



Legislative Overview 2025 Session

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- ▶ Legislative Session began Wednesday January 8, 2025
- ▶ The Legislative Session lasts 90 days ending Monday April 7, 2025



How will this session be different?

House Of Delegates:

- ▶ House of Delegates building will be open to the public;
- ▶ All committee and subcommittee briefings and hearings will be hybrid;
- ▶ Livestreaming of committees and floor sessions; Gallery above Speaker will be open to the public (masks optional)
- ▶ Bill hearings will begin with pre-filed bills
- ▶ Witness sign-up will be opened online through the Maryland General Assembly website 48 hours before the bill hearing beginning at 8 am until 6 pm



How will this session be different?

Senate:

- ▶ Senate building will be open to the public
- ▶ All committee and subcommittee briefings and hearings will be in person and live streamed Maryland General Assembly (MGA) Website
- ▶ Witnesses encourage to testify in person; Witnesses testifying virtually limited to 14
- ▶ Livestreaming of floor sessions; Gallery in the Senate will be open to the public
- ▶ Witness sign-up will be opened online through the Maryland General Assembly website 48 hours before the bill hearing beginning at 8am until 6pm

Key Committees



Senate

- Finance (FIN) – Chair, Senator Pamela Beidle
- Budget and Taxation (B&T) - Chair, Senator Guy Guzzone

House of Delegates

- Health and Government Operations (HGO) – Chair, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk
- Appropriations (APP) – Chair, Delegate Ben Barnes

Dates of Interest



- ▶ **January 8 - General Assembly Convenes**
- ▶ **January 15 - Budget Introduced (Operating and Capital)**
- ▶ February 3 – Final Senate Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral
7 - Final House Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral
- ▶ March 3 - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- ▶ **March 17 - Opposite Chamber Crossover Date**
- ▶ March 31 - Budget bill to be passed by both chambers
- ▶ **April 7 - Sine Die (Adjournment)**

MHCC Dates of Interest



January

➤ January 23rd – Senate Finance Committee

Early Session Briefing:

- *Reproductive Privacy Data Rights*
- *Telehealth*
- *Prior Authorizations*



MHCC Dates of Interest

February

- TBD – Budget Hearing – Senate Budget and Taxation (Subcommittee Health and Human Services)
- TBD - Budget Hearing – House Appropriations (Subcommittee Health and Social Services)



MHCC – Legislative Issues of Interest

- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Legally Protected Healthcare Information
- ▶ Health Care Delivery Models
- ▶ Health Insurance (Coverage Expansions/Mandates/ Transparency)
- ▶ Behavioral Health
- ▶ New Payment Models

The End (*Not Literally*)

