MHAMD Priority/Monitor Bill List 2011

Bill #	Name	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	Hearing Date	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
HB 14	Health Insurance - Medically Underserved Areas and Populations - Reimbursement for Covered Services Rendered by Telemedicine	Requires insurers to reimburse healthcare providers for services rendered via telemedicine to medically underserved areas and populations, at the same rate as services rendered in person.	Smigiel	HGO		1/20 - 1pm	MONITOR	UNFAV
HB 16	Task Force to Study the Use of Telemedicine in Medically Underserved Populations and Areas	Establishes a Task Force to Study the Use of Telemedicine in Medically Underserved Populations and Areas	Smigiel	HGO		1/20 - 1pm	SUPPORT	UNFAV
HB 17	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Use of Federal Funds - Priority for Medically Underserved Areas	Requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to give priority to medically underserved areas when using grants-in-aid or any other funds from the federal government that may be used for medical devices and telemedicine.	Smigiel	HGO		1/20 - 1pm	MONITOR	UNFAV
HB 38	Nonpublic Schools Accepting State Funds - Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation - Policies	Requires private schools that accept State funds to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying by 3/31/12.	Waldstreicher, et al	W&M	SB 489		SUPPORT	
HB 58	Community Service Reimbursement Rate Commission - Termination Date - Extension	Extends Commission to 2016.	Costa	HGO/FIN			SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE
HB 87	Job Applicant Fairness Act	Limits employers from using credit checks as a factor in determining whether to hire someone	Reznik, et al	ECM	SB 132	2/8 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 97	Behavioral Health - Integration of Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Services	The Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities in DHMH shall convene a workgroup and develop a plan to integrate the provision of mental health and addiction treatment services.	Eckardt	HGO		2/8 - 2pm	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 104	Higher Education - Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals	Clarifies and amends requirements to get tuition exemption at community colleges for a permanent disability	DOD	W&M		2/17 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 121	The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011	Alcohol tax	Hubbard and Ross, et al	W&M & HGO	SB 168	3/3 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 145	Health - Cadmium in Children's Jewelry - Prohibition	Restricting the manufacture of children's jewelry that contains a certain amount of cadmium	Hubbard, et al	HGO		2/15 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 165	Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council	Establishes the eponymous council to develop strategies and make findings and recommendations for improving health care quality and improving health care costs in the State.	Administration	HGO	SB 175	2/15 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 166	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange of 2011	Establishes the Exchange as an independent unit of State government.	Administration	HGO	SB 182	2/15 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 170	Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law	Conform with federal law	Administration	HGO	SB 183	2/15 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 217	DHMH - MHA - Transfers Between Facilities	Authorizes MHA to transfer individuals from public mental health facility to Perkins if they can get better treatment there or to protect others	DHMH	HGO/FIN			SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE

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HB 251	Health Insurance - Prescription Drugs - Cost-Sharing Obligations	Prohibits an insurer from charger more than $100/month on a copay for prescription drugs (unless its for brand name when generic is available)	Nathan-Pulliam and Pena-Melnyk	HGO	SB 709		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 285	Human Relations - Discrimination by a Place of Public Accomodation - Enforcement and Remedies	Expands the remedies available to person discriminated against by a place of public accommodation by allowing a claim in civil.	Pena-Melnyk, et al	HGO	SB 642	3/8 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 286	Hospitals and Freestanding Ambulatory Care Facilities - Practitioner Performance Evaluation	Requires hospitals, as a condition of licensure, to establish a practitioner performance evaluation, the results of which are considered in addition to the current requirements when determining if staff will be reappointed	Morhaim and Kipke	HGO			MONITOR	
HB 346	Health - State Facilities and Residential Centers - Definition of Abuse and Required Guidelines for Employees	Excluding from the definition of abuse, "appropriate actions taken by an employee of a state residential center (or state facility) to protect the employee or other individuals... that involve the least amount of restriction required to provide the necessary protection."	Donoghue, et al	HGO	SB 384	2/17 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
HB 387	Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners - Definition	Exempts certain employees of private therapeutic group homes from required certification procedures.	Nathan-Pulliam, et al	HGO	SB 344	2/24 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 450	Maryland Community Health Resources Commission - Health Care Reform - Safety Net Providers	Requires the Commission to study and make recommendations by 01/01/12 for a plan to assist safety net providers in implementing federal health care reform	Hubbard and Hammen	HGO/FIN	SB 514		SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE
HB 507	Public Safety - Use of Electronic Control Devices - Reports	Enacts reporting requirements for police officers when ecds are deployed	Branch, et al	JUD	SB 652		SUPPORT	
HB 516	Health Benefit Exchanges - Establishment and Operation	Requires a health benefit exchange be established as a nonprofit rather than a government agency	Bromwell and Kipke	HGO	SB 107	2/15 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 654	Clinical Review Panels - Psychiatric Medication - Correctional Facilities	Involuntary medication panels in DOC.	Rosenberg and Hubbard	HGO/JUD		3/8 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
HB 685	Education - Bullying Safety Risks and Health Problems - Parental Information	By 3/31/12, DOE and DHMH shall provide info to county school boards info re safety risks and health problems associated w/ bullying; and guidance for parents regarding pediatric treatment. Then schools shall send that info to parents of bullies and victims of bullying.	Kaiser, et al	W&M	SB 549	2/24 - 1pm	SUPPORT INTENT	
HB 730	Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Mental Disorder	No gun permit if treated for mental disorder w/l last five years.	Simmons, et al	JUD		3/8 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
HB 749	Correctional Services - Division of Parole and Probation - Supervision Fee	Requires the Department provide a supervisee with list of reasons the fee may be exempted and info on the process for applying for an exemption.	Waldstreicher, et al	JUD	SB 362		SUPPORT	
HB 793	Behavioral Health - Veterans - Coordination and Provision of Services	DHMH must work with US Dept of Veterans Affairs, etc to provide MH services and information to veterans	Valentino-Smith, et al	HGO	SB 682		SUPPORT	
HB 815	Health Insurance - Limit on Copayments	Prohibits insurers from charging over a certain copayment for certain benefits	A. Kelly	HGO	SB 579	3/3 - 1pm	SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
HB 840	Children, Youth, and Families - Services to Children with Special Needs		Office for Children	W&M		3/9 - 1pm	MONITOR	
HB 902	Human Relations - Housing Discrimination - Source of Income	Prohibits landlords and sellers from discriminating against prospective tenants based on the source of their income.	Lafferty, et al	ENV	SB 643	3/3 - 1pm	SUPPORT	

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HB 920	State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks	Ban the box.	Proctor, et al	APP	SB 448	3/8 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 974	Health Insurance - Preauthorization of Health Care Services - Use of Electronic Health Records	If a health care provider uses an electronic health record that is connected to the health info exchange to request preauthorization of a health service, the carrier shall make a determination on the requiest for preauthorization w/I 4 hours or else the request will be deemed approved.	Tarrant, et al	HGO		3/3 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 1150	Mental Hygiene Administration - Facilities - Trauma-Informed Care	MDLC bill re sex abuse and segregation in MHA facilities	Hubbard, et al	HGO	SB 556	3/17 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
HB 1297	Education - Children with Disabilities - Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents	Provides that the State and County shall share collectively in the cost of educating children at the RICAs	DHMH	W&m			SUPPORT	
SB 62	Juvenile Records - Disclosure Between Departments of Education and Juvenile Services	Allows DJS and DOE to share "information and court records" to ensure appropriate delivery of services when implementing Juvenile Services Educational Programs.	DJS	JPR/JUD			MONITOR	PASSED SENATE
SB 107	Health Benefit Exchanges - Establishment and Operation	Requires a health benefit exchange be established as a nonprofit rather than a government agency	Astle	FIN	HB 516	2/16 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 132	Job Applicant Fairness Act	Limits employers from using credit checks as a factor in determining whether to hire someone	Pugh, et al	FIN	HB 87		SUPPORT	
SB 133	Criminal Procedure - Discharge From Commitment of Person Previously Found Not Criminally Responsible	Allows a court to hold a hearing de novo after an OAH decision to release a person found NCR. Now they can only review the evidence from the OAH hearing.	Stone	JPR		2/2 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 168	The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011	Alcohol tax	Jones-Rodwell and Madaleno, et al	B&T & FIN	HB 121	2/23 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 175	Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council	Establishes the eponymous council to develop strategies and make findings and recommendations for improving health care quality and improving health care costs in the State.	Administration	FIN	HB 165	2/16 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 182	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange of 2011	Establishes the Exchange as an independent unit of State government.	Administration	B&T & FIN	HB 166	2/16 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 183	Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law	Conform with federal law	Administration	FIN	HB 170	2/16 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 202	Community Service Reimbursement Rate Commission - Termination Date - Extension	Extends Commission to 2016.	Middleton and Kasemeyer	FIN/HGO	HB 58		SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
SB 242	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit - Inmate Aftercare Plans	Would require the Division of Corrections (DOC) to operate a prerelease unit and develop comprehensive services for all inmates including aftercare services.	Pugh, et al	JPR			ORAL TESTIMONY SHARING MHCJP EFFORTS AND DIFFICULTIES	WITHDRAWN
SB 298	Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Covered Services Rendered by Telemedicine	Requires insurers to reimburse healthcare providers for services rendered via telemedicine at the same rate as services rendered in person	Pipkin	FIN		2/23 - 2pm	MONITOR	
SB 344	Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners - Definition	Exempts certain employees of private therapeutic group homes from required certification procedures.	Middleton	EHE	HB 387	2/24 - 1pm	SUPPORT	

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SB 362	Correctional Services - Division of Parole and Probation - Supervision Fee	Requires the Department provide a supervisee with list of reasons the fee may be exempted and info on the process for applying for an exemption.	Raskin and Ramirez	JPR		3/8 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 384	Health - State Facilities and Residential Centers - Definition of Abuse and Required Guidelines for Employees	Excluding from the definition of abuse, "appropriate actions taken by an employee of a state residential center (or state facility) to protect the employee or other individuals... that involve the least amount of restriction required to provide the necessary.	Mathias	FIN	HB 346	3/2 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
SB 406	Task Force to Study the Use of Telemedicine in Medically Underserved Populations and Areas	Establishes a Task Force to Study the Use of Telemedicine in Medically Underserved Populations and Areas	Pipkin	FIN		2/23 - 2pm	SUPPORT	
SB 448	State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks	Ban the box	Pugh, et al	FIN	HB 920	2/17 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 489	Nonpublic Schools Accepting State Funds - Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation - Policies	Requires private schools that accept State funds to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying by 3/31/12.	Conway, et al	EHE	HB 38	3/9 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 514	Maryland Community Health Resources Commission - Health Care Reform - Safety Net Providers	Requires the Commission to study and make recommendations by 01/01/12 for a plan to assist safety net providers in implementing federal health care reform	Middleton and Kasemeyer	FIN/HGO	HB 450		SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
SB 533	Criminal Procedure - Sexually Violent Offender in Need of Commitment	Creates a procedure for the civil commitment of certain sexually violent offenders.	Stone	JPR		3/15 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
SB 549	Education - Bullying Safety Risks and Health Problems - Parental Information	By 3/31/12, DOE and DHMH shall provide info to county school boards info re safety risks and health problems associated w/ bullying; and guidance for parents regarding pediatric treatment. Then schools shall send that info to parents of bullies and victims of bullying.	King, et al	EHE	HB 685	3/9 - 1pm	SUPPORT INTENT	
SB 556	Mental Hygiene Administration - Facilities - Trauma-Informed Care	MDLC bill re sex abuse and segregation in MHA facilities	Pugh, et al	FIN		3/2 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 562	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Required Certification of Recovery Homes	Requires DHMH to adopt regulations re the certification of "recovery homes," i.e. transitional housing for drug and alcohol abusers	Pugh	FIN		3/2 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 567	Health - Guidelines for Providing Mental Health Treatment to Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders	Requires MHA director to develop guidelines for the provision of mental health treatment to individuals with co-occurring disorders	Pugh	FIN		3/2 - 1pm	OPPOSE	
SB 571	Insurance - Delivery of Notices by Electronic Means - Authorized	Allows consumer consent to delivery of notices via email	Pugh	FIN		3/1 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 579	Health Insurance - Limit on Copayments	Prohibits insurers from charging over a certain copayment for certain benefits	Rosapepe	FIN	HB 815	2/23 - 2pm	SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT	UNFAV
SB 587	Protective Order Violations - Mandatory Mental Health Evaluation	Requires a court to order a person charged with a violation of a protective order to undergo a mental health evaluation	Ramirez	JPR		3/1 - 1pm	OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
SB 642	Human Relations - Discrimination by a Place of Public Accomodation - Enforcement and Remedies	Expands the remedies available to person discriminated against by a place of public accommodation by allowing a claim in civil.	Raskin	JPR	HB 285	3/2 - 1pm	MONITOR	
SB 643	Human Relations - Housing Discrimination - Source of Income	Prohibits landlords and sellers from discriminating against prospective tenants based on the source of their income.	Gladden and Raskin	JPR	HB 902	3/2 - 1pm	SUPPORT	

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SB 652	Public Safety - Use of Electronic Control Devices - Reports	Enacts reporting requirements for police officers when ecds are deployed	Ramirez	JPR	HB 507	2/24 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 682	Behavioral Health - Veterans - Coordination and Provision of Services	DHMH must work with US Dept of Veterans Affairs, etc to provide MH services and information to veterans	Peters and Montgomery	FIN	HB 793		SUPPORT	
SB 709	Health Insurance - Prescription Drugs - Cost-Sharing Obligations	Prohibits an insurer from charger more than $100/month on a copay for prescription drugs (unless its for brand name when generic is available)	Klausmeier, et al	FIN	HB 251		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 724	Health Insurance - Exchange Option for Small Business	Creates a SHOP exchange through which employers w/ 100 or less employees may purchase health insurance	Rosapepe	FIN		2/16 - 1pm	MONITOR	UNFAV
SB 744	Health Insurance - Coverage for Telemedicine Services	Requires insurers to reimburse healthcare providers for services rendered via telemedicine at the same rate as services rendered in person	Pugh and Montgomery	FIN		2/23 - 2pm	MONITOR	
SB 830	Tax Credits for Qualifying Employees with Disabilities - Sunset Extension	Extends tax credit for employers who hire people with disabilities.	Currie	B&T		3/22 - 1pm	SUPPORT	
SB 934	Nursing Homes - Staffing Requirements	Requiring a nursing home by 5/1/13 to ensure at least 3.67 hours of direct care per resident per day	Muse, et al			3/23 - 1pm	MONITOR	

KEY

APP - House Appropriations Committee
ECM - House Economic Matters Committee
ENV - House Environmental Matters Committee
HGO - House Health & Government Operations Committee
JUD - House Judiciary Committee
W&M - House Ways and Means Committee
B&T - Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
EHE - Senate Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee
FIN - Senate Finance Committee
JPR - Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
- Bill Unfavorable/Withdrawn
- Bill Passed