

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS 2024 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

During the 2024 Maryland General Assembly session, legislators considered more than 2,500 bills and resolutions. The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) reviewed and prioritized bills weekly, focusing on legislation impacting the Board's mission, operations, or licensees. Below is a snapshot of enacted bills that have the most impact.

For a list of the status of all bills, visit the [Maryland General Assembly Website](#).

ENACTED BILLS

Senate Bill (SB) 167 (Chapter 919)/ House Bill (HB) 806 (Chapter 920) Physician Assistants – Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2024), effective October 1, 2024. This bill introduces new practice standards and several major changes, including the delegation agreement will be replaced with a new collaboration agreement, core duty collaboration agreements will no longer require Board approval, collaboration agreements can now include multiple supervising physicians, and several updates to advanced duty requirements.

House Bill (HB) 757 (Chapter 286) State Board of Physicians – Supervised Medical Graduates and Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (Bridge to Medical Residency Act), effective upon enactment. This bill authorizes a supervised medical graduate (SMG) to work under the supervision of a licensed physician to perform certain delegated duties. Supervising physicians must be in the same medical office as the SMG and immediately available to provide assistance and guidance to the SMG for the duration of the delegated duty.

Senate Bill (SB) 830 (Chapter 871)/ House Bill (HB) 934 (Chapter 872) State Board of Physicians – Performance of X-Ray Duties Without a License, effective January 1, 2025. This bill alters the circumstances under which individuals without a license to practice medicine may perform X-ray duties, and generally relating to limited licensed radiologic technologists the performance of X-ray duties by individuals without a license. Individuals will be authorized to perform certain X-ray examinations while under the supervision of a licensed physician or radiologic technologist.

Senate Bill (SB) 119 (Chapter 863) Legally Protected Health Care – Gender-Affirming Treatment, effective October 1, 2024. This bill alters the definition of “legally protected health care” to include certain gender-affirming treatments. A health occupations board may not revoke, suspend, discipline, take adverse action against, or refuse to issue or renew a license, certification, or other authorization to practice or take reciprocal disciplinary action with another State’s health occupation board if the health care practitioner provided and/or supported legally protected health care in accordance with the standard of care and in accordance with Maryland’s laws.

Senate Bill (SB) 676 (Chapter 960) Right to Try Act – Individualized Investigational Treatments, effective October 1, 2024. This bill authorizes patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses who meet the criteria to be eligible to access individualized investigational treatments.

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