 869

Victor R. Ramirez

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

Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Catastrophic Injury

Altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 586

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1509

Nancy J. King et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents - Report Before Closure

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report, justifying the closure, to the Governor and specified legislative committees before a regional institute for children and adolescents may be closed; requiring the report to address specified items; and requiring the committees to have 60 days to review and comment on the report.

SB 599

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1280

Roger Manno

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

AELR Committee - Renaming and Regulatory Adoption Procedures

Renaming the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review to be the Regulatory Oversight Committee; requiring the Division of State Documents to make available to the public direct online searching of specified public comments received by a promulgating unit during a specified comment period; requiring a unit to submit to the Governor a copy of a proposed emergency regulation and a specific description of the grounds requiring the emergency adoption; etc.

SB 601

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1189

Douglas J. J. Peters et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance

2016 Key Health-Related Legislation

Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions

Requiring a hospital to include an itemization of the value of all tax exemptions the hospital receives in the hospital's community benefit report.

SB 607 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 829

Paul G. Pinsky et al. Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.

Agriculture - Cattle, Swine, and Poultry - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry without a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions; requiring a veterinarian who issues a veterinary feed directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture specified information in a specified manner; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

SB 623 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 197

Catherine E. Pugh et al. Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Maryland Pay Stub Transparency Act of 2016

Requiring employers to keep wage records for each pay period for at least 3 years; expanding the types of wage records that employers are required to keep for each pay period; requiring employers to give employees a specified written notice within 1 week after the first date of employment; expanding the information that employers are required to give to employees at the time of hiring and for each pay period; requiring employers to provide employees with an explanation of how wages were calculated; etc.

SB 631 Budget and Taxation Crossfiled Bill: HB 835

Stephen S. Hershey Jr. Senate - Returned Passed

Local Facility Closure Reserve Funds - Investments and Reinvestments

Authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of specified facility closure reserve funds to invest and reinvest money in a specified manner and sell, redeem, or exchange specified investments or reinvestments; requiring the trustees or other officers in charge of the funds to comply with specified fiduciary standards; authorizing a political subdivision or unit of a political subdivision to enter into a specified agreement; altering the definition of "public money" as it relates to local government investment guidelines; etc.

2016 Key Health-Related Legislation

SB 636

Judicial Proceedings

Robert Cassilly

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

Medical Malpractice - Discovery

Establishing that a defendant in a claim filed with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office may seek discovery as to the basis of a certificate of a qualified expert filed by the claimant or plaintiff without prejudice to later discovery if the attesting expert is designated as a trial expert; prohibiting a deposition of a defendant health care provider from being required until the claimant has filed and served a specified certificate of a qualified expert; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

SB 647

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Crossfiled Bill: HB 752

Katherine Klausmeier et al.

Senate - Passed Enrolled

Physicians - Prescriptions Written by Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners - Preparing and Dispensing

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician who complies with specified requirements from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement or a nurse practitioner who is authorized to practice under a specified provision of law and is working with the physician in the same office setting.

SB 661

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 587

Joanne C. Benson et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a specified patient's bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide specified patients with a translator or an interpreter to provide specified assistance to the patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient's bill of rights in specified areas of the hospital; etc.

SB 664

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1175

Joanne C. Benson et al.

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act

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Requiring an employer to provide specified employees with specified estimates and work schedules within specified time periods and notify employees of specified changes; prohibiting an employer, except under specified circumstances, from requiring an employee to work specified hours; authorizing an employer to make specified changes to a scheduled shift within a specified period of time; requiring an employer, except under specified circumstances, to pay specified predictability pay under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 691

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 644

Gail H. Bates

Senate - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Provision of Life-Preserving Health Care Services (Vulnerable Protection Act)

Prohibiting health care practitioners and health care facilities from denying patients life-preserving health care services requested by a specified person on the basis of a specified view or disagreement; authorizing specified persons to file an action for an injunction in a specified court under specified circumstances; authorizing a health care practitioner, under specified circumstances, to provide specified reasons as a defense to an action filed under a specified provision of the Act; etc.

SB 700

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 699

Ronald N. Young

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify specified biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) laboratories and the location of the laboratories; requiring the Department to collect information from the laboratories relevant to public health and safety; requiring the laboratories to report the information the Department; requiring the Department to report annually the number and location of the laboratories to officials in each local jurisdiction; etc.

SB 707

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1350

Thomas M. Middleton et al.

Senate - Passed Enrolled

Freestanding Medical Facilities - Certificate of Need, Rates, and Definition

Exempting from the certificate of need requirements for change of scope or capital expenditures the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility, in accordance with specified requirements; increasing from 45 to 90 the number of days before the proposed closing of a health care facility for the filing of the notice of the proposed closing; establishing the workgroup on rural health care delivery to study health care needs in five specified counties; etc.

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SB 723 Judicial Proceedings Crossfiled Bill: HB 1481
Ronald N. Young Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings;
Withdrawn

Civil Actions - Immunity From Liability - Entering a Property to Provide Emergency Assistance or Medical Care

Providing immunity from civil liability for a first responder for any act undertaken when entering a property or gaining access to a property in order to provide emergency assistance or medical care in response to a 9-1-1 call provided the act is not one of gross negligence; etc.

SB 739 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 1422
Joan Carter Conway et al. Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Integrated Community Oncology Reporting Program

Establishing the integrated community oncology reporting program; establishing the purpose of the program; requiring the program to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, to adopt regulations to implement the program; establishing requirements for the regulations; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

SB 768 Budget and Taxation; Judicial Proceedings
Douglas J. J. Peters et al. Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and
Taxation)

Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

Establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board; providing for the membership, duties, staffing, procedures, and reporting of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board; establishing the Performance Incentive Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; establishing the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; providing for the membership, duties, staffing, procedures, and reporting of the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; etc.

SB 808 Budget and Taxation Crossfiled Bill: HB 753
Richard S. Madaleno Jr. et al. Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.

State Budget

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Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto of by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.

SB 849	Judicial Proceedings	Crossfiled Bill: HB 814
Delores G. Kelley et al.	Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn	

Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts; requiring the Task Force to study the adequacy and cost of State laws and policies relating to the litigation of medical malpractice cases and make recommendations regarding the establishment of health courts to hear medical malpractice cases and the feasibility of assigning a medical malpractice case to a single judge throughout the litigation process; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016; etc.

SB 856	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Crossfiled Bill: HB 180
Delores G. Kelley et al.	Senate - Passed Enrolled	

Public Health - HIV Testing During Pregnancy

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; and repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act.

SB 857	Finance	Crossfiled Bill: HB 1265
Delores G. Kelley et al.	Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn	

Maryland Health Care Commission - Hospital and Physician Financial Arrangement Disclosure - Requirements

Requiring each hospital and each physician that has a financial arrangement with a pharmaceutical manufacturer or a surgical hardware manufacturer to file a financial disclosure form with the Maryland Health Care Commission within a specified period of time; requiring the Commission to establish a specified database; authorizing the Commission to impose a specified fine under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

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SB 858

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 579

Delores G. Kelley

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Mental Health - Wraparound Services for Children and Youth

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2018 and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide specified wraparound services for 300 children or youth with intensive mental health needs who meet specified eligibility criteria.

SB 873

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 416

Ronald N. Young

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings

Health Care Decisions Act - End-of-Life Decision-Making Informational Booklet

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet; requiring the Department to distribute the booklet to specified health care providers, make the booklet available to the public on a specified Web site, and annually review and update the booklet as necessary; requiring health care providers to provide the booklet to specified patients under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 886

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1272

Thomas M. Middleton

Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Health - Collaborations to Promote Provider Alignment

Exempting collaborations to promote provider alignment from provisions of law that prohibit a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity, prohibit a health care practitioner from presenting or causing to be presented specified demands for payment, and require a health care practitioner to disclose the existence of a beneficial interest under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 887

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1150

Thomas M. Middleton et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Health Insurance - Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act

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Requiring a specified health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a minimum period of time of 1 year to submit a claim for a service, provide for the suspension of the minimum period of time, and provide that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim; creating an exception to a provision of law that requires proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a specified period of time; etc.

SB 899

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1217

Katherine Klausmeier et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Specialty Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Parity

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is in compliance with specified federal laws; providing that the Department is not required to adopt specified regulations for any change that may be made through a process other than the regulatory process; requiring the regulations to include standards regarding treatment limitations for specialty mental health and substance use disorder services that comply with the federal laws; etc.

SB 914

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 792

Nathaniel J. McFadden Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Prevailing Wage Law - Payroll Reporting Requirements

Applying specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law to specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of at least \$100,000; and providing that specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of less than \$500,000 are not required to comply with specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law.

SB 926

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 399

Ronald N. Young et al. Senate - Returned Passed

Lyme Disease - Laboratory Test - Required Notice

Requiring specified health care providers and specified medical laboratories to provide a specified written notice to a patient for whom the health care provider or medical laboratory performs a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide written notice to specified committees of the General Assembly before submitting any proposed regulations under the Act; etc.

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SB 928 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Crossfiled Bill: HB 1492
Thomas M. Middleton et al. House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Task Force to Study the Nurse Shortage in Maryland

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Nurse Shortage in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to changes in the nursing profession that have resulted in a shortage of nurses in the State and nation; etc.

SB 929 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 1318
Katherine Klausmeier et al. Senate - Passed Enrolled

Health Benefit Plans - Network Access Standards and Provider Network Directories

Requiring specified carriers to maintain or adhere to specified standards that ensure that enrollees have access to specified health care providers and covered services; specifying the provisions of State insurance law relating to provider panels that apply to managed care organizations; authorizing the Commissioner to designate an insurer or nonprofit health service plan to offer a preferred provider insurance policy that conditions the payment of benefits on the use of preferred providers under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 933 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Roger Manno Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

War on Cancer and Diabetes - Awareness Campaign

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and promote a specified public information, awareness, and education campaign on cancer and diabetes; requiring the campaign to reach out to the general public and specified populations, disseminate specified information in a specified manner, and distribute materials free of charge to specified locations; authorizing the Secretary to request the services of interested advocacy groups and to contract for any necessary services; etc.

SB 940 Finance Crossfiled Bill: HB 1372
Richard S. Madaleno Jr. et al. Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.

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Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Repeal of Tip Credit

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; increasing, except under specified circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for specified periods of time based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index; repealing the authority of an employer to include, as part of an employee's wage, a specified amount to represent the tips of the employee; etc.

SB 981

Finance

Bobby A. Zirkin

Senate - Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Copies of Medical Records - Fees

Providing that a health care provider may require that a person in interest or any other authorized person pay a fee, 50 cents for each copied page and \$15 for retrieval, postage, and handling, for a copy of a medical record if a free copy has already been provided; repealing specified provisions of law that allow for fees charged for copies of medical records to be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; etc.

SB 990

Rules

Crossfiled Bill: HB 289

Ulysses Currie et al.

Senate - First Reading Senate Rules

Medical Schools - Use of Animals in Medical Training - Prohibited

Prohibiting a medical school from using a live or dead animal in the medical education or training of students if alternate methods are used by specified other medical schools in the State; and establishing a penalty for violation of the Act not to exceed \$1,000 for each animal used.

SB 993

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Crossfiled Bill: HB 343

Ronald N. Young

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn

Procurement - Equal Pay Certificates - Requirement

Prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a specified contractor unless the contractor has a specified equal pay certificate or a specified written exemption; requiring a specified contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a specified application fee and a specified statement; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

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SB 994

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 401

Ronald N. Young

Senate - Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn

Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work - Revisions

Establishing the Equal Pay Commission to study and promote research on wage disparities and recommend ways to remediate wage disparities in the public and private sectors, between men and women and between minorities and nonminorities; requiring an employer to include specified information in a job advertisement to recruit an employee or individual contractor to fill a position within the employer's organization; prohibiting an employer from seeking salary history information by specified methods; etc.

SB 1005

Judicial Proceedings

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1312

President

House - Passed Enrolled

Justice Reinvestment Act

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to conduct a risk and needs assessment on specified inmates and include the results in a case record; altering the manner in which specified diminution credits may be earned; establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board and the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; establishing that a victim has specified rights related to administrative parole; authorizing a specified person to file a petition for expungement under specified conditions; etc.

SB 1018

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1383

Catherine E. Pugh

Senate - Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Insurance - Specialty Drugs - Participating Pharmacies

Altering the conditions under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations may require a covered specialty drug to be obtained through a pharmacy participating in the provider network of the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; altering the definition of "specialty drug"; etc.

SB 1032

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Crossfiled Bill: HB 929

Joan Carter Conway

Senate - Hearing cancelled

Health Occupations - Prohibited Patient Referrals - Exceptions

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Providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement that fits specified exceptions in federal law or regulation; providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement for which the federal Department of Health and Human Services has issued a specified waiver; etc.

SB 1060

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1416

Joan Carter Conway

Senate - Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing

Requiring that specified regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene include a requirement that the process for approval of a license for an opioid maintenance program include an assessment of a specified catchment area and the number of existing slots in opioid maintenance programs in a specified catchment area and the number of individuals in need of specified services in a specified catchment area; requiring the Secretary to adopt a specified regulation increasing a specified fee; etc.

SB 1081

Finance

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1561

Adelaide C. Eckardt et al.

Senate - Returned Passed

Mental Health - Voluntary and Involuntary Admissions - Certification by Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners

Defining "psychiatric nurse practitioner" for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to the voluntary and involuntary admissions of individuals to specified facilities for the treatment of mental disorders; prohibiting a certificate signed by a psychiatric nurse practitioner for the involuntary admission of an individual to specified facilities for the treatment of a mental disorder from being used for an admission under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 1092

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1542

Jim Rosapepe

Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m.

Nursing Facilities - Quality Assessment - Modification

Altering the applicability of a specified quality assessment imposed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and specified provisions of law relating to a specified quality assessment, to nursing facilities with 70 or more beds.

SB 1121

Budget and Taxation

Crossfiled Bill: HB 1376

Andrew A. Serafini

Senate - Hearing cancelled

2016 Key Health-Related Legislation

Health Insurance - Coverage of Air Ambulance Transport Services

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified air ambulance transport services; requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that use a provider panel to ensure that provider panels include specified providers for a specified purpose; etc.

SB 1144	Budget and Taxation; Finance	Crossfiled Bill: HB 1618
Guy Guzzone	Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	

Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to be used for substance use treatment, with priority given to residential treatment services, recovery support housing, and specified crisis response services, and for rate adjustments for specified agencies or programs; requiring specified distributions from the account to be used to supplement and not supplant specified other funds; prohibiting more than \$10,000,000 from being appropriated from the account in any fiscal year; etc.

SB 1153	Finance	Crossfiled Bill: HB 1637
Catherine E. Pugh	Senate - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.	

Health Insurance - Clinically Integrated Organizations

Altering the definition of "clinically integrated organization" for purposes of provisions of law governing contracts between specified health insurance carriers and clinically integrated organizations and the sharing of specified medical information by the health insurance carriers with clinically integrated organizations.

HB 6	Judiciary	
Karen Lewis Young et al.	House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	

Criminal Law - Improper Prescription of Controlled Dangerous Substance Resulting in Death

Prohibiting an authorized provider from prescribing, administering, distributing, or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance to a person if such practice is not in conformity with specified provisions of law and the standards of the authorized provider's profession relating to controlled dangerous substances and the person's use or ingestion of the controlled dangerous substance is

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a contributing cause of the person's death; establishing penalties of up to 20 years in prison or a fine of up to \$100,000 or both; etc.

HB 11 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1

Terri L. Hill House - Returned Passed

Health Insurance - In Vitro Fertilization - Use of Spouse's Sperm - Exception

Altering the circumstances under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing an exception to the required use of a spouse's sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; and providing the Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, renewed, or in force in the State on or after July 1, 2016.

HB 13 Economic Matters

Jason C. Buckel House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.

Workers' Compensation - Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption - State Correctional Officers

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, State correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring current State correctional officers to submit specified medical information to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

HB 15 Health and Government Operations

Kathy Szeliga et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Harford County - Suspected Overdoses - Reporting Requirement

Requiring specified individuals who treat or are in charge of a hospital that treats an individual in Harford County for a suspected overdose that was caused or shows evidence of having been caused by a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance to notify the county sheriff, county police, or the Department of State Police of the suspected overdose within 48 hours after the individual is treated; requiring that a report of a suspected overdose include specified information; and establishing a specified penalty.

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HB 24 Health and Government Operations

Kathy Szeliga et al. House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Overdose Response Program - Educational Training Program Requirement

Requiring educational training for an Overdose Response Program overseen by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include training in the requirement to immediately contact medical services after the administration of naloxone by a certificate holder instead of training in the importance of contacting emergency medical services.

HB 25 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 452

William J. Wivell House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - Group Health Benefit Plans - Renewal Premium Rate Calculation Statement

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide to the policyholder or plan sponsor of a group health benefit plan a renewal premium rate calculation statement at least 90 days before the date of renewal of the group health benefit plan; requiring the statement to include specified information; and applying the Act to all group health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2016.

HB 28 Environment and Transportation

Anne Arundel County Delegation Senate - First Reading Senate Rules

Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property

Establishing the Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property as an independent unit in the Executive Branch; placing the Commission under the Department of General Services for administrative and budgetary purposes; authorizing the Commission to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of specified property and enter into contracts and execute specified instruments to carry out its purpose; terminating the Act on June 30, 2018; etc.

HB 43 Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 70

Sid Saab House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

Duties of Guardian of the Person and Visitation Between Adult Child and Parent

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Expanding the duties of a guardian of a disabled person to include enforcing the right to receive visitors and specified communications; authorizing an adult child to file a petition to compel visitation with a parent; requiring the court to appoint an independent investigator to conduct an investigation and report to the court; requiring the court to determine whether the proposed visitee has specified decision-making capacity; requiring the court to grant or deny visitation under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 52 Health and Government Operations
William J. Wivell House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - In Vitro Fertilization, Pregnancy, and Childbirth Services - Surrogate Benefits

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding benefits for expenses related to in vitro fertilization procedures performed on a specified surrogate; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide benefits for pregnancy and childbirth to provide the benefits to a specified surrogate; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

HB 56 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 63
Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Right to Try Act

Authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make available the investigational drug, biological product, or device to eligible patients; specifying the manner in which a specified drug, product, or device may be provided to eligible patients; prohibiting a health occupations board from taking specified action against a health care provider's license on a specified basis; establishing that this Act does not create a specified cause of action; etc.

HB 71 Economic Matters; Ways and Means Crossfiled Bill: SB 514
Eric G. Luedtke et al. House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)

Tobacco Taxes - Healthy Maryland Initiative

Requiring the Governor to include for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter an additional \$11,000,000 in annual appropriations for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco

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products; establishing the tobacco tax rates on cigarillos; clarifying that all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after July 1, 2016, are subject to the full tax enacted under the Act; etc.

HB 84 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 116

The Speaker House - Returned Passed

State Government - Office of Legislative Audits - Alterations in Audit Requirements

Altering the time period during which the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor are required to audit specified State funds, programs, authorities, units, and a specified local liquor board; requiring the audit of each unit of State government to be conducted at an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless the Legislative Auditor determines, on a per case basis, that more frequent audits are required; etc.

HB 91 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 442

Dan K. Morhaim et al. House - Returned Passed

General Provisions - Commemorative Days - National Healthcare Decisions Day

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.

HB 108 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 457

Cory V. McCray et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Capital Budget - Construction Projects - Apprenticeship Requirements

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives funding from the State capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 or more to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

HB 113 Health and Government Operations

Alfred C. Carr Jr. et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

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Health Insurance - Coverage for Lymphedema Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for the medically necessary diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of lymphedema, including equipment, supplies, complex decongestive therapy, gradient compression garments, and self-management training and education; etc.

HB 120

Appropriations

Carol L. Krimm et al.

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 95

State Budget - Department of Budget and Management - Statement of Dedicated State Funds

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to publish on the Department of Budget and Management's Web site, in a machine-readable format, a specified itemized statement, linked to the proposed State budget, of revenues collected by the State that are dedicated by law to a special fund.

HB 139

Ways and Means

Crossfiled Bill: SB 320

Sheila E. Hixson et al.

House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Tobacco Tax - Premium Cigars - Rate

Altering the tobacco tax rate on premium cigars from 15% to 7.5%; and providing for the termination of the Act after 5 years.

HB 150

Appropriations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 190

The Speaker

House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations

Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

HB 151

Appropriations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 191

The Speaker

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Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015

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Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,002,385,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

HB 180 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 856

Chris West et al. House - Returned Passed

Public Health - HIV Testing During Pregnancy

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act; and providing that specified health care providers may not be subject to specified disciplinary action under specified circumstances.

HB 197 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 623

Brooke E. Lierman et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters;
Withdrawn

Maryland Pay Stub Transparency Act of 2016

Requiring employers to keep wage records for each pay period for at least 3 years; expanding the types of wage records that employers are required to keep for each pay period; requiring employers to give employees a specified written notice within 1 week after the first date of employment; expanding the information that employers are required to give to employees at the time of hiring and for each pay period; requiring employers to provide employees with an explanation of how wages were calculated; etc.

HB 220 Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 328

Erek L. Barron et al. Senate - Conference Committee Appointed

Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement

Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of specified criminal records under specified circumstances; requiring a court to order that specified records be removed from a specified Web site; providing that only a specified record is eligible for partial expungement; repealing a provision of law establishing that if a person is not entitled to expungement of one

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charge or conviction in a specified unit the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the unit; etc.

HB 265

Health and Government Operations

Barbara Robinson et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Health Care Facilities - Abuser Registry

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a registry that includes information about any employee of a health care facility whose employment was terminated because the employee was convicted of a specified crime; requiring a health care facility to submit the names of specified former employees to the Secretary for inclusion in the registry; authorizing a health care facility to access the registry under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 289

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 990

Shane Robinson et al.

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

Medical Schools - Use of Animals in Medical Training - Prohibited

Prohibiting a medical school from using a live or dead animal in the medical education or training of students if alternate methods are used by specified other medical schools in the State; and establishing a penalty for violation of the Act not to exceed \$1,000 for each animal used.

HB 309

Appropriations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 324

Michael E. Busch et al.

Senate - Hearing cancelled

Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016

Requiring that in specified fiscal years specified amounts be provided as an operating grant to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation to be used to support the transition of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center to a participating institution of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation; requiring that State and Prince George's County funds be used to increase access to critical health care services, to improve the quality of the services provided, and to facilitate cost containment; etc.

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HB 343 Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 993

Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Procurement - Equal Pay Certificates - Requirement

Prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a specified contractor unless the contractor has a specified equal pay certificate or a specified written exemption; requiring a specified contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a specified application fee and a specified statement; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 377 Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 513

Dan K. Morhaim et al. House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations and Judiciary)

Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; providing equitable compensation, on a no-fault basis, for a limited class of catastrophic injuries that result in unusually high costs for custodial care and rehabilitation; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund to provide compensation and benefits to eligible claimants; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

HB 399 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 926

Kathy Afzali et al. House - Returned Passed

Lyme Disease - Laboratory Test - Required Notice

Requiring specified health care providers and specified medical laboratories to provide specified notice to a patient for whom the health care provider or medical laboratory performs a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide written notice to specified committees of the General Assembly before submitting any proposed regulations under the Act; etc.

HB 401 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 994

Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work - Revisions

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Establishing the Equal Pay Commission to study and promote research on wage disparities and recommend ways to remediate wage disparities in the public and private sectors, between men and women and between minorities and nonminorities; requiring an employer to include specified information in a job advertisement to recruit an employee or individual contractor to fill a position within the employer's organization; prohibiting an employer from seeking salary history information by specified methods; etc.

HB 404 Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 418
Shane E. Pendergrass et al. House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of-Life Option Act

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making specified requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet specified requirements; establishing requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a specified form; requiring an attending physician who receives a written request for aid in dying to make a specified determination; etc.

HB 416 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 873
Terri L. Hill et al. House - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Care Decisions Act - End-of-Life Decision-Making Informational Booklet

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet; requiring the Department to distribute the booklet to specified health care providers, make the booklet available to the public on a specified Web site, and annually review and update the booklet as necessary; requiring health care providers to provide the booklet to specified patients under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 423 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 304
Dan K. Morhaim House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring specified health impact assessments to be performed in a specified manner; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 1 of each year on the findings from and recommendations based on any health impact assessments performed by the Commission; etc.

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HB 437 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 537
Erek L. Barron et al. House - Passed Enrolled

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Modifications

Requiring that specified authorized providers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a new or renewal controlled dangerous substance registration; requiring that specified prescribers be registered with the Program before obtaining a new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of monitored prescription drugs that have low potential for abuse; etc.

HB 441 Health and Government Operations
Warren E. Miller et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Public Health - Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Mobile Crisis Teams

Providing that an application for assisted outpatient treatment may be submitted to a court by specified individuals; authorizing, under specified circumstances, a court to order assisted outpatient treatment for a specified individual; requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to include a crisis communication center in each jurisdiction or region to provide mobile crisis teams operating in a specified manner; etc.

HB 449 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 375
The Speaker et al. House - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.

Relief From Budget Mandates

Providing that if a specified revenue estimate does not exceed a prior estimate the Governor is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for a program or item in an amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2018 appropriation for the program or item; requiring the Governor to fund specified mandated appropriations; prohibiting the General Assembly from enacting legislation that creates a new required level of funding in the annual budget bill for a specific program or item unless specified provisions are included; etc.

HB 456 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 382
The Speaker et al. House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

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Prescription Drug Assistance Program to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; repealing the ceiling on a specified hospital assessment; repealing the authorization for specified funds to be used for the State Reinsurance Program; etc.

HB 504 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 186

Luke Clippinger House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability Compensation - Reversal or Modification of Award

Applying a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation to the Workers' Compensation Commission; clarifying that, for purposes of a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation, the payment of any new compensation awarded is subject to a monetary credit for compensation previously awarded and paid; and applying the Act prospectively.

HB 528 Ways and Means Crossfiled Bill: SB 65

Eric Ebersole et al. House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Primary and Secondary Education - Sensible Sugar in Schools Act

Requiring specified county boards to add to a specified wellness policy on or before August 1, 2017, a specified plan for reducing students' added sugar intake per school meal based on specified recommendations; requiring specified county boards to convene a specified workgroup to study the best practices of other jurisdictions regarding methods of lowering students' total sugar intake per school meal; requiring the workgroup to hold at least two public hearings and receive public testimony at each meeting; etc.

HB 539 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 297

Ariana B. Kelly House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - Habilitative Services - Period of Time for Coverage

Extending until at least the end of the month in which the insured or enrollee turns 19 years old the period of time during which health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of habilitative services for its insureds and enrollees who are children; repealing a provision of law that a specified determination by a specified entity is considered an adverse decision for specified purposes; etc.

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HB 554 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 436

Eric M. Bromwell et al. House - Returned Passed

Insurance - Surplus Lines - Short-Term Medical Insurance

Altering the scope of provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for short-term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short-term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under specified circumstances; prohibiting the inclusion of specified provisions in a short-term policy procured from a nonadmitted insurer; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available on the Web site a consumer guide on short-term medical insurance; etc.

HB 568 Health and Government Operations

Susan L. M. Aumann et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Occupations - Health Care Practitioners - Exemption From Participation in Aid in Dying

Prohibiting a health care practitioner from being required to participate in aid in dying; prohibiting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying from being held criminally or civilly liable for refusing to participate; prohibiting a health care facility, health care practitioner, or professional organization or association from subjecting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying to discipline for refusing to participate; etc.

HB 579 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 858

Samuel I. Rosenberg et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Mental Health - Wraparound Services for Children and Youth

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2018, and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide specified wraparound services for 300 children or youth with intensive mental health needs.

HB 580 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 472

Luke Clippinger et al. Senate - Rereferred to Finance

Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

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Requiring employers that employ 15 or more employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with 14 or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

HB 587 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 661

Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a specified patient's bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide specified patients with a translator or an interpreter to provide specified assistance to the patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient's bill of rights in specified areas of the hospital; etc.

HB 590 Judiciary

Joseph F. Vallario Jr. et al. Senate - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Probation Before Judgment

Repealing a provision of law denying a person entitlement to expungement if the petition for expungement is based on the entry of probation before judgment for a specified crime and the person, within 3 years of the entry of the probation before judgment, has been convicted of a specified crime.

HB 593 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 22

Mary L. Washington et al. House - Returned Passed

Human Services - Interagency Council on Homelessness - Membership

Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; requiring the Governor to designate as chair of the Council a member who is a Secretary or a Secretary's designee with decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council; and stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the decision making authority of a specified designee on the Council.

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HB 595

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 497

Antonio L. Hayes et al.

Senate - First Reading Senate Rules

Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for specified community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in a specified State budget; requiring that the Governor's proposed budget for a specified fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, include rate adjustments for specified community providers based on the funding provided in specified legislative appropriations; etc.

HB 606

Judiciary

Kathleen M. Dumais

Senate - Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Patient Safety Early Intervention Programs

Providing that a statement made by a party during a discussion held in accordance with a patient safety early intervention program is inadmissible as specified evidence in a health care malpractice proceeding or civil action; authorizing a hospital, a related institution, or an insurer that provides professional liability insurance to a health care provider in the State to establish a specified patient safety early intervention program; etc.

HB 639

Health and Government Operations

Ariana B. Kelly et al.

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 109

Health Insurance - Provider Claims - Payment by Credit Card or Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Method

Authorizing an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization, under specified circumstances, to pay specified claims for reimbursement submitted by specified providers of health care services using a credit card or electronic funds transfer payment method that imposes a fee or similar charge; requiring the acceptance by a specified provider or the provider's designee of a specified payment method to apply to specified claims; etc.

HB 644

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 691

Susan L. M. Aumann et al.

House - Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Provision of Life-Preserving Health Care Services (Vulnerable Protection Act)

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Prohibiting health care practitioners and health care facilities from denying patients life-preserving health care services requested by a specified person on the basis of a specified view or disagreement; authorizing specified persons to file an action for an injunction in a specified court under specified circumstances; authorizing a health care practitioner, under specified circumstances, to provide specified reasons as a defense to an action filed under a specified provision of the Act; etc.

HB 682 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 551
Samuel I. Rosenberg et al. House - Returned Passed

Behavioral Health Advisory Council - Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams - Strategic Plan

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with specified agencies, specified health providers, and specified stakeholders, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day; requiring the Council to submit an annual report on or before December 31, 2016, and include an update on the development of the specified strategic plan; etc.

HB 690 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 197
Keith E. Haynes House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Community Empowerment and Wellness Center

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Empowerment and Wellness Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

HB 699 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 700
Karen Lewis Young et al. Senate - First Reading Senate Rules

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and make available a standardized form for a BSL-3 laboratory for specified purposes; requiring the laboratories to report specified information to the Department; requiring the Department to report, on or before December 31, 2017, and on or before December 31 each subsequent year, the number and location of the laboratories, in total and by local jurisdiction, to specified officials in the State; etc.

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HB 710 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 258

Cheryl D. Glenn et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Workers' Compensation - Medical Benefits - Payment of Medical Services and Treatment

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within 45 days of treatment or medical service to a covered employee, a bill for and documentation summarizing the medical services or treatment provided to a covered employee under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

HB 714 Health and Government Operations

Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Nursing Homes - Health Care Quality Account - Adoption and Use of Electronic Health Records

Altering the purposes for which the Health Care Quality Account must to be used to require that the Account be used for the adoption and use, including for data mining, of specified electronic health records by nursing homes.

HB 724 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 462

Nathaniel T. Oaks et al. House - Passed Enrolled

Public Health - Copies of Medical Records - Fees

Altering the fees health care providers and hospitals may charge for copying and mailing specified medical records and for retrieving and preparing specified medical records; authorizing specified hospitals and other health care providers to charge specified fees and a specified cost for electronic copies of medical records that are in an electronic format requested by a person in interest or any other authorized person; providing that specified fees may not be adjusted annually for inflation; etc.

HB 740 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 485

Ariana B. Kelly et al. House - Passed Enrolled

Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Establishing the Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance; providing for the composition, chair and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations regarding the development of a State social

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insurance program that provides short-term benefits to eligible employees who lose wages due to specified circumstances; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

HB 752 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 647

Bonnie Cullison Approved by the Governor - Chapter 116

Physicians - Prescriptions Written by Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners - Preparing and Dispensing

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician who complies with specified requirements from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement or a nurse practitioner who is authorized to practice under a specified provision of law and is working with the physician in the same office setting.

HB 753 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 808

Ben Barnes et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations;
Withdrawn

State Budget

Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.

HB 771 Ways and Means Crossfiled Bill: SB 71

Darryl Barnes et al. House - Returned Passed

Public Schools - Administration of Diabetes Care Services - Guidelines

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish specified guidelines for the administration of specified health care services to specified students with diabetes; requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a specified plan and make a report, on or before December 1, 2016, to specified committees of the General Assembly on implementation of the plan to provide diabetes care services to specified students; etc.

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HB 792

Economic Matters

Crossfiled Bill: SB 914

Cory V. McCray et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Public Work Contracts - Payroll Reporting Requirements (The Transparency Act of 2016)

Applying specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law to specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of at least \$400,000; and providing that specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of less than \$500,000 are not required to comply with specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law.

HB 798

Health and Government Operations

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee Approved by the Governor - Chapter 121

Health Insurance - Reporting Requirements - Repeal

Repealing a requirement that an annual report be filed with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, dental plan organizations, and specified other persons or entities regarding a summary description of specified clinical issues and diagnostic and therapeutic services; etc.

HB 800

Health and Government Operations

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - Payments to Noncontracting Specialists and Noncontracting Nonphysician Specialists

Requiring, under specified circumstances, specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and dental plan organizations to pay an amount that is at least equal to 140% of the rate paid by the Medicare program, as published by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for covered services provided to a member by noncontracting specialists and noncontracting nonphysician specialists when a referral is granted to the member.

HB 801

Health and Government Operations

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee Approved by the Governor - Chapter 122

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Health Insurance - Required Conformity With Federal Law

Repealing provisions of law permitting specified preexisting condition limitations in group and blanket health insurance contracts and policies; altering provisions of law relating to specified preexisting condition exclusions in individual health benefit plans to comply with requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; clarifying the circumstances in which a grace period provision applies under a qualified health plan; requiring a student health plan to comply with the requirements of specified federal regulations; etc.

HB 802

Health and Government Operations

Chair, Health and Government
Operations Committee

House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government
Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - Provider Panel Lists

Altering the information about providers on a provider panel that insurance carriers must make available to specified enrollees under specified circumstances; requiring the information provided in printed form to be accurate on the date of publication; requiring the information provided on the Internet to be accurate on the date of initial posting and update; requiring a carrier to demonstrate the accuracy of certain information on request of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.

HB 814

Judiciary

Crossfiled Bill: SB 849

Samuel I. Rosenberg et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn

Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts; requiring the Task Force to study the adequacy and cost of State laws and policies relating to the litigation of medical malpractice cases and make recommendations regarding the establishment of health courts to hear medical malpractice cases and the feasibility of assigning a medical malpractice case to a single judge throughout the litigation process; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016; etc.

HB 826

Health and Government Operations

Christopher T. Adams et al.

House - Hearing cancelled

Prescription Drug Repository Program - Repository Inventory Requirement - Revision

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Requiring a repository that participates in the Prescription Drug Repository Program to maintain a separate inventory of donated prescription drugs and medical supplies that the repository intends to dispense under a specified provision of law, instead of a separate inventory of all donated prescription drugs.

HB 827 Health and Government Operations

Anthony J. O'Donnell Approved by the Governor - Chapter 124

Newborn Infant Screening - Testing by Nonpublic Laboratories - Notification

Requiring that the coordinated statewide system for newborn screening that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to maintain include notifying parents and guardians of newborn infants that laboratories other than the Department's public health laboratory are authorized to perform postscreening confirmatory or diagnostic tests on newborn infants for hereditary and congenital disorders.

HB 829 Environment and Transportation Crossfiled Bill: SB 607

Shane Robinson et al. House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

Agriculture - Cattle, Swine, and Poultry - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, or poultry without a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions; requiring a veterinarian who issues a veterinary feed directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture specified information in a specified manner; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

HB 835 Appropriations Crossfiled Bill: SB 631

Cecil County Delegation House - Returned Passed

Local Facility Closure Reserve Funds - Investments and Reinvestments

Authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of specified facility closure reserve funds to invest and reinvest money in a specified manner and sell, redeem, or exchange specified investments or reinvestments; requiring the trustees or other officers in charge of the funds to comply with specified fiduciary standards; authorizing a political subdivision or unit of a political subdivision to enter into a specified agreement; altering the definition of "public money" as it relates to local government investment guidelines; etc.

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HB 869

Judiciary

Crossfiled Bill: SB 574

Jill P. Carter et al.

House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Catastrophic Injury

Altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 885

Health and Government Operations

David E. Vogt III et al.

House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.

Behavioral Health Administration - Creation and Maintenance of Mental Health Professional Profiles (Patient Protection Provider Information Act)

Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to create and maintain public individual profiles on specified mental health professionals that include specified information; requiring the Administration to provide a mechanism for the notification and prompt correction of factual inaccuracies in specified profiles; requiring the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to provide promptly specified information to the Administration; etc.

HB 886

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 242

Chris West

House - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telemedicine - Modifications

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; authorizing the Department to require a health care provider to submit a registration form that includes information required for the processing of claims for reimbursement for specified health care services; etc.

HB 908

Health and Government Operations

Dan K. Morhaim et al.

Senate - First Reading Senate Rules

Hospitals - Substance Use Treatment Demonstration Program - Requirements

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Authorizing up to five hospitals in the State to participate in a substance use treatment demonstration program; providing that the purpose of the demonstration program is to identify best practices to identify patients potentially in need of treatment, screen patients, and refer patients in needs of substance abuse treatment to specified services; requiring each participating hospital to operate an inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment program and ensure specified treatment services are made available; etc.

HB 929

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Crossfiled Bill: SB 1032

Kirill Reznik et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Occupations - Prohibited Patient Referrals - Exceptions

Providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement that fits specified exceptions in federal law or regulation; providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement for which the federal Department of Health and Human Services has issued a specified waiver; etc.

HB 981

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Crossfiled Bill: SB 449

Ariana B. Kelly et al.

House - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Guardianship Fees - Personal Needs Allowance

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include as part of the personal needs allowance guardianship fees payable for guardianship services when determining the portion of income specified recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of the personal needs allowance for specified guardianship fees; etc.

HB 992

Judiciary

Kathleen M. Dumais

House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn

Health Care Malpractice Claims - Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office - Repeal

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office; terminating the Health Claims Arbitration Fund; requiring the clerk of a court to forward to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene copies of specified pleadings and certificates of a qualified expert; requiring the Department to forward to the State Board of Physicians copies of specified pleadings and certificates of a qualified expert; etc.

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HB 1003

Economic Matters

Crossfiled Bill: SB 481

Kriselda Valderrama et al.

House - Passed Enrolled

Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work

Altering a specified provision of law concerning equal pay for equal work to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity; prohibiting an employer from discriminating between employees in any occupation by providing less favorable employment opportunities based on sex or gender identity; providing that specified provisions of the Act do not preclude an employee from demonstrating that an employer's reliance on a specified exception is a pretext for specified discrimination; etc.

HB 1018

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Prince George's County
Delegation

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

Prince George's County - Closures or Partial Closures of Hospitals - Board of Health Approval PG 406-16

Prohibiting a person proposing to close or partially close a hospital located in Prince George's County that receives State and county funding from closing or partially closing the hospital unless the Prince George's County Board of Health is notified at least 90 days before the proposed closure or partial closure and the Board of Health approves the closure or partial closure; requiring the Board of Health to hold a specified public hearing within 30 days of receiving notice of the closure and at a location within 5 miles of the hospital; etc.

HB 1103

Health and Government Operations

Kirill Reznik et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government
Operations; Withdrawn

Health Care Practitioners - Use of Teletherapy

Authorizing specified health care practitioners to use teletherapy for a specified patient under specified circumstances; establishing specified requirements for the technology a health care practitioner uses for teletherapy; requiring a health care practitioner to make a specified identification and establish a safety protocol that includes specified information before the first teletherapy session; etc.

HB 1119

Judiciary

Dan K. Morhaim et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

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Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance - De Minimis Quantity

Making violations relating to the use or possession of specified de minimis quantities of specified controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to use or possession of a de minimis quantity of specified controlled dangerous substances; applying procedural provisions relating to issuance of a citation for use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a de minimis quantity of specified controlled dangerous substances; etc.

HB 1121 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 12

Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk et al. House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Care Facilities - Closures or Partial Closures of Hospitals - County Board of Health Approval

Prohibiting a person proposing to close or partially close a hospital that receives State and county funding from closing or partially closing the hospital except under specified circumstances; requiring the county board of health for the county in which the hospital is located to hold a specified public hearing at a location within 5 miles of the hospital and within 30 days of receiving notice of the proposed closure or partial closure of a hospital; requiring the board of health to consider specified factors; etc.

HB 1150 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 887

Herb McMillan et al. House - Returned Passed

Health Insurance - Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act

Requiring a specified health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a minimum of 1 year to submit a claim for a service, provide for the suspension of the minimum period of time, and provide that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim; creating an exception to a provision of law that requires proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a specified period of time; etc.

HB 1175 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 664

Jeff Waldstreicher et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters;
Withdrawn

Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act

Requiring an employer to provide specified employees with specified estimates and work schedules within specified time periods and notify employees of specified changes; prohibiting an employer, except under specified circumstances, from requiring an

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employee to work specified hours; authorizing an employer to make specified changes to a scheduled shift within a specified period of time; requiring an employer, except under specified circumstances, to pay specified predictability pay under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1189 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 601
Angela Angel et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions

Requiring a hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions the hospital receives in the hospital's community benefit report.

HB 1193 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 67
Andrew Platt et al. Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government - Administrative Procedure Act - Effective Date of Adopted Regulations

Altering the effective dates of specified regulations adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

HB 1212 Health and Government Operations
Dan K. Morhaim House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Use Facility Program

Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Use Facility Program by specified entities in specified jurisdictions; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make a specified determination on a specified application based on specified criteria and within a specified period of time; requiring a Program to provide specified services; authorizing a Program to provide specified services; etc.

HB 1217 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 899
Sheree Sample-Hughes et al. House - Returned Passed

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Specialty Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Parity

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Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to ensure that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is in compliance with specified federal laws; providing that the Department is not required to adopt specified regulations for any changes that may be made through a process other than the regulatory process; requiring the regulations to include standards regarding treatment limitations for specialty mental health and substance use disorder services that comply with the federal laws; etc.

HB 1220 Health and Government Operations

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee et al. Approved by the Governor - Chapter 136

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Health Program Integrity and Recovery Activities

Authorizing the Inspector General or a specified Assistant Inspector General in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to subpoena any person or evidence, administer oaths, and take depositions and other testimony for the purpose of investigating fraud, waste, or abuse of departmental program funds; authorizing a specified court to take specified actions under specified circumstances if a person fails to comply with a specified order or subpoena; etc.

HB 1221 Health and Government Operations

Peter A. Hammen House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Presumptive Eligibility - Required Participation by Hospitals

Requiring licensed hospitals that participate in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to agree to make presumptive eligibility determinations for the Program and actively submit presumptive eligibility applications to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on or before July 1, 2016; etc.

HB 1241 Health and Government Operations

Nicholaus R. Kipke et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Contracts With and Reimbursement of Pharmacists

Requiring each initial and renewal contract between a pharmacy benefits manager and a contracted pharmacy to include the sources used to determine maximum allowable cost pricing; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to update its pricing

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information at specified intervals and for a specified purpose; specifying the format in which pricing updates must be provided by a pharmacy benefits manager to a contracted pharmacy; etc.

HB 1242 Health and Government Operations

Nicholaus R. Kipke et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Reimbursement and Pharmacy Choice

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist for a pharmaceutical product or pharmacist service in a specified amount; authorizing a pharmacy or pharmacist to decline to provide a pharmaceutical product or pharmacist service to an individual or pharmacy benefits manager under specified circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager or health benefit plan from imposing specified conditions on an individual or covered entity under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1243 Health and Government Operations

Angela Angel et al. House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Specialty Care - Prohibition on Authorization

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before December 1, 2016, to adopt regulations that require the Department to determine the date on which the eligibility of a Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient ends, require the Department to include specified information on an authorization for specialty care, and prohibit the Department from authorizing specialty care beyond the date on which the eligibility of a Program recipient ends; etc.

HB 1257 Economic Matters

Christopher T. Adams House - Referred to interim study by Economic Matters

Labor and Employment - Workplace Fraud Provisions - Repeal

Repealing a specified prohibition against specified employers failing to properly classify individuals who perform work for remuneration paid by the employer; repealing a specified prohibition against specified employers knowingly failing to properly classify individuals who perform work for remuneration paid by the employer; repealing specified provisions of law concerning workplace fraud investigations; etc.

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HB 1265 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 857

Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Maryland Health Care Commission - Hospital and Physician Financial Arrangement Disclosure - Requirements

Requiring each hospital and each physician that has a financial arrangement with a pharmaceutical manufacturer or a surgical hardware manufacturer to file a financial disclosure form with the Maryland Health Care Commission within a specified period of time; requiring the Commission to establish a specified database; authorizing the Commission to impose a specified fine under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

HB 1267 Health and Government Operations

Dan K. Morhaim House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Poly-Morphone-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program - Harm Reduction Act of 2016

Establishing the Poly-Morphone-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program; defining "Poly-Morphone-Assisted Treatment" as administering or dispensing of pharmaceutical-grade heroin, hydromorphone, or other opiates by a health care practitioner to select opioid-dependent individuals; requiring the Program to begin on or before January 1, 2018, and to continue for a period of 4 years; establishing the Poly-Morphone-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program Advisory Board; providing for the purpose and membership of the Advisory Board; etc.

HB 1272 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 886

Shane E. Pendergrass House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health - Collaborations to Promote Provider Alignment

Exempting collaborations to promote provider alignment from provisions of law that prohibit a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity, prohibit a health care practitioner from presenting or causing to be presented specified demands for payment, and require a health care practitioner to disclose the existence of a beneficial interest under specified circumstances; etc.

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HB 1277 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 336
Bonnie Cullison et al. House - Returned Passed

Hospitals - Designation of Lay Caregivers

Requiring a hospital to provide a patient or the legal guardian of a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document the decision to not designate a lay caregiver by a patient or the legal guardian of a patient in the patient's medical record; requiring a hospital to request consent from a patient or the legal guardian of a patient to release medical information to a lay caregiver; etc.

HB 1280 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 599
Samuel I. Rosenberg House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

AELR Committee - Renaming and Regulatory Adoption Procedures

Renaming the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review to be the Regulatory Oversight Committee; requiring the Division of State Documents to make available to the public direct online searching of specified public comments received by a promulgating unit during a specified comment period; requiring a unit to submit to the Governor a copy of a proposed emergency regulation and a specific description of the grounds requiring the emergency adoption; etc.

HB 1282 Health and Government Operations
Sheree Sample-Hughes et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Enterprise Zone Practitioners - Trauma-Informed Care - Training

Altering the definition of "Health Enterprise Zone practitioner", for purposes of provisions of law governing Health Enterprise Zones, to require that a health care practitioner included in the defined term be trained in trauma-informed care.

HB 1312 Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 1005
The Speaker Senate - Rereferred to Judicial Proceedings

Justice Reinvestment Act

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to conduct a specified risk and needs assessment on specified inmates and include the results in a specified case record; altering the manner in which specified diminution credits may be earned; requiring the

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Division to impose specified graduated sanctions; establishing the Addiction Treatment Divestiture Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board and the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; etc.

HB 1318

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Crossfiled Bill: SB 929

Ariana B. Kelly et al.

House - Passed Enrolled

Health Benefit Plans - Network Access Standards and Provider Network Directories

Requiring specified carriers to maintain or adhere to specified standards that assure that specified enrollees have specified access to specified health care providers and covered services; requiring specified carriers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a specified plan for review; authorizing the Commissioner to order corrective action under specified circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to deny inspection of the parts of a specified plan that contain confidential information; etc.

HB 1347

Health and Government Operations

Nicholaus R. Kipke et al.

House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Managed Care Organizations - Disenrollment

Authorizing a Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient, under specified circumstances, to disenroll from a managed care organization to maintain continuity of care with a pharmacy provider; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide timely notification to the affected managed care organization of an enrollee's intention to disenroll under specified provisions of the Act; etc.

HB 1350

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 707

Peter A. Hammen et al.

Senate - Recommitted to Finance (Senator Middleton)

Freestanding Medical Facilities - Certificate of Need, Rates, and Definition

Exempting from the certificate of need requirements for change of scope or capital expenditures the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility, in accordance with specified requirements; increasing from 45 to 90 the number of days before the proposed closing of a health care facility for the filing of the notice of the proposed closing; establishing the workgroup on rural health care delivery to study health care needs in five specified counties; etc.

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HB 1372 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 940

Jeff Waldstreicher et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Repeal of Tip Credit (Fight for Fifteen)

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; increasing, except under specified circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for specified periods of time based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index; repealing the authority of an employer to include, as part of an employee's wage, a specified amount to represent the tips of the employee; etc.

HB 1376 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1121

Neil Parrott et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations

Health Insurance - Coverage of Air Ambulance Transport Services

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified air ambulance transport services; requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that use a provider panel to ensure that provider panels include specified providers for a specified purpose; etc.

HB 1383 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1018

Nicholaus R. Kipke et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Health Insurance - Specialty Drugs - Participating Pharmacies

Altering the conditions under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations may require a covered specialty drug to be obtained through a pharmacy participating in the provider network of the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; altering the definition of "specialty drug"; etc.

HB 1385 Health and Government Operations

Dan K. Morhaim et al. House - Passed Enrolled

Public Health - Advance Directives - Procedures, Information Sheet, and Use of Electronic Advance Directives

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Providing that any authentic expression made by an individual while competent of the individual's wishes regarding health care for the individual be considered in the absence of a validly executed or witnessed advance directive; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to encourage the use of electronic advance directives and provide outreach services to increase public awareness; providing that a witness to an electronic advance directive is not required under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1416 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1060

Mary L. Washington et al. House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing

Requiring that specified regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene include a requirement that the process for approval of a license for an opioid maintenance program include an assessment of a specified catchment area, and the number of existing slots in opioid maintenance programs in a specified catchment area and the number of individuals in need of specified services in a specified catchment area; requiring the Secretary to adopt a specified regulation increasing a specified fee; etc.

HB 1422 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 739

Eric M. Bromwell et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Integrated Community Oncology Reporting Program

Establishing the integrated community oncology reporting program; establishing the purpose of the program; requiring the program to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, to adopt regulations to implement the program; establishing requirements for the regulations; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

HB 1481 Judiciary Crossfiled Bill: SB 723

Karen Lewis Young et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

Civil Actions - Immunity From Liability - Entering a Property to Provide Emergency Assistance or Medical Care

Providing immunity from civil liability for a first responder for any act undertaken when entering a property or gaining access to a property in order to provide emergency assistance or medical care in response to a 9-1-1 call provided the act is not one of gross negligence; etc.

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HB 1487 Economic Matters Crossfiled Bill: SB 450
Kriselda Valderrama et al. House - Returned Passed

Health Care Provider Malpractice Insurance - Scope of Coverage

Authorizing the inclusion, in a policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care, of coverage for the defense of a health care provider in a specified disciplinary hearing if the cost of the included coverage is itemized in the billing statement, invoice, or declarations page for the policy and reported to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a form and manner required by the Commissioner; etc.

HB 1489 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 171
Susan K. McComas et al. House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

Guardianship of a Minor or Disabled Person - Criminal History Records Check

Requiring a court to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for a State and national criminal history records check for a specified prospective guardian before appointing a guardian of the person of a minor or disabled person; requiring a court to submit specified materials and fees to the Central Repository as part of an application for a criminal history records check; providing specified exceptions to the criminal history records check; etc.

HB 1492 Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Crossfiled Bill: SB 928
Anne R. Kaiser House - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Task Force to Study the Nurse Shortage in Maryland

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Nurse Shortage in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to changes in the nursing profession that have resulted in a shortage of nurses in the State and nation; etc.

HB 1494 Ways and Means Crossfiled Bill: SB 411
Sheree Sample-Hughes et al. House - Passed Enrolled

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Income Tax - Credit for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for an individual who serves as a preceptor in specified preceptorship programs under specified circumstances and works in specified areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; establishing the Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to offset the costs of the specified tax credit; requiring the State Board of Nursing to assess a \$15 fee for the renewal of a specified certification; etc.

HB 1499	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations	Crossfiled Bill: SB 413
Bonnie Cullison et al.	House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	

Developmental Disabilities Administration - Crisis Resolution Funding

Requiring a specified report on the Waiting List Equity Fund to include specified information regarding individuals in the crisis resolution category of the waiting list for developmental disabilities services; establishing mandated appropriations for developmental disabilities community services; requiring the mandated appropriations to be used to provide services to individuals in the crisis resolution category on the waiting list for developmental disabilities services; etc.

HB 1505	Rules and Executive Nominations	Crossfiled Bill: SB 335
Antonio L. Hayes	House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	

Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Modifications

Making specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and the reimbursement of nonpreferred providers who are physicians applicable to other specified health care practitioners; altering the circumstances under which a provision for an insured to pay a balance bill may not apply; repealing the requirements that an assignment of benefits be obtained and that an insurer be notified for specified provisions of law to apply; etc.

HB 1509	Rules and Executive Nominations	Crossfiled Bill: SB 586
Sheila E. Hixson	House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents - Report Before Closure

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Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, before closing a regional institute for children and adolescents, to submit a report justifying the closure to the Governor and specified legislative committees; requiring the report to address specified items; and requiring the committees to have 60 days to review and comment on the report.

HB 1542 Rules and Executive Nominations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1092

Ben Barnes et al. House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Nursing Facilities - Quality Assessment - Modification

Applying the requirement for a specified quality assessment imposed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and specified provisions of law relating to a specified quality assessment, to nursing facilities with 70 or more beds.

HB 1561 Health and Government Operations Crossfiled Bill: SB 1081

Sheree Sample-Hughes House - Third Reading Passed (140-1)

Mental Health - Voluntary and Involuntary Admissions - Certification by Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners

Defining "psychiatric nurse practitioner" for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to the voluntary and involuntary admissions of individuals to specified facilities for the treatment of mental disorders; prohibiting a certificate signed by a psychiatric nurse practitioner for the involuntary admission of an individual to specified facilities for the treatment of a mental disorder from being used for an admission under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1584 Health and Government Operations

Eric M. Bromwell House - Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Open Meetings Act - Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland - Closed Sessions

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to meet in closed session or adjourn an open session to a closed session to discuss specified matters; etc.

HB 1594 Rules and Executive Nominations

Mary Ann Lisanti House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Public-Private Partnerships - Unsolicited Proposals - Procedures

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Altering a specified provision of law relating to public-private partnerships to require a reporting agency to protect proprietary information included in an unsolicited proposal to a specified extent and comply with specified procedural requirements whether or not the reporting agency conducts a competitive solicitation process under a specified provision of law.

HB 1608

Rules and Executive Nominations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 550

Nathaniel T. Oaks et al.

House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

Task Force to Study Access to Dental Care in the State

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Dental Care in the State; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2016; etc.

HB 1618

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 1144

Peter A. Hammen et al.

Senate - Third Reading Passed with Amendments (44-0)

Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to be used for substance use treatment, with priority given to residential treatment services, recovery support housing, and specified crisis response services, and for rate adjustments for specified agencies or programs; requiring specified distributions from the account to be used to supplement and not supplant specified other funds; prohibiting more than \$10,000,000 from being appropriated from the account in any fiscal year; etc.

HB 1637

Health and Government Operations

Crossfiled Bill: SB 1153

Antonio L. Hayes

House - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Health Insurance - Clinically Integrated Organizations

Altering the definition of "clinically integrated organization" for purposes of provisions of law governing contracts between specified health insurance carriers and clinically integrated organizations and the sharing of specified medical information by the health insurance carriers with clinically integrated organizations.

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