

NCADD-Maryland Profile Report – Final 2020

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Bill	Title & Synopsis	Status	Position & Client Notes
<p>* HB 455 (SB 334) Del. Ariana Kelly et al.</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Reports on Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations and Data</p> <p>Requiring certain carriers, on or before March 1, 2022 and March 1, 2024, to submit a report to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to demonstrate the carrier's compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring certain carriers to identify the five health benefit plans with the highest enrollment for each product offered in certain markets and conduct a certain analysis; authorizing certain carriers to submit a request to the Commissioner that disclosure of certain information be denied; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/17)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: From the Parity at 10 Coalition, this bill would require annual reporting from insurance carriers ensuring their compliance with the federal Parity law. Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>After intense negotiations, a watered down version of the bill passed.</p>
<p>* SB 334 (HB 455) Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Reports on Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations and Data</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill passed.</p>
<p>* HB 464 (SB 990) Hettleman et al.</p>	<p>Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program</p> <p>Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p>

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	the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, two programs in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, to operate at a single location in areas with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	(2/11)	The bill did not receive a vote.
* SB 990 (HB 464) Hettleman et al.	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
* HB 738 (SB 849) Del. Jazz Lewis et al. Prior Yr Info: 2018: HB 799 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
* SB 849 (HB 738) Sen. Charles Sydnor et al. Prior Yr Info: 2018: SB 625 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/05 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.

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<p>* HB 1165 (SB 484) Del. Sheree Sample-Hughes et al.</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers</p> <p>Requiring each carrier to inform members and beneficiaries in a certain manner of the right to request a certain referral to a specialist or nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; requiring, under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to cover certain mental health or substance use disorder services provided to a member by a nonparticipating provider at a certain cost; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: From the Parity at 10 Coalition, the bill would prohibit balance billing of patients when they are given permission by their insurance carrier to go out-of-network for care. Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
<p>* SB 484 (HB 1165) Sen. Katherine Klausmeier</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
<p>HB 3 (SB 233) Del. Dereck Davis</p>	<p>Business Regulation - Tobacco Products - Electronic Smoking Devices, Prohibition on Flavoring, and Sales to Military Members</p> <p>Providing that licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a cigarette that has a characterizing flavor; providing that a public statement that cigarettes or other tobacco products have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they have a characterizing flavor if the statement is made by certain persons: prohibiting the sale of electronic smoking devices by mail or certain other networks;</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m. (3/15)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: The bill passed the House but was not voted on in the Senate.</p>

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SB 233 (HB 3) President et al.	etc. Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 51 (SB 91) Del. J. Bartlett	Election Law - Individuals Released From Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration Requiring a correctional facility to provide an inmate who has completed a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction with a voter registration form before releasing the inmate; requiring a correctional facility to inform the inmate that the inmate will have the right to vote after the inmate's release from the correctional facility, and that the inmate must register to vote after the inmate's release in order to exercise the right to vote; etc.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m. (1/7)	Position: Support Comment: Requires a person be given a voter registration form and information prior to release from jail or prison. Written and oral testimony was provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 91 (HB 51) Sen. Cheryl Kagan	Election Law - Individuals Released From Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Referred Ways and Means (3/15)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided The bill passed the Senate and did not receive a vote in the House.
HB 83 (SB 699) Del. David Moon et al.	Criminal Procedure - Charge of Possession of Marijuana - Removal From Case Search Prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in	Committees: Judiciary Status:	Position: Support Comment:

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<p>Prior Yr Info: 2017: HB 379 - Support</p>	<p>any way referring to the existence of a District Court criminal case in which possession of marijuana is the only charge in the case and the charge was disposed of before October 1, 2014.</p>	<p>Returned Passed (3/17)</p>	<p>Written testimony provided The bill passed.</p>
<p>SB 699 (HB 83) Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher et al. Prior Yr Info: 2017: SB 949 – Support</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure - Maryland Judiciary Case Search - Possession of Marijuana Records</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary Status: Referred Judiciary (3/15)</p>	<p>Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided The House crossfile passed.</p>
<p>SB 190 (HB 150) President et al.</p>	<p>Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2021) Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The full 4% reimbursement rate increase for Medicaid providers is in the budget as approved.</p>
<p>SB 192 (HB 152) President et al.</p>	<p>Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020 Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; altering to fiscal year 2026 the year by which the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation is to become self-sufficient; requiring the Maryland Department of Education to work with a certain office to administer and implement a redesigned rate setting process; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a value-based purchasing program with certain criteria; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose Comment: Testimony provided The bill as passed does not include the reduction of the Medicaid provider reimbursement rate increase.</p>

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<p>HB 193 Del. Jon Cardin et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2018: HB 325 - Monitor</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance - De Minimis Quantity</p> <p>Making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn (2/24)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill was withdrawn.</p>
<p>HB 196 (SB 124) Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk</p>	<p>Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Assessment Applicability and Report on State-Based Individual Market Health Insurance Subsidies</p> <p>Clarifying the applicability of a certain assessment by the State to certain entities for certain products that were subject to § 9010 of the Affordable Care Act, as in effect on December 1, 2019; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2020, on certain information related to establishing a State-based individual subsidy program in Maryland.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/16)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Requires the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange, to establish a state subsidy program to help pay for premiums in the individual market on the Exchange.</p> <p>The bill passed.</p>
<p>SB 124 (HB 196) Sen. Brian Feldman et al.</p>	<p>Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Assessment Applicability and State-Based Individual Market Health Insurance Subsidies</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (3/16)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p> <p>The bill passed.</p>
<p>HB 332 (SB 441) Del. Heather Bagnall</p>	<p>Mental Health - Confidentiality of Medical Records and Emergency Facilities List</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>

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et al.	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the confidentiality of medical records to include comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers; providing that the list of emergency facilities the Maryland Department of Health is required to publish may include comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, crisis treatment centers, and outpatient mental health clinics; etc.	Operations Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Comment: Written testimony provided. The bill passed.
SB 441 (HB 332) Sen. Antonio Hayes et al.	Mental Health - Confidentiality of Medical Records and Emergency Facilities List	Committees: Finance Status: Passed Enrolled (3/16)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided The bill passed.
HB 374 (SB 453) Del. Ereik Barron et al.	Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to maintain an updated list of the specific service categories in psychiatric rehabilitation, therapeutic, care coordination, and home health aide services available to a child in the State who has a mental disorder; requiring that the list include services available to any child in the State who has a mental disorder and who is enrolled in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or has health insurance coverage; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. (2/3)	Position: Support with Amendment Comment: NCADD-MD requested amendments to require this become a directory of services, online and searchable, and inclusive of SUD programs. Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 453 (HB 374) Sen. Paul Pinsky et al.	Maryland Department of Health - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services	Committees: Health and Government	Position: Support with Amendment

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		<p>Operations</p> <p>Status: Referred Health and Government Operations (3/15)</p>	<p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill passed the Senate and did not receive a vote in the House.</p>
<p>HB 422 Del. Samuel Rosenberg</p>	<p>Opioid Restitution Fund - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner</p> <p>Altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include supporting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for increased caseloads due to opioid overdose deaths.</p>	<p>Committees: Appropriations</p> <p>Status: Unfavorable Report by Appropriations; Withdrawn (3/10)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: Bill was withdrawn.</p>
<p>HB 448 (SB 402) Del. Samuel Rosenberg et al.</p>	<p>Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth and Shortage</p> <p>Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through telehealth interactions; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in-person settings and, if clinically appropriate, provide or refer a patient for in-patient services or another type of telehealth service; prohibiting a health care practitioner from prescribing a certain opiate through telehealth except under certain circumstances; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (3/17)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Passed as an emergency measure.</p> <p>Authorizes a licensed health care practitioner to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through either <i>synchronous technology</i> (real time) or an <i>asynchronous telehealth interaction</i> (which doesn't occur in real time. Includes transmission of clinical data, medical information, images, lab results, and self-reported medical history). Practitioners providing telehealth services must follow the same practice standards, documentation standards, confidentiality standards, and controlled dangerous substance prescribing laws applicable to in-person settings. Written</p>

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			testimony provided.
SB 402 (HB 448) Sen. Cheryl Kagan et al.	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth and Shortage	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill passed.
HB 524 (SB 255) Del. Wanika Fisher et al.	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment Requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake using a validated screening tool; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be referred immediately to a behavioral health care provider and a reproductive health care provider for certain purposes; requiring a certain correctional unit to ensure that a pregnant incarcerated individual continues to receive certain medication in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 255 (HB 524) Sen. Chris West	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.

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<p>HB 550 Del. Nick Mosby et al.</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Marijuana - Possession and Possession With Intent to Distribute</p> <p>Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana, in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Referred Judicial Proceedings (3/12)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Increases the amount of cannabis a person can possess from 10 grams to 1 ounce and explicitly prohibits someone from being charged with possession with intent to distribute for possessing less than 1 ounce. Written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill passed the House and was not heard in the Senate.</p>
<p>HB 568 (SB 372) Del. Nick Mosby et al.</p>	<p>Election Law - Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration and Voting</p> <p>Requiring each correctional facility to disseminate certain written information directly to each eligible voter regarding voter registration, absentee voting, and certain applications and provide an absentee ballot to an eligible voter on request; requiring the Board of Elections to provide correctional facilities with certain written materials; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a facility with a voter registration application; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Referred Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Judicial Proceedings (3/16)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Extends the eligibility to vote to people who are incarcerated. Written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill passed the House and did not receive a vote in the Senate.</p>
<p>SB 372 (HB 568) Sen. Chris West et al.</p>	<p>Election Law - Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration and Voting</p>	<p>Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) (2/5)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>

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HB 607 (SB 305) Del. Lorig Charkoudian et al.	Public Safety - Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence Establishing the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers and to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program; requiring the Office to appoint certain coordinators to the Center; requiring the Center to take certain actions; requiring a certain annual report; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided. The Senate crossfile passed.
SB 305 (HB 607) Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.	Public Safety - Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided. The bill passed.
HB 608 (SB 682) Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 715 - Support	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Requirement to Operate Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Commissioner of Correction to operate a prerelease unit for women.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)	Position: Support Comment: Testimony provided A similar bill (SB 684) passed.
SB 682 (HB 608) Sen. Mary Washington et al.	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Requirement to Operate	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status:	Position: Support Comment:

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<p>Prior Yr Info: 2019: SB 419 – Support</p>		<p>Hearing 2/26 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)</p>	<p>A similar bill (SB 684) passed.</p>
<p>HB 611 (SB 1053) Del. Pat Young et al.</p>	<p>Baltimore County - Behavioral Health - Hub and Spoke Pilot Program</p> <p>Establishing the Baltimore County Hub and Spoke Pilot Program to offer and provide addiction treatment on demand through a model that offers ongoing opioid use disorder treatment integrated with general health and wellness services; requiring the Baltimore County Department of Health, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Administration in the Maryland Department of Health and certain stakeholders, to develop and implement the Program in a certain manner; requiring a report on the pilot program's results by October 1, 2023: etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/11)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
<p>SB 1053 (HB 611) Sen. Katherine Klausmeier</p>	<p>Baltimore County - Behavioral Health - Hub and Spoke Pilot Program</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Second Reading Passed with Amendments (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: The bill did not pass.</p>
<p>HB 694 Del. Robin Grammer</p>	<p>Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Renaming and Purpose</p> <p>Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly; altering the purpose of the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission to include implementation of policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulation for any legal commercial sale of cannabis in the State; providing that the Natalie M.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/11)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.</p>

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	LaPrade Cannabis Commission is the successor of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; etc.		
HB 705 (SB 218) Del. Jesse Pippy et al.	Crimes Involving Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties - Methamphetamine Adding methamphetamine to a certain penalty provision applicable to certain crimes involving controlled dangerous substances.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 218 (HB 705) Sen. Chris West	Crimes Involving Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties - Methamphetamine	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 720 (SB 704) Del. David Moon et al.	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; repealing the prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Support Comment: Testimony provided The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 704 (HB 720) Sen. Jill Carter et al.	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/03 at 12:00 p.m.	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.

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HB 732 Del. Eric Luedtke et al.	<p>Taxation - Tobacco Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax</p> <p>Increasing certain tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; Imposing a sales and use tax rate on open electronic smoking devices of 12%; requiring the Governor to include at least \$12,500,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for certain smoking cessation activities; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain revenue attributable to certain taxes to The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Economic Matters; Ways and Means</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p> <p>The bill as passed includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.75 per pack tax on cigarettes • 53% wholesale on other tobacco products • Premium cigars, pipe tobacco, and cigars stay at current rates • 12% sales tax on electronic smoking devices • 60% sales tax on vaping liquid under 5 ml • \$18.25M for tobacco control
HB 782 (SB 611) Del. Heather Bagnall	<p>Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)</p> <p>Providing that all minors, rather than only minors who are 16 years old or older, have the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>

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SB 611 (HB 782) Sen. Malcolm Augustine	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Referred Health and Government Operations (3/16)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill as amended and passed by the Senate prohibits mental health medications from being prescribed without a parent's consent and requires the young person to be at least 12 years old. The bill did not pass.
HB 801 (SB 684) Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al.	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act) Requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Correction to operate a comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease facility for female inmates; requiring that a certain prerelease facility be located in Baltimore City; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to complete certain phases of a certain project by certain dates; requiring the Commissioner to provide evidence-based and gender-responsive prerelease services for female inmates; requiring the Department to provide certain updates to certain committees; etc.	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Motion Rules Suspend Two Readings Same Day Const/Rule 24 (Senator Washington) (31-14) Rejected (3/18)	Position: Comment: Alters the comprehensive prerelease services offered to female inmates so that they are more comprehensive, evidence-based and gender-responsive. The Senate crossfile passed.
SB 684 (HB 801) Sen. Mary Washington et al.	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act)	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Position: Comment: The bill passed.

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HB 839 (SB 539) Del. Kriselda Valderrama et al.	<p>Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2021, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2022, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Economic Matters</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. (2/11)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: NCADD was approached about the bill in support of individuals needing to take time off while a family member is seeking treatment for an SUD.</p> <p>Written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
SB 539 (HB 839) Sen. Antonio Hayes et al.	<p>Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
HB 959 (SB 872) Del. Shane Pendergrass et al.	<p>Health Insurance - Consumer Protections</p> <p>Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law under certain applicable powers; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances that are consistent with certain federal regulations, rules, and guidance; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying certain coverage because a certain health condition was present on a certain date; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/16)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Codifies consumer protection provisions in the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>The bill passed.</p>

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SB 872 (HB 959) Sen. Brian Feldman et al.	Health Insurance - Consumer Protections	Committees: Finance Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Position: Support Comment: The bill passed.
HB 1071 (SB 696) Del. Jesse Pippy et al.	Public Health - Substance-Related Disorder Services (Maryland Patient Protection and Treatment Ethics Act) Requiring any marketing or advertising materials published or provided by a behavioral health program to provide certain information about treatment services provided by the behavioral health program; prohibiting a health care practitioner from knowingly and willfully making certain statements or providing certain information; prohibiting a health care practitioner from knowingly making false or misleading statements; requiring a certain behavioral health program to include a certain statement in any advertising; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)	Position: Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 696 (HB 1071) Sen. Katherine Klausmeier	Public Health - Substance-Related Disorder Services (Maryland Patient Protection and Treatment Ethics Act)	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 1121 Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk et al.	Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System Establishing the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System in the Maryland Department of Health to provide a statewide system through which health care providers can identify and access available inpatient and	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill passed.

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	outpatient mental health and substance use services for patients in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop and implement the Registry and Referral System in collaboration with the State-designated Health Information Exchange, subject to the availability of funds; etc.		
HB 1140 (SB 624) Del. Nick Charles	Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Governor's Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland jointly to take certain actions in order to develop and implement a comprehensive mobile response and stabilization system for children and families in the State; and requiring the Department and the Commission jointly to submit their findings and recommendations to certain committees in the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (2/14)	Position: Support Comment: Requires the Maryland Department of Health, with the Governor's Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland to develop and implement a comprehensive behavioral and mental health mobile response and stabilization system for children and families in the state. Oral and written testimony provided The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 624 (HB 1140) Sen. Joanne Benson et al.	Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Referred Health and Government Operations (3/15)	Position: Support Comment: Oral testimony provided The bill passed the Senate and did not receive a vote in the House.
HB 1166 Del. Eric Ebersole et al.	Public Safety - Law Enforcement Diversion Programs Authorizing the establishment of certain law	Committees: Judicial Proceedings	Position: Support

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	<p>enforcement diversion programs subject to certain restrictions; authorizing certain individuals to participate in certain programs; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including certain approaches; requiring certain planning for the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters resulting in a behavioral health services referral; etc.</p>	<p>Status: Referred Judicial Proceedings (3/15)</p>	<p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided.</p> <p>The bill passed the House and was not heard in the Senate.</p>
<p>HB 1208 (SB 502) Del. Emily Shetty et al.</p>	<p>Telehealth - Mental Health and Chronic Condition Management Services - Coverage and Pilot Program</p> <p>Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply, on or before December 1, 2020, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to certain waivers to implement a pilot program to provide certain telehealth services to recipients under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/18)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: This emergency bill as passed does three things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Allows mental health services delivered via telehealth to Medicaid clients in their homes to be reimbursed; 2) Requires MDH to apply for an 1115 waiver to establish a pilot to provide chronic condition management services via telehealth to Medicaid clients regardless of their location; and 3) Requires MDH to study whether SUD services may be appropriately provided through telehealth to a patient in their home setting. <p>Oral and written testimony provided.</p>

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SB 502 (HB 1208) Sen. Stephen Hershey et al.	Telehealth - Mental Health and Chronic Condition Management Services - Coverage and Pilot Program	Committees: Finance Status: Returned Passed (3/18)	Position: Support with Amendment Comment: The bill passed.
HB 1335 (SB 811) Del. Curt Anderson et al.	Criminal Procedure - Automatic Expungement Providing that a person who, on or after October 1, 2020, has been charged with the commission of a certain crime, has been charged with a certain civil offense or infraction, or is the subject of a certain warrant, is entitled to automatic expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; specifying that certain dispositions are eligible for automatic expungement at certain times; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 811 (HB 1335) Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher	Criminal Procedure - Maryland Judiciary Case Search - Case Blocking Prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of certain records relating to certain cases.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Referred Judiciary (3/15)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill was amended and passed the Senate. It did not receive a vote in the House.
HB 1336 (SB 589) Del. Ere Barron et al. Prior Yr Info: 2016: HB 220 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement, Maryland Judiciary Case Search, and Expungement of Misdemeanor Conviction Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of certain criminal records under certain circumstances; establishing procedures for the filing of a petition for partial expungement; authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records if the person is convicted of fourth degree burglary; making the Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the State Court Administrator	Committees: Judiciary Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)	Position: Support Comment: The bill passed.

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	to issue a certain status report under certain circumstances at a certain frequency; etc.		
SB 589 (HB 1336) Sen. Jill Carter et al. Prior Yr Info: 2016: SB 328 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement and Maryland Judiciary Case Search	Committees: Judiciary Status: Referred Judiciary (3/15)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided The House crossfile passed.
HB 1343 Del. Nick Mosby et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 977 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Expansion Repealing a certain provision of law that authorizes the expungement of certain convictions; authorizing a person who is the subject of a certain warrant to file a certain petition for expungement; repealing a certain prohibition against the expungement of records relating to the entry of probation before judgment for a charge of violating a certain provision of law; authorizing a person who was found guilty of a certain civil offense or infraction to file a certain petition for expungement; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 1378 Del. Teresa Reilly et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 337 - Oppose 2018: HB 649 - Oppose	Criminal Law - Opioids - Distribution Causing Death of Minor Prohibiting the distribution of a certain opioid or opioid analogue, the use of which causes the death of a minor; establishing a penalty of up to 30 years imprisonment for a violation of the Act; clarifying that certain conduct constitutes distribution under the Act; providing that certain conduct does not establish a defense under the Act; providing a certain defense under the Act; providing immunity for certain conduct under the Act; providing that a sentence imposed	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)	Position: Oppose Comment: Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.

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	under the Act shall be consecutive to a certain other sentence; etc.		
HB 1400 Del. David Moon et al.	Cannabis - Legalization, Taxation, and Regulation Substituting the term "cannabis" for the term "marijuana" in certain provisions of law; altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing an exception to the existing prohibition on obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled dangerous substance or procuring or attempting to procure the administration of a controlled dangerous substance under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judiciary; Ways and Means Status: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary) (2/10)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 1443 (SB 896) Del. Heather Bagnall et al.	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study, evaluate, update, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices in general, including school-based health centers; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to improve current practices and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020, and December 1, 2021; etc.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (2/11)	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 896 (HB 1443) Sen. Katie Hester	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Position: Support Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.

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HB 1447 (SB 1045) Del. Susan Krebs et al.	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2020.	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Referred Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (3/12)	Position: Monitor Comment: Requires the Department of Information Technology, in consultation with the health 14 occupations boards to make recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a common information technology platform for use by each board that standardizes the websites and administrative functions of the boards and makes available accurate licensing information on health care providers for the purposes of facilitating network adequacy. The bill passed the House and was not voted on in the Senate.
SB 1045 (HB 1447) Sen. Adelaide Eckardt	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. (3/4)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 1461 Del. Terri Hill et al.	Behavioral Health Programs - Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Medical and Clinical Directors Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include a provision requiring that the medical director of a behavioral health program	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. (2/14)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.

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	<p>licensed as an outpatient mental health center be a licensed and appropriately trained physician; and altering the requirement that certain regulations include a provision authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as clinical director, rather than a medical director, of a certain outpatient mental health center.</p>		
<p>HB 1476 Del. Jazz Lewis</p>	<p>Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Board; requiring that the Board be granted access to copies of certain policies, procedures, and data; requiring the Board to review certain policies, procedures, practices, and data, make a certain assessment, develop certain processes and procedures, determine certain expenditures, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)</p>	<p>Position: Support with Amendment</p> <p>Comment: Oral testimony provided. NCADD is seeking an amendment (agreed to by the sponsor) to add the organization to the membership of the review board.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
<p>HB 1506 Del. David Moon</p>	<p>Cannabis - Personal Use Amount - Legalization</p> <p>Substituting the word "cannabis" for the word "marijuana" in various provisions of law; providing that use or possession of a certain personal use amount of cannabis by an individual who is under a certain age is a civil offense; providing that use or possession of more than a certain personal use amount of cannabis, but less than a certain amount of cannabis, by an individual who is at least a certain age is a civil offense; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.</p>

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<p>HB 1516 Del. Neil Parrott</p>	<p>Washington County - Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program - Prohibition on Establishment</p> <p>Prohibiting the establishment of an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program in Washington County.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/11)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.</p>
<p>HB 1518 Del. Mike McKay</p>	<p>Opioid-Exposed Newborns and Parents Addicted to Opioids - Mobile Application - Pilot Program (I'm Alive Today App)</p> <p>Requiring the Social Services Administration, in consultation with the local departments of social services, to establish a pilot program in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a mobile application; requiring the local departments of social services in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties, if appropriate, to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a certain mobile application under certain circumstances; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn (3/13)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: The bill was withdrawn.</p>
<p>HB 1528 (SB 716) Del. Robbyn Lewis</p>	<p>Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Maryland Council on Health in All Policies to employ a Health in All Policies framework, a public health framework through which public and private policymakers and stakeholders use a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State; providing, to the extent practicable, Council members are to reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; requiring the Council to submit a report by December 1 each year on the Council's activities; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. (2/14)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: Establishes A "Maryland Council on Health in All Policies" to reduce health inequities and improve health outcomes using a broad policy and public health approach involving the public and private sectors.</p> <p>The bill did not receive a vote.</p>

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SB 716 (HB 1528) Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.	Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (2/5)	Position: Monitor Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 3 Sen. Cory McCray	Electronic Smoking Devices, Other Tobacco Products, and Cigarettes - Taxation and Regulation Applying certain provisions of tax law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products to certain electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of "other tobacco products" to include certain consumable products and the components or parts of those products and to exclude certain other products; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, to include at least \$21,000,000 in the annual budget for certain activities aimed at reducing tobacco use; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	Position: Support Comment: Establishes a tax on e-cigarettes beginning July 2020; increases the cigarette and other tobacco product tax; and increases the annual budget appropriation for activities related to reducing tobacco use in Maryland from \$10 million to \$21 million beginning in FY 2022. Written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 99 Chair, Finance Committee et al.	Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology - Identification of Regulatory Agency Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to indicate in a certain manner on a health insurance benefit card or prescription benefit card or other technology which State agency regulates the policy or contract offered by the entity; applying the Act to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021; etc.	Committees: Finance Status: Passed Enrolled (3/17)	Position: Support Comment: On the health insurance and prescription drug cards for consumers, health insurers and MCOs will have to put information about which State agency regulates that policy. Oral and written testimony was provided. The bill passed.

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SB 113 Chair, Finance Committee et al.	Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Definitions of Provider and Health Care Services Defining the term "health care services" and altering the definition of "provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing provider panels of certain health insurance carriers.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 1/15 at 1:00 p.m. (12/19)	Position: Support Comment: Oral and written testimony was provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 410 Sen. Benjamin Kramer et al.	Electronic Smoking Devices - Flavor Prohibition Prohibiting the sale of an electronic smoking device that contains a natural or artificial flavor, other than tobacco; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 519 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	Public Health - Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities - Safety and Community Relations Plans Requiring that the regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration under certain provisions of law governing requirements for the licensure of behavioral health programs include a requirement that a behavioral health program establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of the individuals served by behavioral health program before being issued a license; requiring a behavioral health program to establish and implement a community relations plan under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m. (3/16)	Position: Support as Amended Comment: The bill passed the Senate with agreed upon amendments that require internal safety plans be filed with the state, and any community relations plans required by an accrediting body also be filed with the state. The bill did not receive a vote in the House.
SB 520 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	Behavioral Health Programs - Opioid Treatment Services - Limitation on Licenses	Committees: Finance	Position: Oppose

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	Prohibiting the Behavioral Health Administration from approving more than five licenses in each county for behavioral health programs that provide opioid treatment services; and authorizing the Administration to approve licenses for certain behavioral health programs in a county above a certain amount if the Administration is authorized by legislation passed by the General Assembly.	Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Comment: A letter from the AG advises the bill would violate ADA. Oral and written testimony provided. The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 521 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	Behavioral Health - Opioid Treatment Services Programs - Medical Director Requiring each opioid treatment services program to be under the direction of at least one on-site medical director; requiring the medical director to be on-site at the opioid treatment services program at least 20 hours per week; and prohibiting opioid treatment services programs from satisfying certain requirements through telehealth.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Oppose Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 522 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	Behavioral Health Programs - Licensing and Fees Providing the term of a license issued to a behavioral health program may not exceed 3 years; providing that a certain license expires at the end of the term of the license unless the license is renewed; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to collect reasonable fees for the costs associated with the issuance of licenses; establishing the Behavioral Health Program Grant Program to award grants to local areas to enhance safety and improve programs and make improvements to communities where certain programs are located; etc.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Oppose Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 876 Sen. Brian Feldman	Electronic Smoking Devices - Regulation and Taxation Limiting the in-person sales or distributions of vaping	Committees: Budget and Taxation; Finance	Position: Support

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	liquid by electronic smoking devices retailers and vape shop vendors to age-restricted areas; requiring electronic smoking devices retail licensees and vape shop vendors selling vaping liquid to post a certain sign in a certain manner; requiring a certain licensee who sells electronic smoking devices through a website to use a certain third-party age verification service for a certain purpose; etc.	Status: Hearing canceled (Finance) (3/11)	Comment: The bill was not heard.
SB 1075 Sen. Brian Feldman	Adult-Use Cannabis - Legalization Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Cannabis, and Tobacco Commission; providing that a member of the Commission may not have a certain interest, ownership, or management in the cannabis industry; establishing the Advisory Committee on Adult-Use Cannabis; providing an individual at least 21 years old and in possession of a certain amount of cannabis is not subject to arrest or any civil or administrative penalty; imposing a certain excise tax on the sale of cannabis under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Status: First Reading Senate Rules (2/28)	Position: Monitor Comment: He bill was not heard.

Gambling

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HB 169 Del. Edith Patterson et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 963 - Monitor 2018: HB 1014 -	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Referendum - Sports Wagering Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain sports wagering licenses; providing that a license may be issued only to the holder of a video lottery operation license or certain horse racing licenses; declaring the intent of the	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)	Position: Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.

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	General Assembly that State revenues generated by the proposed sports wagering be used for public education; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.		
HB 225 Del. Eric Ebersole et al.	Gaming - Sports Wagering - Implementation Authorizing certain license holders to accept wagers on certain sporting events from certain individuals and by certain methods; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering and the conduct of sports wagering; authorizing certain sports wagering licensees to enter into certain agreements for the operation of online sports wagering; providing the term of a sports wagering license is 15 years, subject to an annual fee of \$250,000, payable to the Commission at a certain time; etc.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)	Position: Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
HB 605 (SB 325) Del. Ron Watson	Constitutional Amendment - Gaming - Expansion Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal a certain prohibition on the authority of the General Assembly to authorize additional forms or the expansion of commercial gaming; repealing the authority of the General Assembly to authorize, through the use of a certain referendum, additional forms or the expansion of commercial gaming; conforming certain provisions of the Maryland Constitution to changes made by a certain referendum; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Comment: The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 325 (HB 605) Sen. Nancy King et al.	Constitutional Amendment - Gaming - Expansion	Committees: Ways and Means Status:	Position: Comment:

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		Hearing canceled (3/16)	The bill passed the Senate and was not voted on in the House.
HB 1647 Del. Ron Watson et al.	Gaming - Task Force to Study Online Gaming Establishing the Task Force to Study Online Gaming; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study online gaming in other states and make recommendations regarding how online gaming could be implemented in the State of Maryland and how revenue generated from online gaming could be invested in education; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2020; etc.	Committees: Rules and Executive Nominations Status: First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations (2/27)	Position: Comment: The bill was not heard.
SB 4 Sen. Craig Zucker et al.	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Sports and Event Wagering Referendum and Minority Business Enterprise Disparity Study Authorizing sports wagering license holders to accept wagers on sporting events by certain methods and in certain locations; including in the authorized uses of the Problem Gambling Fund the implementation of free or reduced cost problem gambling programs targeted at issues related to sports wagering; requiring certain licensing fees; providing a 5-year license term; providing licensees and applicants are subject to minority business participation goals; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Passed Enrolled (3/18)	Position: Comment: The bill passed.
SB 58 Sen. Chris West Prior Yr Info:	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Referendum - Sports Wagering Providing that the General Assembly may authorize,	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status:	Position: Comment:

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2019: SB 470 - Monitor 2018: HB 1014 -	by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain sports wagering licenses; providing that a license may be issued only to the holder of a video lottery operation license or a license for thoroughbred racing or harness racing; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that State revenues generated by the proposed sports wagering be used for dedicated purposes including public education; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.	Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	The bill did not receive a vote.
SB 322 Sen. Bryan Simonaire	Public High Schools - Health Education - Gambling Dangers and Addiction Requiring the State Department of Education, by July 1, 2020, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction to be provided in public high schools; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State agencies responsible for gambling addiction education; authorizing a county board of education, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, to require each public high school in the county to include instruction on the dangers of gambling one time for students in grades 9 through 12; etc.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Hearing canceled (3/16)	Position: Support Comment: Written testimony was provided. Bill passed the Senate with amendments limiting the bill to high schoolers and making the education voluntary, not mandatory. The bill was not heard in the House.
SB 771 Sen. Obie Patterson	State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency - Gaming Study - Use of Gaming Proceeds Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a certain study on the use of proceeds from certain gambling activities; requiring the Agency to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.	Committees: Ways and Means Status: Referred Ways and Means (3/17)	Position: Comment: The bill was not heard.