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HB 25 (SB 311)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary		
HB 28 (SB 5)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and to provide updates at least every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least $1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		
HB 55	Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers	Providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Fri 1/15 1:30 PM		

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HB 56	Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave	Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.	Boyce	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		
HB 78 (SB 52)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		
HB 95	Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		

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HB 119 (SB 313)	Maryland Department of Health - Public Health Outreach Programs - Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding and awareness of certain types of cognitive impairment.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		Support
HB 123 (SB 3)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		
HB 124	Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19	Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, by October 1, 2021, establishing an occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases; requiring the Secretary of Labor, the Commissioner, and the Maryland Department of Health to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard to Protect Employees From COVID-19 by March 1, 2021, and to make the information available on the Department of Labor's website; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		

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HB 141 (SB 275)	Maryland Department of Health - Residential Service Agencies - Training Requirements	Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that certain individuals receive certain training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; prohibiting a residential service agency from requiring certain individuals to complete certain training; requiring an individual who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		
HB 203	Estates and Trusts - Wills and Advance Medical Directives - Notaries Public	Providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; etc.	C. Jackson	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		
HB 207	Nursing Homes - Resident Change in Condition - Notification	Altering a certain provision of law requiring that a nursing home provide certain notification regarding a change in condition of a resident to the resident and, if applicable, the resident's representative or interested family member to require the notification to be provided within 24 hours after certain events, rather than in a timely manner.	Wilson	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/3 2:00 PM		

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 224 (SB 262)	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards	Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/14 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 255	Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding	Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least $100,000 for grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; requiring at least 20% of the appropriated funding be used to support senior villages, local, member-driven, nonprofit organizations that support community members who choose to age in place; and altering the definition of "aging-in-place program" to include community participation.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Appropriations Tue 1/19 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 276	Congregate Care Facilities - Visitation	Requiring a congregate care facility to allow a patient's or resident's family member to visit the patient or resident under certain circumstances; requiring a congregate care facility to allow for an alternate means of communication with the patient or resident, such as audio or video calls, if the congregate care facility determines the presence of certain visitors presents a danger to the health and safety of patients, residents, or staff; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; etc.	Henson	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose

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HB 347	Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence	Altering the definition of "undue influence" for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or individuals at least 68 years old that results in inequity; requiring a court, in determining whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence, to consider certain factors; and applying the Act prospectively.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 1/14 1:30 PM		Monitor
HB 350	Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Verification	Altering the circumstances under which an employer is authorized to require an employee who uses certain sick and safe leave to provide verification that the leave was used appropriately; and authorizing certain employers to deny a certain request to take certain sick and safe leave under certain circumstances.	Adams	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		
HB 368 (SB 100)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position SWA to include an AL Provider Representative

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HB 375 (SB 211)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		
HB 393 (SB 12)	Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health	Renaming the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to be the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health and providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State, rather than a unit in the Department; requiring an annual report by December 1 of the Office's activities investigating fraud and waste of certain funds, referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, recoveries of mistaken claims paid in error, recoveries of the cost of benefits mistakenly paid, and regulatory changes; etc.	Barron	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position
HB 416 (SB 204)	Health Care Facilities - Assisted Living Programs - Memory Care and Alzheimer's Disease Unit Regulations	Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health adopt certain regulations that establish specific standards governing memory care and Alzheimer's disease units in assisted living programs, including certain training requirements, certain staffing pattern requirements, certain activity requirements, certain admissions and discharge criteria, and certain other procedures, and that require compliance by assisted living programs with the standards; etc.	Belcastro	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/3 2:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 3 (HB 123)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of the Act; etc.	Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		
SB 5 (HB 28)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and update the data at least once every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least $1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program, to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.	Griffith	In the Senate - First Reading Finance and Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation; Finance		
SB 12 (HB 393)	Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health	Renaming the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to be the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health and providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State, rather than a unit in the Department; requiring an annual report by December 1 of the Office's activities investigating fraud and waste of certain funds, referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, recoveries of mistaken claims paid in error, recoveries of the cost of benefits mistakenly paid, and regulatory changes; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/21 1:00 PM		No Position

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SB 13	Certified Nursing Assistants - Certificate Renewal - Training Program Requirements	Altering the circumstances under which a certified nursing assistant may renew the certificate to allow the nursing assistant to provide, under certain circumstances, certain evidence of completion of a certain nursing assistant training program or a certain refresher training program as required in certain regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		
SB 47	Health Facilities - Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs - Essential Caregivers	Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing indoor visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with a certain local health officer when establishing certain policies and procedures; requiring an essential caregiver to inform the staff of the nursing home or assisted living program if the essential caregiver develops certain symptoms; etc.	Corderman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/4 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 52 (HB 78)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health consideration into broad-based decision making; etc.	Washington	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		

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SB 64	Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19	Requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic against the earned rating record of an employing unit; specifying the circumstances under which the required waiver of benefit charges is no longer in effect; and terminating the Act 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends.	Salling	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		
SB 96	Public Health - Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities - Safety and Community Relations Plans	Requiring that the regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration under certain provisions of law governing requirements for the licensure of behavioral health programs include a requirement that a behavioral health program establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of the individuals served by the program before being issued a license; requiring a behavioral health program to submit a certain community relations plan to the Administration under certain circumstances; etc.	McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		
SB 100 (HB 368)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Kelley	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/20 1:00 PM		No Position SWA to include an AL Provider Representative

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SB 167	State Board of Social Work Examiners - Temporary License to Practice Social Work	Authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice social work to certain applicants who meet certain requirements; providing that a temporary license issued to a bachelor social worker or master social worker authorizes the holder to practice social work only under certain supervision while the license is effective; providing that a temporary license is valid until certain notification; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		
SB 172	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying that the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities is to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		
SB 204 (HB 416)	Health Care Facilities - Assisted Living Programs - Memory Care and Alzheimer's Disease Unit Regulations	Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health adopt certain regulations that establish specific standards governing memory care and Alzheimer's disease units in assisted living programs, including certain training requirements, certain staffing pattern requirements, certain activity requirements, certain admissions and discharge criteria, and certain other procedures, and that require compliance by assisted living programs with the standards; etc.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 210	COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity	Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		
SB 211 (HB 375)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		
SB 262 (HB 224)	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards	Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position

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SB 275 (HB 141)	Maryland Department of Health - Residential Service Agencies - Training Requirements	Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that certain individuals receive certain training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; prohibiting a residential service agency from requiring certain individuals to complete certain training; requiring an individual who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/4 1:00 PM		
SB 307	Labor and Employment - Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program	Establishing the Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program in the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Division to provide certain matching grants to certain entities to create and expand on successful recruitment and retention strategies that address certain barriers to increasing the population of direct care workers; requiring the Governor to include a $250,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.	Guzzone	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Thu 1/21 1:00 PM		
SB 311 (HB 25)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		

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SB 313 (HB 119)	Maryland Department of Health - Public Health Outreach Programs - Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding of certain types of cognitive impairment.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 322	Health - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities	Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for certain health care facilities; providing that certain standards may exceed the standards set by federal law; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program to establish minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services for participating correctional facilities; requiring each participating facility to comply with certain health and wellness standards, offer plant-based meals, and provide certain information to inmates; etc.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		