



Legislative Update 2022 Session

JANUARY 2022



Legislative Session

- ▶ Legislative Session began Wednesday January 12, 2022
- ▶ The Legislative Session lasts for 90 days ending on April 11, 2022
- ▶ House – Protocols and Guidelines for Session
- ▶ Senate - Protocols and Guidelines for Session



How will this session be different?

House Of Delegates – COVID 19 Protocols:

- ▶ House of Delegates building will be open to the public
- ▶ All committee and subcommittee briefings and hearings will be virtual
- ▶ Livestreaming of floor sessions; Gallery above Speaker will be open to the public (masks required)
- ▶ Floor sessions are limited to 2 hours (?)
- ▶ Members are strongly encouraged to limit the number of bills introduced
- ▶ Bill hearings will begin on January 13, 2022, on pre-filed bills
- ▶ Witness sign-up will be opened online through the Maryland General Assembly website 48 hours before the bill hearing beginning at 10am until 3pm

All plans are subject to change based on public health trends.



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Senate – COVID 19 Protocols:

- ▶ Senate building will be open to the public (only 4 persons allowed in member offices who are not staff)
- ▶ All committee and subcommittee briefings and hearings will be virtual through February 11th
- ▶ Beginning February 14th Committee bill hearings and briefings will be in person
- ▶ Livestreaming of floor sessions; Gallery in the Senate will be open to the public (masks required and social distancing)
- ▶ Members are strongly encouraged to limit the number of bills introduced
- ▶ Witness sign-up will be opened online through the Maryland General Assembly website 48 hours before the bill hearing beginning at 10am until 3pm; Beginning February 14th witness sign-up will start the day before the bill hearing and close at 10 am on the bill hearing day

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Key Committees

Senate

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

House of Delegates

- Health and Government Operations (HGO) – Chair, Delegate Shane Pendergrass
- Appropriations (APP) – Chair, Delegate Maggie McIntosh



Dates of Interest

- ▶ **January 12 - General Assembly convenes**
 - **January 19th - Budget bill introduced by Governor**
- ▶ February 7 - Final day for introduction of bills without Rules Committee Referral
- ▶ March 7 - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- ▶ March 21 - Opposite Chamber Cross-over Date
- ▶ April 4 - Budget bill to be passed by both chambers
- ▶ April 11 - Sine Die



MHCC Dates of Interest

January

- January 13th – Bill Hearings and Briefings Begin
- January 19th – HGO – Briefing on Total Cost of Care (HSCRC)
- January 20th – FIN – Hospital Liability and 2021 HSCRC Report
- *January 26th – HGO – Briefing on Telehealth Report (2021 Legislation HB 123/SB 3)*



MHCC Dates of Interest

February

- February 14th - Budget Hearing – House Appropriations
(Subcommittee Health and Social Services)
- February 17th – Budget Hearing – Senate Budget and Taxation
(Subcommittee Health and Human Services)



MHCC - Bills

- ▶ MHCC – User Fee Assessments – Changes the assessment to \$20 million from \$16 million
- ▶ Health Information Exchange – Definition and Privacy Regulations



The End

