



Legislative Overview 2023 Session

JANUARY 19, 2023



Legislative Session

- ▶ Legislative Session began Wednesday January 12, 2023
- ▶ The Legislative Session lasts for 90 days ending on April 10, 2023
- ▶ House – Protocols and Guidelines for Session
- ▶ Senate - Protocols and Guidelines for Session



How will this session be different?

House Of Delegates –

- ▶ House of Delegates building will be open to the public; No large receptions or gatherings
- ▶ 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 3 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 3pm



Key Committees

Senate

- Finance (FIN) – Chair, Senator Melony Griffith
- 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 11 - General Assembly Convenes**
(Swearing in of Members; President of Senate and Speaker of House elected)
 - **Inauguration of Governor and Lt. Governor**
 - **January 20th - Budget bill introduced by Governor**

- ▶ February 6 – Final Senate Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral
10 - Final House Bill introduction date of bills without Rules Committee Referral

- ▶ March 7 - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules

- ▶ March 20 - Opposite Chamber Cross-over Date

- ▶ April 3 - Budget bill to be passed by both chambers

- ▶ April 10 - Sine Die (Adjournment)



MHCC Dates of Interest

January

- January 12th – HGO Briefing – Overview MDH, MHCC, HSCRC and CHRC
- January 24th – FIN – Briefing – MHCC overview focus on CON and Telehealth Report and Recommendations
- February 8th HGO- Briefing CON and Telehealth Report and Recommendations



MHCC Dates of Interest

February

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



MHCC – Legislative Issues of Interest

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



The End (*Not Literally*)

