



**MSBA Bill Report 3A - Negligence,
Insurance, and Workers' Compensation
Law (2024.01.30)**

January 30, 2024

[MD - SB590 Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics \(Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics (Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act) (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability.

Statutes Amended:

10-304,

10-305,

2-207,

3-209 Article - Criminal Law

11-102,

12-113,

12-305,

12-503,

12-603,

12-702,

12-704 Article - Commercial Law

13-219,

19-101,

19-102,

19-103,

19-114,

19-115 Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-5F-10,

19-311 Article - Health Occupations

15-112,

27-910 Article - Insurance

16-204,

16-304 Article - Land Use

16-305 Article - Housing and Community Development

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18-204,

7-507 Article - Public Utilities

19-408,

19-710,

19-725 Article - Health - General

23-605,

23-806,

6-104,

7-128 Article - Education

3-304,

3-307 Article - Labor and Employment

5-106,

8-102 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-214 Article - Tax - Property

8-707 Article - Human Services

8A-801 Article - Real Property

[MD - SB595 Health Benefit Plans - Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution - Requirements and Prohibitions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Benefit Plans - Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution - Requirements and Prohibitions (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts paid by or on behalf of an enrollee or a beneficiary when calculating the enrollee's or beneficiary's contribution to a cost sharing requirement; requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts for certain high deductible health plans after an enrollee or a beneficiary satisfies a certain requirement; etc.

Statutes Amended:

15-118.1,

15-1601,

15-1611.3 Article - Insurance

[MD - SB614 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.01.30)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses and prostheses; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to render utilization review determinations relating to the coverage in a nondiscriminatory manner; and establishing certain provider network and reimbursement requirements relating to the covered benefits.

Statutes Amended:

15-103 Article - Health - General

15-820,

15-844 Article - Insurance

[MD - SB626 Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Justin Ready (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; and repealing certain provisions that restrict applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.

Cross-filed Bill: HB726

Statutes Amended:

15-1601,

15-1611,

15-1611.1,

15-1612,

15-1613,

15-1622,

15-1629,

15-1630 Article - Insurance

MD - SB631 Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Aging to contract with an independent consultant to complete an insurance study on public and private options for leveraging resources to help individuals prepare for long-term care services and support needs; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report by December 31, 2024, summarizing the progress of the study and a final report by December 31, 2025, to the Governor and General Assembly on the results of the study.

Cross-filed Bill: HB349