Maryland Pharmacists Association
Mid-Year Meeting
Legislative Update

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Overview

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We are a full service lobbying and consulting firm in its 21st year of business.

GS Proctor & Associates has three locations with offices in Annapolis, Prince George’s County, and Washington, DC.
The members of our team come from various backgrounds providing a full range of knowledge to best serve our clients.

We are happy to be advocating on behalf of MPhA and its members before the Maryland General Assembly in 2017.
General Assembly Information
The General Assembly is Maryland's legislative body represented by 47 Senators and 141 Delegates. The lawmakers returned for a 90-day session on January 11, 2017.
Administration

Governor Larry Hogan

Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford

DHMH Secretary Dennis Schrader

- Heroin and Opioid Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Initiative
- Affordable Health Care Act (ACA)
Presiding Officers

Senate President
Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.

Speaker of the House
Michael E. Busch
Maryland Legislature Demographics
Senate/House

*The Senate is comprised of 47 members, each representing a different district in the State.*

- There are two Senators working or retired from the medical field

*The House of Delegates is comprised of 141 members with three in each Senate District.*

- 2 members of the House working in the medical field, 4 hold medical degrees
Senate Standing Committees

- Budget & Taxation
- Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs
- Finance
- Judicial Proceedings
House Standing Committees

- Appropriations
- Economic Matters
- Environment & Transportation
- Health & Government Operations
- Judiciary
- Ways & Means
438th Session - Dates of Interest

- January 11th - the day session convened
- January 18th - Final date for introduction of budget
- January 24th - Bill request guarantee date
- February 1st - State of the State Address
- February 3rd - Senate Bill Introduction Date
- February 10th - House Bill Introduction Date
- February 16th - MPC Legislative Day in Annapolis
- February 24th - 45th Day - Halfway Point
- March 20th - Crossover Day
- April 3rd - Budget bill passage deadline
- April 10th - Adjourn sine die
Bill Passage Process

Bills must be passed by both chambers and signed by the Governor to become law.
438th Session so far...

- As of Thursday, February 9th, there had been 1031 bills submitted for consideration in the Senate and 1212 bills in the House.
- Over forty pharmacy related bills have been identified thus far.
HB 613/SB363 - Pharmacists - Contraceptives - Prescribing and Dispensing

- **Sponsors:** Delegate Hettleman (D-Baltimore Co.) and Senator Conway (D-Baltimore City)

- **Synopsis:** This bill expands the scope of practice for a licensed pharmacist, to include prescribing and dispensing contraceptive medications and devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The State Board of Pharmacy must adopt regulations establishing the conditions under which a pharmacist may prescribe and dispense contraceptives. Insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations (collectively known as carriers) that provide coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices...

- **Hearings:** February 8th in the Senate and February 10th in the House

- **MPhA Position:** Support with Oral and Written testimony
SB 110 -
Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Pharmacist Dispensing

- **Sponsor**: Senator Conway (D-Baltimore City)
- **Synopsis**: Authorizing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed pharmacist to dispense antibiotic therapy prescribed to sexual partners of patients diagnosed with specified sexually transmitted infections without making a personal physical assessment.
- **Hearings**: February 1st, in Education, Health & Environmental Affairs
- **MPPhA Position**: Support w/amendment
HB 1031, SB 815-
State Board of Pharmacy - Registered Pharmacy Technicians - Exemption for Pharmacy Students

- **Sponsor:** Delegate Pena-Melnyk (D-Prince George’s/Anne Arundel), Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-Anne Arundel)

- **Synopsis:** Providing that a specified provision of law requiring an individual to be registered and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician before performing delegated pharmacy acts does not apply to a pharmacy student who is currently completing the first year of a professional pharmacy education program and performs, under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, delegated pharmacy acts in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

- **Hearings:** March 9th, in Education, Health & Governmental Affairs

- **MPhA Position:** Support
HB1162 - Pharmacy Benefits - Processing and Adjudication of Claims - Restrictions on Fees

- **Sponsor**: Delegate Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co)
- **Synopsis**: Prohibiting pharmacy benefits managers or specified purchasers from directly or indirectly charging a contracted pharmacy, or holding a contracted pharmacy responsible for, specified fees; etc
- **Hearing**: Not at this time
- **MPhA Position**: Support
Maryland Congressional Update

- Climate/Culture
- MD State’s Attorney Ruling
- Congressional Members
Helpful Information
Online Sources of Information

- mgage.maryland.gov — Maryland General Assembly
- Centermaryland.org — Annapolis News Clippings
- Marylandreporter.com
- Washingtonpost.com
- Baltimoresun.com
- Capitalgazette.com — Papers with State House Reporters on staff
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