

MHAMD Priority/Monitor Bill List 2011

Bill #	Name	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	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		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		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		MONITOR	UNFAV
HB 38	Nonpublic Schools Accepting State Funds Participating in State-Funded Education Programs- Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation - Policies	Requires private schools that participate in state-funded education programs to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying by 3/31/12.	Waldstreicher, et al	W&M/EHE	SB 489	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 487
HB 58	Community Service Reimbursement Rate Commission - Termination Date - Extension	Extends Commission to 2016.	Costa	HGO/FIN	SB 202	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 94
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/FIN	SB 132	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 29
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	Eckardt	HGO		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN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/EHE		SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 576
HB 121	The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011	Alcohol tax	Hubbard and Ross, et al	W&M & HGO	SB 168	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
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/EHE		SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 578
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	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 166	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange of 2011	Establishes the governance, structure and funding of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and lists a number of Exchange functions that must be studied prior to full implementation	Administration	HGO/FIN	SB 182	MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 2
HB 170	Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law	Alters State insurance law to conform to federal requirements under the ACA and allows the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce such requirements.	Administration	HGO/FIN	SB 183	MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 4
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	ENACTED CHAPTER 114
HB 251	Health Insurance - Prescription Drugs - Cost-Sharing Obligations	Prohibits an insurer from charging 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

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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/JPR	SB 642	MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE/NO ACTION JPR
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/FIN		MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 587
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." [As amended, the bill exempts from the definition of abuse "an action taken by an employee that complies with applicable state and federal laws and applicable department policies on the use of physical intervention."]	Donoghue, et al	HGO/FIN	SB 384	OPPOSE [MONITOR AS AMENDED]	ENACTED CHAPTER 457
HB 387	Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners - Definition Certification Implementation Plan	Exempts certain employees of private therapeutic group homes from required certification procedures. [As amended, the bill requires the Governor's Office for Children to establish a workgroup to develop a plan for implementation of the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners.]	Nathan-Pulliam, et al	HGO/EHE	SB 344	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 220
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	ENACTED CHAPTER 243
HB 507	Public Safety - Use of Electronic Control Devices - Reports	Enacts reporting requirements for police officers when ecds are deployed [As amended, the bill enacts reporting requirements for police officers only when ecds are discharged, i.e. used]	Branch, et al	JUD/JPR	SB 652	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 79
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	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 654	Clinical Review Panels - Psychiatric Medication - Correctional Facilities	Involuntary medication panels in DOC.	Rosenberg and Hubbard	HGO/JUD		OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
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 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 [As amended, the bill requires the State Board of Education to include, in its model policy on bullying, information on the safety risks and health and mental problems associated with bullying]	Kaiser, et al	W&M/EHE	SB 549	SUPPORT INTENT [SUPPORT AS AMENDED]	PASSED HOUSE/UNFAV EHE
HB 730	Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms	No gun permit if treated for mental disorder w/I last five years [Amended bill creates a task force to study issues related to access of individuals with mental illness to regulated firearms - MHAMD is a member]	Simmons, et al	JUD/JPR		OPPOSE [SUPPORT AS AMENDED]	PASSED HOUSE/UNFAV JPR
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/JPR	SB 362	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 225
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/FIN	SB 682	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 82

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HB 815	Health Insurance - Limit on Copayments	Prohibits insurers from charging over a certain copayment for certain benefits	A. Kelly	HGO	SB 579	SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
HB 840	Children, Youth, and Families - Services to Children with Special Needs	This departmental bill alters a State policy relating to children and families and the membership and duties of the State Coordinating Council for Children.	Office for Children	W&M/FIN		MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 604
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	SUPPORT	UNFAV
HB 920	State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks	Ban the box.	Proctor, et al	APP	SB 448	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
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 request for preauthorization w/I 4 hours or else the request will be deemed approved.	Tarrant, et al	HGO		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1150	Mental Hygiene Administration - Facilities - Trauma-Informed Care	MDLC bill re sex abuse and segregation in MHA facilities	Hubbard, et al	HGO/FIN	SB 556	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 249
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	WITHDRAWN
SB 62	Juvenile and Education Records - Disclosure Between Departments of Education and Juvenile Services	Allows DHS and DOE to share "information and court records" to ensure appropriate delivery of services when implementing Juvenile Services Educational Programs. [As amended, the bill allows only education records to be shared between the agencies, not court records]	DJS	JPR/JUD		MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 16
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	MONITOR	UNFAV
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/ECM	HB 87	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 28
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		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
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	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
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	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 182	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange of 2011	Establishes the governance, structure and funding of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and lists a number of Exchange functions that must be studied prior to full implementation	Administration	B&T & FIN	HB 166	MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 1
SB 183	Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law	Alters State insurance law to conform to federal requirements under the ACA and allows the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce such requirements.	Administration	FIN/HGO	HB 170	MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 3
SB 202	Community Service Reimbursement Rate Commission - Termination Date - Extension	Extends Commission to 2016.	Middleton and Kasemeyer	FIN/HGO	HB 58	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED VETOED AS DUPLICATIVE

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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		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 344	Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners - Definition Certification Implementation Plan	Exempts certain employees of private therapeutic group homes from required certification procedures. [As amended, the bill requires the Governor's Office for Children to establish a workgroup to develop a plan for implementation of the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners.]	Middleton	EHE/HGO	HB 387	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 219
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 [As amended, the bill also repeals the provision allowing for the revocation of parole or probation for failure to comply with the fee requirement]	Raskin and Ramirez	JPR/JUD	HB 749	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 224
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 protection." [As amended, the bill exempts from the definition of abuse "an action taken by an employee that complies with applicable state and federal laws and applicable department policies on the use of physical intervention."]	Mathias	FIN/HGO	HB 346	OPPOSE [MONITOR AS AMENDED]	ENACTED CHAPTER 456
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		SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE/NO ACTION HOUSE RULES
SB 448	State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks	Ban the box	Pugh, et al	FIN	HB 920	SUPPORT	UNFAV
SB 489	Nonpublic Schools Accepting State Funds That Participate in State Programs- Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation - Policies	Requires private schools that participate in State programs to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying by 3/31/12.	Conway, et al	EHE/W&M	HB 38	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 486
SB 514	Maryland Community Health Resources Commission - Health Care Reform - Safety Net Providers Implementation	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 [As amended, the bill replaces "safety net providers" with "community health resources"]	Middleton and Kasemeyer	FIN/HGO	HB 450	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 242
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		OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
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	SUPPORT INTENT	UNFAV

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SB 556	Mental Hygiene Administration - Facilities - Trauma-Informed Care	MDLC bill re sex abuse and segregation in MHA facilities	Pugh, et al	FIN/HGO	HB 1150	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 248
SB 562	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Recovery Homes - Best Practices	Requires DHMH to adopt regulations re the certification of "recovery homes," i.e. transitional housing for drug and alcohol abusers [As amended, requires DHMH to identify standards for best practices for recovery homes]	Pugh	FIN		MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 255
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		OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 571	Insurance - Delivery of Notices by Electronic Means - Authorized	Allows consumer consent to delivery of notices via email	Pugh	FIN/ECM	HB 763	MONITOR	ENACTED CHAPTER 259
SB 579	Health Insurance - Limit on Copayments	Prohibits insurers from charging over a certain copayment for certain benefits	Rosapepe	FIN	HB 815	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		OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
SB 642	Human Relations - Discrimination by a Place of Public Accommodation - 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	MONITOR	RECOMMIT TO JPR
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	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 652	Public Safety - Use of Electronic Control Devices - Reports	Enacts reporting requirements for police officers when ecds are deployed [As amended, the bill enacts reporting requirements for police officers only when ecds are discharged, i.e. used]	Ramirez	JPR/JUD	HB 507	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 78
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/HGO	HB 793	SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 81
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		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		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 830	Tax Credits for Qualifying Employees with Disabilities - Sunset Extension	Extends tax credit for employers who hire people with disabilities.	Currie	B&T/W&M		SUPPORT	ENACTED CHAPTER 558
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			MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 994	Sales and Use Tax - Alcoholic Beverages	Increases sales tax on alcoholic beverages 3% over 3 years (1% per year) and puts the money in the general fund [As amended, the bill implements the 3% tax immediately and dedicates \$15 million to the developmental disabilities waiting list]	Jones-Rodwell and Madaleno	B&T		SUPPORT [SUPPORT AS AMENDED]	ENACTED CHAPTER 571
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APP - House Appropriations Committee							
ECM - House Economic Matters Committee							
ENV - House Environmental Matters Committee							
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	JUD - House Judiciary Committee						
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	FIN - Senate Finance Committee						
	JPR - Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee						