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PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REVISIONS
Defining “carrier” and altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purposes of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to repeal the exclusion of certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits through plans subject to ERISA and to apply the provisions to certain persons that offer certain plans or programs in the State; applying the Act to certain contracts as of the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2022; etc.

HB 518
Delegate Dumais
Chapter 411
PUBLIC LIBRARIES – ELECTRONIC LITERARY PRODUCT LICENSES – ACCESS
Requiring a publisher who offers to license an electronic literary product to the public to also offer to license the product to public libraries in the State on reasonable terms that would enable public libraries to provide library users with access to the electronic literary product; authorizing the terms of a license authorizing public libraries to provide access to electronic literary products to include certain limitations; defining an electronic literary product; etc.
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HB 407

Delegate Stein

ON–SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING

Prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on–site sewage disposal system unless the person holds a valid on–site wastewater property transfer inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after July 1, 2022; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations by January 1, 2022; providing an administrative penalty of up to $10,000 for a violation of the Act; providing that each inspection knowingly conducted without a valid license constitutes a separate violation of the Act; etc.

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Section 2 only
SB 923
Chapter 470
Senator Washington
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY
Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive medical, dental, and other health care services for a pregnant Program recipient for the duration of the pregnancy and for 1 year immediately following the end of the woman’s pregnancy.

HB 599
Chapter 485
Delegate Kelly
PUBLIC HEALTH – LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before April 1, 2022, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements; requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages; requiring the Department to ensure that certain materials are understandable to individuals with limited literacy skills; requiring certain State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner on or before April 1, 2022; etc.

SB 652
Chapter 486
Senator Klausmeier
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HB 301
Chapter 508
Delegates Shetty and R. Lewis
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT – REVISIONS
Authorizing a person who chooses to be an organ donor on or after July 1, 2022, to designate if the anatomical gift is to be used for certain purposes; requiring the Organ Procurement Organization or its designee to produce and provide to each Motor Vehicle Administration location educational materials that include definitions of anatomical gift, research and education, and transplantation and therapy; requiring that a gift registered before July 1, 2022, may be used only for transplantation or therapy; etc.

SB 265
Chapter 509
Senator Waldstreicher
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT – REVISIONS
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HB 299
Chapter 603
Delegate Carr
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – GENETIC COUNSELORS – LICENSING
Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the 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 January 1, 2024, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State; requiring the Board to issue a supervised genetic counselor license to certain applicants on or after January 1, 2024; etc.
SB 34  
Chapter 604
Senator Lam
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HB 90  
Chapter 751
Delegate Lierman
STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration; requiring the Department to explore ways to ensure it is supporting nonprofit and governmental entities devoted to furthering fair housing; requiring certain entities to submit a fair housing assessment to the Department; etc.
Sections 2 and 3 only

SB 687  
Chapter 752
Senator Smith
STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration; requiring the Department of Planning, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, on request of a local jurisdiction, to provide certain technical assistance; etc.
Sections 2 and 3 only
SB 514
Chapter 769
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HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION
Specifying the method for calculating family income to be used to consider free or reduced-cost medical care under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring that the description of a hospital’s financial assistance policy include a section that allows a patient to initial that the patient has been made aware of the policy; prohibiting a hospital from charging interest or fees on certain debts incurred by certain patients; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop certain guidelines; etc.
Section 1 only

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Chapter 770
Delegate Charkoudian
HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION
Specifying the method for calculating family income to be used to consider free or reduced-cost medical care under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring that the description of a hospital’s financial assistance policy include a section that allows a patient to indicate the patient is aware of the policy; prohibiting a hospital from charging interest or fees on certain debts incurred by patients; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop guidelines for an income-based payment plan; etc.
Section 1 only

HB 611
Chapter 773
Delegate Hill
PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITION ON TESTING COSMETICS ON ANIMALS
Prohibiting a person from conducting or contracting for animal testing in the development of a cosmetic; prohibiting a manufacturer from selling or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic under certain circumstances beginning July 1, 2022; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not apply to certain animal testing; prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing provisions of local law relating to animal testing on cosmetics; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of the Act; etc.
SB 282
Chapter 774

Senator Lam

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SB 166  Chapter 229  Senator Kelley

DRUGS AND DEVICES – ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Authorizing certain controlled dangerous substance prescriptions to be dispensed on an electronic prescription; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a certain health practitioner to issue a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance using an electronic prescription; authorizing an authorized prescriber to issue a written or oral prescription for a controlled dangerous substance only under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Health to issue certain waivers; etc.

HB 512  Chapter 230  Delegate Barron, et al

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SB 465
Chapter 36

Senator Klausmeier, et al
CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS’ INSURANCE COMPANY

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers’ Insurance Company to take specified actions relating to a subsidiary for specified purposes subject to specified requirements and under specified circumstances; altering the staggering of terms of members of the Board; authorizing the Governor to remove specified members for incompetence or misconduct; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to remove specified members under specified circumstances; etc.

Section 3 only