



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2021 Chapters – Effective January 1, 2022**

**HB 601**  
**Chapter 358**

**Delegate Kipke**

**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**  
**Chapter 411**

**Delegate Dumais**

**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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**SB 432****Chapter 412****Senator King****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 electronic literary 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 license terms authorizing public libraries to provide access to electronic literary products to include certain limitations; defining “electronic literary product”; etc.

**HB 407****Chapter 444****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.

**Section 2 only****SB 22****Chapter 445****Senator Young****ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING**

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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****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 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.

**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**

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.

**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****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.

**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****Senator Feldman, et al**

## 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****HB 565**  
**Chapter 770****Delegate Charkoudian**

## HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION

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**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****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.

## 2020 Chapters – Effective January 1, 2022

**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**

**DRUGS AND DEVICES – ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS –  
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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 electronically; authorizing an authorized prescriber to issue a written or oral prescription for a controlled dangerous substance only under certain circumstances; etc.

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## 2015 Chapter – Effective January 1, 2022

**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**

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