



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2023 Chapters – Effective January 1, 2024

HB 323

Chapter 207

Delegate Charkoudian

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll households, based on certain eligibility, in any fuel and utility assistance program; and altering the eligibility requirements for the electric universal service program to provide assistance to customers with annual incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

SB 184

Chapter 298

Senator Beidle, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST-SHARING

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023, on the financial impact of eliminating cost-sharing for diagnostic image-guided biopsies for breast cancer.

Section 1 only

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HB 376
Chapter 299**Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST–SHARING**

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Section 1 only**HB 235**
Chapter 315**Delegate Kaiser, et al****TAX SALES – OWNER–OCCUPIED PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE, NOTICE, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

Prohibiting in all counties, rather than Baltimore City only, a holder of a certificate of sale from filing a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption for owner–occupied residential property until 9 months from the date of sale; prohibiting in all counties, rather than Baltimore City only, a certain notice from being sent to certain persons with an interest in owner–occupied residential property sold at tax sale until 7 months after the date of sale; etc.

SB 805
Chapter 322**Senator Ellis****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for biomarker testing that is supported by medical and scientific evidence; establishing requirements for deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and utilization review for biomarker testing; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report on matters related to biomarker testing coverage on or before December 1, 2024; etc.

HB 1217
Chapter 323**Delegate Toles, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING**

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SB 965
Chapter 353**Senator Benson, et al****CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement that the entities can require for lung cancer screening and diagnosis; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an assessment on certain outreach, education, and health disparities in cancer screening and report the results of the assessment to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2024.

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HB 815
Chapter 354**Delegate Fennell, et al****CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

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Section 1 only**HB 374**
Chapter 355**Delegate Kipke, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – AUDITS OF PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt regulations for pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations that establish requirements for conducting audits of pharmacies or pharmacists; establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding audits by certain pharmacy benefits managers, including provisions related to audit limits, acceptance of certain documents as proof, recoupment of funds or charging of fees for prescriptions of unbreakable package sizes, and access to financial documentation; etc.

SB 515
Chapter 364**Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail–first protocol; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and pharmacy benefits managers from requiring more than a certain number of prior authorizations for a prescription for difference dosages of the same prescription drug; etc.

HB 785**Chapter 365****Delegate S. Johnson, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail–first protocol; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring more than a certain number of prior authorizations for a prescription for different dosages of the same prescription drug; etc.

SB 90**Chapter 413****Senator Kramer, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION (STOP THE SPAM CALLS ACT OF 2023)**

Prohibiting a person from making certain telephone solicitations to a certain called party in a certain manner by restricting the methods, times, and identifying information that the person making the call may utilize; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

HB 37**Chapter 414****Delegate Stewart****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION (STOP THE SPAM CALLS ACT OF 2023)**

Prohibiting a person from making certain telephone solicitations to a certain called party in a certain manner by restricting the methods, times, and identifying information that the person making the call may utilize; providing that the Act does not apply to certain entities and circumstances; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

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HB 766

Chapter 500

Delegate Kaiser

**CHILDREN – RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS –
EDUCATION FUNDING**

Authorizing certain core service agencies, local behavioral health authorities, and local addictions authorities to approve certain funding for certain youths' educational costs incurred during admission to residential treatment centers for certain medical or psychiatric purposes; and providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that general funds be provided in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to the Maryland Department of Health to carry out certain provisions of the Act.

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