



# Legislative Wrap Up 2025 Session

## Draft



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# End of Session Fun Facts



- ❑ Sine Die April 7<sup>th</sup> - The 447<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Concluded
- ❑ Bills introduced in the Senate – 1,380
- ❑ Bills introduced in the House – 1,901
- ❑ Bills Passed – 878
- ❑ Bills Enacted To Date – 94



# 2025 Legislative Highlights



## HB 350 – Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2026) – (Enacted)

Passed a \$66.9 billion budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026

- Meets Spending Affordability Goals;
- Preserves Reserves to Protect Against Impact of Federal Actions;
- The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future formulas are fully funded.
- Continues to Provide Vital Health Care Services (through Medicaid); and
- Adds Funds to Preserve Services for the Developmentally Disabled.

\$2.1 billion in the Rainy-Day Fund (Revenue Stabilization Account); and

Projected \$317 million in the state’s general fund (surplus).

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## Health Insurance - Access

- ▶ SB 902/HB11 - Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage (*passed*)

## Health Insurance – Mandates

- ▶ SB 374/HB 459 – Health Insurance – Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters – Required Coverage (James “Jimmy” Malone Act) (*Letter of Information*) – (*Passed*)
  - *MHCC study the impact of expanding the preventive cancer screenings coverage*
  - *Due date December 1, 2028*
- ▶ SB 393/HB 529 – Health Insurance – Prescription Drug Formularies and Coverage for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars (*Support*) (*withdrawn by sponsor*)
- ▶ SB 60/HB 666 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing (*Letter of Information*) (*Passed*)

# 2025 Legislative Highlights con't



## Telehealth

- ▶ SB 372/HB 869 – Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025 (*Support*) (*Passed*)
  - *Report on the advancements in telehealth*
  - *Due every four years beginning December 1, 2026*

## Cybersecurity

- ▶ SB 691/HB 333 - Cybersecurity - Healthcare Ecosystem – (*Letter of Information*); (*Support as Amended*) (*Passed*)
  - *Workgroup (member and co-chair with MIA)*
  - *Interim Report Due January 1, 2026; Final Report due December 1, 2026*

## AHEAD Model

- ▶ HB 1104 – Maryland Department of Health – AHEAD Model Implementation – Electronic Health Care Transactions and Population Health improvement Fund (*Support*) (*Passed*)

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## Healthcare System - Adverse Decisions

- ▶ SB 776/HB 995 – Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System - (*No Position*)  
- *Workgroup (Member)*

## Protected Health Information

- ▶ HB 1045 – Health Insurance, Family Planning Services, and Confidentiality of Medical Records - Consumer Protections - Updates (*Passed*)

## Artificial Intelligence

- ▶ SB 987 - Artificial Intelligence - Health Software and Health Insurance Decision Making (*Failed*)

# The Beginning

