



ADVOCACY DASHBOARD

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Support with Amendments

Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Resources	New This Week/Upcoming Dates
SB 17- Health Information Exchange- Definition and Regulations	Altering a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt certain regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain regulations from applying to protected health information exchanged between or among certain persons; etc.	SB 17 MHA's Position Paper on SB 17	MHA testified in support of SB 17 before the Senate Finance committee on January 18.

Oppose

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SB 5- Civil Actions- Punitive Damage Awards	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with wantonness, fraud, or malice; requiring a trier of fact to consider a defendant's liability for punitive damages concurrently with all other issues presented in the action; requiring a trier of fact to determine the amount of punitive damages to be awarded based on certain factors under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	SB 5 MHA's Position Paper on SB 5	MHA testified in opposition of SB 5 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
SB 30- Health Care Malpractice Qualified Expert - Limitation on Testimony in Personal Injury Claims - Repeal	Repealing the requirement that a health care provider who attests in a certificate of a qualified expert or who testifies in relation to a proceeding before an arbitration panel or a court concerning compliance with or departure from standards of care devote no more than 20% of the provider's professional activities to activities that directly involve	SB 30 MHA's Position Paper on SB 30	MHA testified in opposition of SB 30 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.

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SB 36- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages	Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in certain wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018; and providing that a jury may be informed of certain limitations on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions.	SB 36 MHA's Position Paper on SB 36	MHA testified in opposition of SB 36 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
HB 41- Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions	Requiring a nonprofit hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions received by the hospital in the hospital's annual community benefit report.	HB 41	Sponsor withdrew bill.