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Support

Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Testimony	Hearing/Status
SB 3/HB 732 - Electronic Smoking Devices, Other Tobacco Products, and Cigarettes - Taxation and Regulation	Applying certain provisions of tax law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products to certain electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of "other tobacco products" to include certain consumable products and the components or parts of those products and to exclude certain other products; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, to include at least \$21,000,000 in the annual budget for certain activities aimed at reducing tobacco use; etc.	SB 3 HB 732	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Budget & Taxation Committee on January 29 In the House – House Concur- Senate Amendments
SB 124/HB 196 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – Assessment Applicability and State–Based Individual Market Health Insurance Subsidies	Allowing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide a means for individuals to reduce the amount they pay for health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring the Exchange to study and report on funding for State-based subsidies before implementing the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program; authorizing the Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, to apply for a certain waiver; etc.	SB 124 HB 196	In the Senate – Passed Enrolled In the House – Returned Passed
SB 183 - Health Insurance - Health Benefit Plans - Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy	Altering, to remove a requirement that a health care practitioner confirms a pregnancy and to add a requirement that the eligible employee or the employee's spouse or dependent attests to the pregnancy, the circumstances under which certain individuals who become pregnant are eligible for a certain special enrollment period; altering the date on which the special enrollment period for certain individuals who become pregnant begins;	SB 183	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Finance Committee on February 12

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SB 187/HB 684 - Civil Actions - Health Care Malpractice Claims (Life Care Act)	Authorizing an expert witness in a certain health care malpractice claim, suit, or action to testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise under certain circumstances; requiring an expert witness testifying on a certain issue under certain circumstances in a certain health care malpractice claim, suit, or action to meet certain qualifications; etc.	SB 187 HB 684	In the Senate – MHA testified before the Judicial Proceedings Committee on January 29 In the House – MHA testified before the Judiciary Committee on February 19
SB 206/HB 242 - Criminal Procedure - Motion to Vacate Judgment - Human Trafficking (True Freedom Act of 2020)	Altering the eligibility for the filing of a certain motion to vacate judgment if the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking; requiring that a certain motion be served on a certain State's Attorney; requiring that a certain motion be mailed to a victim or victim's representative at a certain address if the qualifying offense occurred within 5 years before the filing of the motion; requiring the court to take certain factors into consideration when making a certain finding; etc.	SB 206 HB 242	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed
SB 212/HB 233 - Criminal Law – Assault in the First Degree – Strangulation	Prohibiting a person from intentionally strangling another in the commission of an assault; and providing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 25 years for a violation of the Act.	SB 212 HB 233	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed
SB 302/HB 840 - Joint Committee on Workforce Development	Establishing a Joint Committee on Workforce Development to evaluate the condition of the State's public and private sector workforces, monitor skills shortages, identify strategies to expand employment opportunities, increase earnings, and evaluate the effectiveness of certain programs and policies; requiring the Committee to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year;	SB 302 HB 840	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Finance Committee on February 13 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Economic Matters Committee on February 18

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<u>SB 305/HB 607-</u> Public Safety - Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence	Establishing the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers and to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program; requiring the Office to appoint certain coordinators to the Center; requiring the Center to take certain actions; requiring a certain annual report; etc.	<u>SB 305</u> <u>HB 607</u>	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary Committee on February 18
<u>SB 334/HB 455-</u> Health Insurance – Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Reports on Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations and Data	Requiring certain carriers, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to demonstrate the carrier's compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring a carrier, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Commissioner on certain data for certain benefits by certain classification; establishing the Parity Enforcement and Education Fund to provide funds to support and conduct outreach to inform certain consumers of certain rights; etc.	<u>SB 334</u> <u>HB 455</u>	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed
<u>SB 402/HB 448-</u> Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth and Shortage	Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in-person settings; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a clinical evaluation appropriate for the condition the patient presents before providing certain treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; etc.	<u>SB 402</u> <u>HB 448</u>	In the Senate – Passed Enrolled In the House – Passed Enrolled
<u>SB 406/HB 425-</u> Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault Evidence Kits - Privacy, Reimbursement, and Notification	Requiring a physician, qualified health care provider, or hospital to provide a certain notice to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board regarding that services were rendered to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse; prohibiting a physician, qualified health care provider, or hospital from including certain information in a request to obtain payment for certain services;	<u>SB 406</u> <u>HB 425</u>	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed

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SB 441/HB 332 - Mental Health – Confidentiality of Medical Records and Emergency Facilities List	Providing that the list of emergency facilities the Maryland Department of Health is required to publish may include comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers; and requiring the Department to give the list to each local behavioral health authority.	SB 441 HB 332	In the Senate – Passed Enrolled In the House – Returned Passed
SB 453/HB 374 - Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services	Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to maintain an updated list of the specific service categories in psychiatric rehabilitation, therapeutic, care coordination, and home health aide services available to a child in the State who has a mental disorder; requiring that the list include services available to any child in the State who has a mental disorder and who is enrolled in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or has health insurance coverage; etc.	SB 453 HB 374	In the House – First Reading Health & Government Operations In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 5
SB 484/HB 1165 - Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers	Requiring each carrier to inform members and beneficiaries in a certain manner of the right to request a referral to a specialist or nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; requiring, under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to cover certain mental health or substance use disorder services provided to a member by a nonparticipating provider at a certain cost; etc.	SB 484 HB 1165	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Finance Committee on February 26 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 20
SB 501/HB 998 - Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Administration and Funding	Transferring oversight of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants from the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department, by October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, to submit a report to the General Assembly on the number of eligible physicians and physician assistants who applied for and participated in the Program that includes certain information;	SB 501 HB 998	In the Senate – Senate Concur- House Amendments In the House – Returned Passed

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<u>SB 502/HB 1208-</u> Telehealth- Mental Health and Chronic Condition Management Services- Coverage and Pilot Program	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to a certain limitation, mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; altering the definition of telehealth as it applies to certain provisions of law governing coverage of telehealth by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include the delivery of mental health care services to a patient in a certain setting; etc.	<u>SB 502</u> <u>HB 1208</u>	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House- Returned Passed
<u>SB 530/HB 231-</u> Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act	Expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income; stating the Act seeks to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to live in certain neighborhoods; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income; etc.	<u>SB 530</u> <u>HB 231</u>	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed
<u>SB 540/HB 999-</u> Member-Regulated Cooperatives - Establishment (Rural Broadband for the Eastern Shore Act of 2020)	Establishing a process for a cooperative to operate as a member-regulated cooperative in a certain area; specifying that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction over a member-regulated cooperative, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting a member-regulated cooperative from exercising a certain power of condemnation for the sole purpose of providing broadband Internet service; specifying certain provisions of law that apply to a member-regulated cooperative;	<u>SB 540</u> <u>HB 999</u>	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Finance committee on February 25 In the House – Passed Enrolled
<u>SB 716/HB 1528-</u> Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment	Establishing the Maryland Council on Health in All Policies to employ a health in all policies framework, a public health framework through which public and private policy makers and stakeholders use a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State; providing, to the extent practicable, Council members are to reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; requiring the Council to submit a report by December 1 each year on the Council's activities; etc.	<u>SB 716</u> <u>HB 1528</u>	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs on February 18 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 11

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SB 738/HB 1120 - Health Care Providers and Health Benefit Plans - Discrimination in Provision of Services	Altering the actions with regard to which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against individuals on certain bases; altering the characteristics of an individual on the basis of which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against the individual in certain actions; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit certain persons from refusing, withholding from, or denying any person services for certain reasons except under certain circumstances; etc.	SB 738 HB 1120	In the Senate – MHA testified before the Finance committee on February 26 In the House – Returned Passed
SB 763/HB 1040 - State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of this Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2022, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.	SB 763 HB 1040	In the House – First Reading Health & Government Operations In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 6
SB 872/HB 959 - Health Insurance - Consumer Protections	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law under certain applicable powers; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances that are consistent with certain federal regulations, rules, and guidance; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying certain coverage because a certain health condition was present on a certain date; etc.	SB 872 HB 959	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed
SB 846/HB 126 - Peace Orders- Workplace Violence	Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition;	SB 846 HB 126	In the Senate – Second Reading Passed with Amendments In the Senate – Second Reading Passed with Amendments

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SB 879/HB 1563 - Public Health – Maryland Infant Lifetime Care Trust Funded by HSCRC and Maryland Patient Safety Center Duties	Establishing certain requirements and procedures regarding certain settlement agreements for claims arising out of a birth-related neurological injury subject to certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain board to allocate a grant of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Department of Health to study disparities in and improvement to maternal and fetal outcomes in the State; establishing the Maryland Infant Lifetime Care Trust; providing for the governance, administration, and purposes of the Trust; etc.	SB 879 HB 1563	In the Senate – MHA testified before the Finance committee on March 5 In the House – MHA testified before the Judiciary committee on March 9
SB 904/HB 1515 - Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans - Establishment	Establishing the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Program; requiring the Program to award certain grants to nonprofit organizations to establish and expand certain community behavioral health programs; establishing a certain eligibility requirement;	SB 904 HB 1515	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Finance committee on February 18 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 11
SB 918 - Human Services - Trauma-Informed Care - Commission and Training	Establishing the Commission on Trauma-Informed Care to coordinate a statewide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of State services that impact children, youth, and families; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 each year;	SB 918	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 17
SB 1080/HB 1663 - State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency – Authority of Governor and Unemployment Insurance Benefits (COVID–19 Public Health	Authorizing the Governor to take certain actions as a result of the issuance by the Governor on March 5, 2020, of the proclamation declaring a state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health emergency or any other proclamation issued under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article; and terminating the Act after April 30, 2021.	SB 1080 HB 1663	Approved by the Governor- Chapter 13 Approved by the Governor- Chapter 13

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Emergency Protection
Act of 2020)

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HB 3- Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Providing that licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other non-tobacco flavors; etc.	HB 3	In the Senate – Finance Hearing 3/17
HB 109- Public Service Commission - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - Rapid Health Impact Assessment and Final Action	Requiring an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for certain construction to conduct a rapid health impact assessment (HIA) on the project and report on its findings; requiring a rapid HIA report to be completed not later than 45 days after the applicant submits the applicant's application to the Public Service Commission; requiring an applicant to complete the rapid HIA in a certain manner; requiring the rapid HIA report to be considered part of a certain application;	HB 109	In the House — Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters
HB 134- Health Insurance - Prescription Insulin Drugs - Limits on Copayment and Coinsurance	Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the cumulative amount a covered individual is required to pay on copayment or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug to no more than \$100, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered individual's prescriptions; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021; etc.	HB 134	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 6

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HB 196 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – Assessment Applicability and Report on State-Based Individual Market Health Insurance Subsidies	Clarifying the applicability of a certain assessment by the State to certain entities for certain products that were subject to § 9010 of the Affordable Care Act, as in effect on December 1, 2019; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2020, on certain information related to establishing a State-based individual subsidy program in Maryland.	HB 196	In the House – Returned Passed
HB 364 - Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers and Health Care Practitioners - Identification Tags and Badges - Name Requirement	Specifying that each hospital or nursing facility in the State ensure that all of its health care service providers whether in the hospital, outside or in a separate nursing facility wear personal identification tag indicating in readable text the first name, nickname, last name, or full name of the individual that is commonly used in the hospital or nursing facility; specifying the form of names required to be displayed on the badge required to worn by a health care practitioner etc.;	HB 364	In the House – Returned Passed
HB 409 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Participation of School-Based Health Centers - Regulations	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health on or before January 1, 2021, to revise its regulations regarding school-based health centers that may participate in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to include school-based health centers that have a written agreement with a sponsoring agency that meets certain requirements identified by the State Department of Education in the version of the "Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards" report available December 1, 2019; etc.	HB 409	In the House – Returned Passed
HB 524 - Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	Requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake using a validated screening tool; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be referred immediately to a behavioral health care provider and a reproductive health care provider for certain purposes; etc.	HB 524	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary Committee on February 11

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HB 837 - Public Health - Maternal Mortality and Morbidity - Implicit Bias Training and Study	Altering the purposes of the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; requiring the Program to establish and provide an evidence-based implicit bias training program for health care professionals involved in the perinatal care of patients on or before January 1, 2021; requiring certain health care professionals to complete a certain training on or before January 1, 2022; requiring the Program to offer a certain training to certain health care professionals; etc.	HB 837	In the House- Returned Passed
HB 936 – Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and providing that a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing task to an assistant with medical training if the assistant performs only tasks that the assistant is trained and able to perform and the delegating nurse provides certain instruction and supervision.	HB 936	In the Senate – First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB 1096 - Evidence - Chain of Custody - DNA Profile	Establishing that a certain report signed by a DNA analyst is prima facie evidence the material delivered was properly tested for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; providing that a certain DNA profile may be established without the necessity for the DNA analyst to personally appear in court under certain circumstances;	HB 1096	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary Committee on March 3
HB 1356 - Office of the Attorney General - Health Insurer Concentration – Study	Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a study to examine health insurer concentration in the State to determine the competitiveness of the market; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to take certain actions in conducting the study; etc.	HB 1356	In the House – MHA testified before the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 20
HB 1564 - Public Health - Emergency Evaluations - Duties of Peace Officers and Emergency Facilities	Requiring a peace officer, to the extent practicable, to notify a certain emergency facility in advance that the peace officer is bringing an emergency evaluatee to the emergency facility; altering the individuals who may request that a peace officer stay with a certain evaluatee; etc.	HB 1564	In the House – Returned Passed

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Support with Amendments

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SB 42 - Health Services Cost Review Commission - Duties and Reports - Revisions	Altering the information required to be included in a certain annual report required to be submitted to certain persons by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; altering a certain reporting date from October 1 to May 1 of each year; repealing the requirement that the Commission annually publish certain acute care hospital charges; authorizing the Commission, on request of the Secretary of Health, to assist in the implementation of federally approved model programs; etc.	SB 42	In the Senate – Returned Passed
SB 192/HB 152 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020	Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; altering the requirement that the Comptroller provide notice of abandoned property in a certain manner; altering the manner in which the Governor is required to provide certain budget books; repealing and altering certain programs;	SB 192 HB 152	In the Senate – Senate Concur- House Amendments In the House – MHA testified before the Appropriations committee on February 27
SB 632/HB 915 - Health Facilities - Hospitals - Disclosure of Outpatient Facility Fees (Facility Fee Right-to-Know Act)	Requiring certain hospitals to provide each patient with a certain written notice related to outpatient facility fees that are charged for services provided at the hospital that is in a certain form; requiring that certain notices be provided to certain patients in certain manners and at certain times; requiring each hospital that charges an outpatient facility fee to use a certain range of fees and fee estimates; etc.	SB 632 HB 915	In the Senate – Senate Concur- House Amendments In the House – Returned Passed
SB 774/HB 1169 – Health Services Cost Review Commission – Community Benefits – Reporting	Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to establish a Community Benefit Reporting Workgroup; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations relating to the community health needs of nonprofit hospitals and reporting by nonprofit hospitals regarding community health needs and benefits provided by the hospital; requiring the Commission, on or before October 1, 2020, to issue a certain report, take certain other actions, and submit a copy of a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	SB 774 HB 1169	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Returned Passed

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SB 873/HB 1081 - Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection	Requiring a hospital to annually submit a report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission on the total number of patients by race or ethnicity, gender, and zip code against whom the hospital has filed an action to collect a debt, or to whom the hospital has and has not reported or classified a bad debt, and the total amount of costs owed but not collected; requiring that a certain policy provide a mechanism to a patient to modify a payment plan and prohibit the hospital from collecting a certain debt for a certain patient; etc.	SB 873 HB 1081	In the Senate – Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn In the House – Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn
SB 938/HB 1571 - Hospitals - Changes in Status - Hospital Employee Retraining and Placement	Requiring each hospital to pay a certain fee directly to the Maryland Department of Labor on a certain date each year; requiring the Secretary of Labor to pay certain fees into a certain fund; requiring the State Health Services Cost Review Commission to collect certain additional fees for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; requiring each hospital to submit certain reports to the Commission and the Department; altering the purposes of a certain program required to be established by the Department; etc.	SB 938 HB 1571	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – Passed Enrolled
HB 612 – Labor and Employment – Health Care Facilities – Workplace Safety Program - Revisions	Requiring that a certain annual assessment required to be included in a certain workplace safety program include certain recommendations to reduce injuries that could result from a lack of workplace safety; requiring a health care facility to guarantee that a health care worker who reports a physical assault or threatening behavior under a certain process may elect not to care for the individual who caused the harm or issued the threat; etc.	HB 612	In the House – MHA testified before the Health & Government Operations committee on March 2
HB 1050 - Hospitals – Discharge or Transfer of Patients – Prior Authorization of Prescriptions (The Mae Abraham Act)	Requiring a hospital, before the discharge or transfer of a patient, to ensure that prior authorization is obtained for any prescriptions given to the patient that require prior authorization.	HB 1050	In the House – MHA testified before the Health & Government Operations committee on March 2

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<p>HB 1121- Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System</p>	<p>Establishing the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System in the Maryland Department of Health to provide a statewide system through which health care providers can identify and access available inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services for patients in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop and implement the Registry and Referral System in collaboration with the State-designated Health Information Exchange, subject to the availability of funds; etc.</p>	<p>HB 1121</p>	<p>In the House – Returned Passed</p>
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Oppose

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<p>HB 1037- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury or Wrongful Death</p>	<p>Specifying that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no statutory limitation on noneconomic damages applies in certain claims or actions for damages for personal injury or wrongful death that arise on or after October 1, 2020 under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>HB 1037</p>	<p>In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary committee on February 26</p>

Letter of Concern

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<p>SB 106- Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Exception for State-Owned Facilities</p>	<p>Altering the definition of "health care facility" to exempt State-owned facilities from the requirement that a health care facility have a certificate of need issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission.</p>	<p>SB 106</p>	<p>In the Senate – Unfavorable report by Finance</p>
<p>SB 547/HB 255- Health Care Facilities – Hospitals, Related</p>	<p>Altering the actions with regard to which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against individuals on certain grounds to include the treatment or procedure sought by the individual under</p>	<p>SB 547</p>	<p>In the Senate – MHA submitted a letter of concern to the Health Finance Committee on February 13</p>

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Institutions - Discrimination Protections	certain circumstances; altering the characteristics of an individual on the basis of which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against the individual etc.	HB 255	In the House – MHA submitted a letter of concern to the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 5
SB 944/HB 989 – Care of Infants After Discharge	Requiring a hospital to provide certain instructions to the parent or legal guardian of an infant before the hospital discharges the infant into the care of the parent or legal guardian; requiring a hospital before discharging an infant to inquire as to whether a parent or legal guardian is able to provide the infant with a certain environment and a certain item, inform a parent or legal guardian of certain matters, and provide each parent or legal guardian with a certain form; etc.	SB 944 HB 989	In the Senate – Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn In the House – Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn
HB 113 - Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights - Minor Patients	Requiring that the patient's bill of rights required to be provided to each patient by a hospital include a statement in plain language that a parent or guardian of a minor patient has full decision-making authority regarding the health care of the minor patient unless a provision of federal or State law allows the minor patient to consent to medical treatment.	HB 113	In the House – Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn
HB 926 - Hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities – Closing or Partial Closing – Public Notice	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a certain notice of the closing or partial closing of a certain hospital or freestanding medical facility within a certain time period; requiring the Commission to ensure that a certain notice is available to the public for certain purposes and provided to a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly;	HB 926	In the House – MHA submitted a letter of concern to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 2
HB 1248 - Sexual Assault Evidence Kits - Voluntary Payment for Testing	Authorizing a certain victim of sexual assault or the victim's insurance carrier to elect to pay for the testing of a sexual assault evidence kit that has not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for analysis within 6 months after being transferred to a law enforcement agency.	HB 1248	In the House – MHA submitted a letter of concern to the Judiciary Committee on February 21
HB 1382 - Children in Out-of-Home Placement- Placement in Medical Facilities	Requiring a court to find that reasonable efforts were not made by a local department of social services to prevent placing a child in the custody of the department under certain circumstances and providing that the finding shall continue for a certain period of time;	HB 1382	In the Senate – First Reading Judicial Proceedings

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Letter of Information

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SB 708/HB 822 - Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund and Advisory Council - Alterations	Requiring the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the annual State budget to the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund; requiring that the appropriation be composed of at least \$5,000,000 in general funds; authorizing the Fund to be used for oversight of the Fund, public outreach and education, and technical assistance and best practice education for grantees; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council to oversee certain evaluations; etc.	SB 708 HB 822	In the Senate – Returned Passed In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Appropriations committee on February 25
SB 768/HB 819 - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities, Health Care Facilities	Requiring, on or before October 1, 2021, minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services to comply with certain health and wellness standards adopted by the Secretary of Health; requiring certain training standards adopted by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to include certain standards for health care workers;	SB 768 HB 819	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judicial Proceedings Committee on February 26 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on February 26
SB 777/HB 779 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers – Reimbursement	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain emergency medical services providers for certain services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in an amount specified by certain regulations that is at least \$200 per transport; specifying the minimum reimbursement rate of \$100 per interaction for certain services provided by emergency service transporters; etc.	SB 777 HB 779	In the Senate – Finance committee hearing on 3/10 In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 4

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SB 899/HB 239 - Maryland Police Training, Standards Commission - Body-Worn Camera Policy	Requiring a certain policy developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to address the use of a body-worn camera by an off-duty law enforcement officer authorized or approved by a law enforcement agency to work secondary employment who is in the uniform of the agency or is identifiable as a law enforcement officer .	SB 899 HB 239	In the House – Hearing Canceled In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary Committee on January 28
SB 903/HB 403 - Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses - Policies	Requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop guidelines to assist public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to draft policies that limit civil immigration enforcement activities on their premises in order to ensure these facilities remain safe and accessible to all; and authorizing public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to establish and publish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their premises to the fullest extent possible.	SB 903 HB 403	In the Senate – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judicial Proceedings Committee on February 26 In the Senate – First Reading Judicial Proceedings
HB 188 - Public Health - State-Provided Health Care Benefits	Establishing the Office of Health Care Coverage in the Maryland Department of Health to establish and carry out the HealthcareMaryland Program to provide benefits to State residents who do not receive federal benefits through Medicare, TRICARE, plans that are subject to ERISA, or any other federal medical program; requiring the Office to contract with a certain number of managed care organizations; etc.,	HB 188	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations Committee on February 20
HB 838 - Unregulated Space in Hospital Operating Suites Pilot Project Study	Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a study, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Care Commission and certain stakeholders, on the feasibility and desirability of allowing for an unregulated space for elective, self-paying patients in a hospital operating room as a pilot project; and requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by June 30, 2021, on the results and findings of the study.	HB 838	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations Committee on March 2

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HB 1302 - Criminal Law - Felony Second-Degree Assault - Emergency Medical Care Workers	Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a worker who is providing emergency and related services in a certain department at a certain hospital or certain freestanding medical facility; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the second degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.	HB 1302	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Judiciary Committee on February 21
HB 1485 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Altering certain services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients by emergency service transporters that are required to be reimbursed by the Maryland Department of Health.	HB 1485	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 4
HB 1496 - Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement for Transportation and Medical Services	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain emergency service transporters at a rate of \$3 per mile for mileage accrued in response to 911 calls related to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal 2021, until the reimbursement is at least \$300.	HB 1496	In the House – MHA submitted written testimony to the Health & Government Operations committee on March 4