



Legislative Overview 2024 Session

JANUARY 18, 2024



Legislative Session

- ▶ Legislative Session began Wednesday January 10, 2024
- ▶ The Legislative Session lasts for 90 days ending on April 8, 2024



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 24 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 10 - General Assembly Convenes
(President of Senate and Speaker of House elected)**
- ▶ **January 17 - Budget Introduced (Operating and Capital)**
- ▶ February 5 – Final Senate Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral
9 - Final House Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral
- ▶ March 4 - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- ▶ March 18 - Opposite Chamber Cross-over Date
- ▶ April 1 - Budget bill to be passed by both chambers
- ▶ April 8 - Sine Die (Adjournment)



MHCC Dates of Interest

January

- January 11 – Senate Finance Committee
 - MHCC Briefing – Interim Work

- January 23 – House Appropriations Committee
 - MHCC and MIEMSS – Briefing on the
Maryland Commission on Trauma Services Funding



MHCC Dates of Interest

February

- February 15th - Budget Hearing – House Appropriations (Subcommittee Health and Social Services)
- February 19th – Budget Hearing – Senate Budget and Taxation (Subcommittee Health and Human Services)



MHCC – Legislative Issues of Interest

- ▶ Acquisitions of Nursing Homes (other Health Care Facilities)
- ▶ Trauma Center Services - Funding
- ▶ Health Care Delivery Models
- ▶ Health Insurance (Coverage Expansions/Mandates)
- ▶ Behavioral Health
- ▶ New Payment Models



The End (*Not Literally*)

