



2021 Legislative Update

*A Presentation for MHCC Commissioners
February 18, 2021*



Quick Statistics

- 53 days remaining
- 1561 House bills introduced
- 1136 Senate bills introduced
- Staff currently tracking \approx 160 bills



Update on Activities

- Bill Hearings To Date

- Telehealth Bills:

- HB 123/SB 3 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

- HB 731/SB 567 - Telehealth Services – Expansion

- HB 732/SB 568 – Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth – Out of State Health Care Practitioners

- Health Disparities Bills:

- HB 28/SB 5 - Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

- HB 78/SB 52 - Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity

- (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)

- HB 309/SB 565 - Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information

- Budget Hearing- Joint w/House Appropriations and Senate Budget & Tax



Bill Hearings Weeks of February 10th and 15th

Bill Hearings – 2/10

[HB0731](#) Telehealth Services – Expansion – *Support with Amendments*

[SB0565](#) Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information – *Support (Written Testimony)*

[SB0568](#) Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth – Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners – *No Position (monitoring)*

Options:

1. No Position
2. Letter of Information
3. Letter of Concern
4. Support (with or without amendment)
5. Oppose



Bill Hearings Weeks of February 10th and 15th

Bill Hearings – 2/16

[SB0565](#) Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information

Bill Hearings – 2/17

[SB0567](#) Telehealth Services – Expansion

Bill Hearings – 2/18

[HB0674](#) Nursing Homes - Transfer of Ownership - Site Visits and Surveys

New Bills

MHCC - Departmental Bill - Health Information Exchange - Definition and Consent Management

Position – Support – HGO - Bill Hearing TBD

HB 1022/SB 748 - Health Information Exchange Infrastructure for Public Health

Position – Support – HGO - Bill Hearings 3/2 and 3/3

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New Bills

SB 796 Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements

Position – TBD – Finance – Bill Hearing 3/3

HB 936 Hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities - Closing or Partial Closing - Public Notice

Position – TBD – Finance – Bill Hearing 3/9

SB 837 Health - Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives

Position – TBD – Finance – Bill Hearing 3/11

Questions?