

## **MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS 2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

During the 2022 Maryland General Assembly session, legislators considered more than 2,500 bills and resolutions. The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) reviewed and prioritized bills each week, focusing on legislation that impacted the Board's mission, operations, or licensees. Below is a snapshot of passed bills that have the most impact.

This summary also contains a list of certain monitored bills that did not pass. For a list of the status of all bills, visit the Maryland General Assembly Website.

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### **ENACTED BILLS**

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 253 (Chapter 712) / House Bill (HB) 353 (Chapter 711)**

##### **Maryland Health Care Commission - User Fee Assessments, effective July 1, 2022**

This legislation increases the maximum amount in user fees that the Maryland Health Care Commission may assess on hospitals, nursing homes, payors, and health care practitioners.

#### **SB 386 (Chapter 313)**

##### **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact - Sunset Extension and Reporting, effective July 1, 2022**

This legislation extends Maryland's membership in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact through June 30, 2030.

#### **SB 440 (Chapter 708) / HB 625 (Chapter 707)**

##### **Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment, effective upon enactment (May 29, 2022)**

This legislation establishes a commission to study various aspects of Maryland's health care workforce, including the extent of shortages in certain settings. The commission's membership includes the Board's executive director or a designee.

#### **SB 626 (Chapter 395) / HB 1464 (Chapter 396)**

##### **Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Alterations, effective July 1, 2022**

This legislation authorizes the Maryland Department of Health to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part-time physicians and part-time physician assistants participating in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (MLARP). The legislation also establishes a permanent MLARP advisory council for physicians and physician assistants.

## **ENACTED BILLS (continued)**

### **SB 812 (Chapter 242)**

#### **State Government - Cybersecurity - Coordination and Governance, effective October 1, 2022**

This legislation establishes the Office of Security Management within the Maryland Department of Information Technology and contains provisions to enhance State cybersecurity measures.

*Note: Also see SB 754 (Chapter 241) Local Government Cybersecurity - Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022)*

### **HB 1127 (Chapter 296)**

#### **Public Health - State Designated Exchange - Health Data Utility, effective October 1, 2022**

This legislation requires a dispenser, after dispensing a noncontrolled prescription drug, to submit prescription information to the State designated exchange, which shall operate as a health data utility for the State. The legislation states that one of the purposes of the health data utility is for the collection, aggregation, and analysis of clinical information, public health data, and health administrative and operations data to assist the Maryland Department of Health, local health departments, the Maryland Health Care Commission, and the Health Services Cost Review Commission in the evaluation of public health interventions and health equity.

## **BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS**

*The Board's bills, which passed in the House but not in the Senate:*

### **HB 260**

#### **State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits**

This bill would have authorized the transfer, from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the Board, of oversight of the inspection of offices of physicians who hold dispensing permits.

### **HB 1252**

#### **Physicians and Allied Health Professions - Reorganization and Revisions**

This bill would have restructured certain sections of Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article to eliminate duplicative language and to establish general provisions that would apply to all Board licensees.

## **BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS (continued)**

### ***Other bills the Board monitored:***

SB 77 Health Occupations Boards - Investigations - Right to Counsel

SB 111 Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Pre-application Determinations -  
Criminal Convictions

SB 159 / HB 462 Health Occupations - Authorized Prescribers - Reporting of Financial  
Gratuities or Incentives

SB 398 / HB 421 Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - Provision of Behavioral Health  
Services via Telehealth - Authorization

SB 407 / HB 407 Health Occupations - Health Care Staffing Shortage Emergency - Declaration  
and Licensing and Practice Requirements (Health Care Heroes Act of 2022)

SB 711 / HB 1016 Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers - Dry Needling Registration

SB 780 Cybersecurity Governance Act of 2022

HB 112 / SB 230 Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses -  
Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

HB 292 / SB 555 Occupational Licensing Boards and Commission on Judicial Disabilities -  
Reporting Disciplinary Activities

HB 670 Maryland Health Care Commission - Study on Expansion of Interstate Telehealth

HB 1130 Health Occupations - Prohibition on Expiration of Licenses, Certificates, Permits,  
and Registrations

HB 1169 Child Abuse and Neglect - Training of Health Care Professionals

HB 1402 Health Care Practitioners - Sexual Abuse - Reporting and Statute of Limitations

HB 1455 Health Occupations Boards - Authority Over Infrastructure - Staffing and Operations

### ***Bills that were withdrawn or had unfavorable reports:***

SB 311 / HB 790 Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians

SB 385 / HB 643 Health - Disclosure of Medical Records - Penalty

SB 808 / HB 961 Health Occupations - Physician Assistants - Revisions

SB 821 Medical Excellence Zone Compact

SB 865 Controlled Dangerous Substances and Treatment of Chronic Pain and Long-Term  
Oxygen Use Patients (Continuity of Care Act of 2022)

SB 899 Health Occupations Boards - Authority Over Staffing and Infrastructure Operations