

SUMMARY OF HEALTH CARE LAWS ENACTED BY THE 2013 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2013 HOUSE BILLS

BILL NO.	SUMMARY
<p>HB 56 Ch. 348</p>	<p>State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Criminal History Records Checks Requiring applicants for a license or certificate from the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to submit to a criminal history records check; authorizing the Board to take specified disciplinary actions against specified individuals for failure to submit to a specified criminal history records check; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 57 Ch. 606 Crossfiled with SB 355 Ch. 239</p>	<p>Office of Health Care Quality – Abuser Registry Workgroup Requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to reconvene the Abuser Registry Workgroup; requiring the Abuser Registry Workgroup to undertake a specified review, monitor the implementation of specified recommendations, and recommend specified changes; requiring the Office to submit a report to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before January 1, 2014; etc. <i>Effective Date: June 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 98 Ch. 219 Crossfiled with SB 254 Ch. 218</p>	<p>State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License Renewal Altering the time period before a license expires by which the Board of Examiners of Psychologists is required to send a renewal notice to a licensee; requiring the Board, under specified circumstances, to send a renewal notice by electronic means to a specified electronic mail address of a licensee; requiring each licensee to notify the Board in writing of any change in address or electronic mail address within 30 days after the change occurs; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 116 Ch. 39 Crossfiled with SB 267 Ch. 38</p>	<p>Courts and Judicial Proceedings – Interception of Communications – Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adult and Medicaid Fraud Adding abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and offenses relating to Medicaid fraud to those crimes for which specified evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 179 Ch. 256 Crossfiled with SB 401 Ch. 255</p>	<p>Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements Altering the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations; authorizing a pharmacist to administer vaccinations to an individual in a specified age group who has a prescription or to an adult under a written protocol that meets specified requirements; altering a vaccination reporting requirement; requiring a pharmacist to inform specified health care practitioners that a vaccination has been administered; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 180 Ch. 62 Crossfiled with SB 580 Ch. 61</p>	<p>Medical Marijuana – Caregiver – Affirmative Defense Establishing that it is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for the possession of marijuana or the possession of specified drug paraphernalia that the marijuana or drug paraphernalia was intended for medical use by an individual with a specified debilitating medical condition for whom the defendant is a specified caregiver; etc. <i>Effective Date: June 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 218 Ch. 359</p>	<p>Physician Assistants – Performance of X-Ray Duties Providing for the circumstances under which a licensed physician assistant may perform nonfluoroscopic X-ray procedures using a mini C-arm or similar low-level radiation machine; and requiring a primary supervising physician to obtain specified approval from the Board of Physicians. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p>HB 228 Ch. 159</p>	<p>Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013 Altering eligibility requirements for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the definition of "former foster care adolescent" to conform to federal eligibility requirements; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide specified grants; adding to the purposes for which a specified assessment in hospital rates may be used; exempting the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and its employees from specified provisions of law governing third party administrators; etc. <i>Effective Dates: June 1, 2013, January 1, 2014 & January 1, 2015</i></p>
<p>HB 303 Ch. 365</p>	<p>Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning Establishing the Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use of and reimbursement for point-of-care testing to screen and identify children with elevated blood-lead levels; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before January 1, 2014; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 312 Ch. 457 Crossfiled with SB 334 Ch. 456</p>	<p>Mammograms – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification Requiring, subject to a specified provision of law, specified centers that produce, develop, or interpret mammograms to provide a specified notice to specified patients under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to adopt regulations to change the content of a specified notice; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 425 Ch. 233 Crossfiled with SB 338 Ch. 232</p>	<p>State Board of Nursing – Medication Technician Graduates and Certified Medication Technicians – Sunset Extension Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law concerning medication technician graduates and certified medication technicians; and making the Act an emergency measure. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p>HB 581 Ch. 379</p>	<p>Hospitals – Establishment of Palliative Care Pilot Programs Providing for the establishment of a specified number of palliative care pilot programs in specified hospitals in the State; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to select the pilot programs in a specified manner; requiring specified palliative care programs to include specified policies and procedures; requiring specified counseling about palliative care to include information regarding specified rights of patients; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 591 Ch. 621 Crossfiled with SB 595 Ch. 298</p>	<p>State Board of Pharmacy – Wholesale Distribution – Pharmacies Authorizing specified pharmacy permit holders to conduct wholesale distribution under specified circumstances; limiting the authority of specified pharmacy permit holders to engage in wholesale distribution; altering definitions; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 624 Ch. 282 Crossfiled with SB 501 Ch. 300</p>	<p>State Board of Nursing – Licensure by Endorsement – Clinical Experience Clarifying that specified applicants for license by endorsement are required to have a specified active unencumbered license; requiring specified applicants to submit specified applications and specified evidence of active nursing practice to the State Board of Nursing and submit to specified criminal history records checks; authorizing the Board to waive specified clinical experience requirements under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to deny licenses to specified applicants; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>HB 690 Ch. 306 Crossfiled with SB 679 Ch. 305</p>	<p>Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council Establishing the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to consider the geographic and demographic diversity of the State in appointing individuals to the Council; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Secretary of Aging or their designees to cochair the Council; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, with assistance from the Department of Aging, to provide staff support for the Council; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>HB 716</i> <i>Ch. 509</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 617</i> <i>Ch. 508</i></p>	<p>Drug Therapy Management – Physician-Pharmacist Agreements Repealing specified provisions of law requiring specified physician-pharmacist agreements to be approved by the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians; requiring, in a group model health maintenance organization, a licensed physician who has entered into a physician-pharmacist agreement to provide drug therapy management to submit a copy of the agreement, modifications to the agreement, and protocols to the State Board of Physicians; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 723</i> <i>Ch. 274</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 460</i> <i>Ch. 273</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Authority to Practice Authorizing a physician assistant to complete a specified certificate that an individual of a specified age is pregnant or has given birth to a child; authorizing a physician assistant to provide specified information on a certificate of birth under specified circumstances; authorizing a physician assistant to fill out and sign a certificate of death under specified circumstances; authorizing a physician assistant to file a replacement death certificate under specified circumstances; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 806</i> <i>Ch. 391</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – State Board of Social Work Examiners – Revisions Requiring applicants to the State Board of Social Work Examiners for licensure to submit to a criminal history records check and a mental or physical examination under specified circumstances; prohibiting licensees from practicing social work, engaging in private practice, and diagnosing disorders, except under specified circumstances; requiring the Board, in using information obtained from the Central Repository, to consider specified factors; altering fines and penalty provisions relating to violations of provisions of law; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 868</i> <i>Ch. 393</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – State Board of Pharmacy – Waivers – Pharmacies That Only Dispense Devices Authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to waive specified requirements for specified pharmacies that only dispense devices in accordance with specified rules and regulations; making the Act an emergency measure; etc. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p><i>HB 879</i> <i>Ch. 586</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 951</i> <i>Ch. 585</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – Polysomnographic Technologists – Licensure and Discipline Authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board of Physicians to reinstate, under specified circumstances, the license of a polysomnographic technologist; repealing the requirement that the Board place a licensed polysomnographic technologist on inactive status under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board, subject to a specified provision of law, to deny a license or take specified action against a licensee for failing to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 900</i> <i>Ch. 308</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 690</i> <i>Ch. 307</i></p>	<p>Maryland Board of Physicians – Failure to Renew a License or Misrepresentation as a Licensed Person – Penalties Altering the penalties to which a person is subject if the person fails to renew a license to practice medicine or misrepresents to the public that the person is authorized to practice medicine in the State. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 934</i> <i>Ch. 320</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 776</i> <i>Ch. 319</i></p>	<p>Telemedicine Taskforce - Maryland Health Care Commission Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council, continue to study the use of telehealth throughout the State through the Telemedicine Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consist of specified advisory groups and undertake specified activities; and requiring the Commission to submit specified reports of the Task Force to the Governor and specified legislative committees. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 942</i> <i>Ch. 301</i></p> <p><i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 624</i> <i>Ch. 300</i></p>	<p>Identity Fraud – Health Information and Health Care Records Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information with fraudulent intent to access health information or health care; prohibiting a person from using a specified device knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent to access health information or health care; providing penalties for a violation; authorizing a court to order restitution; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>HB 980</i> <i>Ch. 588</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 954</i> <i>Ch. 587</i></p>	<p>Maryland Board of Physicians – Authority to Issue Temporary Licenses and Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee Repealing the authority of the Maryland Board of Physicians to issue temporary licenses to practice radiation therapy, radiography, or nuclear medicine technology; repealing specified provisions of law referring to specified temporary licenses; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 986</i> <i>Ch. 397</i></p>	<p>State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding – Permits Requiring a sterile compounding facility to hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before the sterile compounding facility may perform sterile compounding in the State; providing that a sterile compounding permit is required in addition to and does not replace other permits or licenses; providing that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State is not required to hold a sterile compounding permit but must hold specified other permits; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1009</i> <i>Ch. 398</i></p>	<p>Cosmetic Surgical Facilities – Regulation Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations for specified cosmetic surgical facilities; authorizing the Secretary to investigate specified complaints relating to cosmetic surgical facilities; requiring specified complaints to be referred to specified health occupations boards; altering definitions; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1062</i> <i>Ch. 203</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 195</i> <i>Ch. 202</i></p>	<p>Hospitals – Notice to Patients – Outpatient Status and Billing Implications Requiring a hospital, under specified circumstances, to provide specified notice to a patient of the patient's outpatient status and the billing implications of the outpatient status; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with specified hospitals, to adopt by regulation standardized elements to be included in a specified written notice. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1096</i> <i>Ch. 401</i></p>	<p>State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation Continuing the State Board of Physicians and allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2018, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board and committees; requiring the Board to adopt regulations to allow a licensee to receive up to a specified number of credit hours for providing specified services; establishing disciplinary panels through which allegations must be resolved; etc. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1101</i> <i>Ch. 403</i></p>	<p>Medical Marijuana – Academic Medical Centers – Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Establishing the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission; providing for the purpose and membership of the Commission; providing for the terms of the members of the Commission; establishing the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Fund; requiring the Commission to issue a specified request for applications at least annually; requiring a specified application submitted by an academic medical center to include specified information; limiting the number of programs the Commission may approve to operate at one time; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1115</i> <i>Ch. 404</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations Boards – License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability Authorizing specified health occupations boards within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish an electronic system to distribute specified licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations; requiring the system to meet requirements; requiring specified boards to discontinue sending by first-class mail specified renewal notices and a renewed license, permit, certificate, or registration; requiring specified boards to continue to send by first-class mail specified documents under specified circumstances; etc. <i>Effective June 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>HB 1121</i> <i>Ch. 272</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 459</i> <i>Ch. 271</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Provision of Services at Community-Based Health Fair Authorizing a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of a dentist, to provide specified services without compensation at specified community-based health fairs; requiring the Board of Dental Examiners, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Oral Health, to develop a specified form; requiring a specified dental hygienist to complete and submit a specified form to the Office of Oral Health under specified circumstances; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1159</i> <i>Ch. 670</i></p>	<p>Electric Companies – Service Restoration – Special Medical Needs Facilities Altering a requirement that the Public Service Commission, on or before September 1 of each year, determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and distribute to each electric company a list of specified special medical needs facilities, including the licensed capacity of each facility, by January 1 of each year and post the list on the Department's Web site; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1216</i> <i>Ch. 289</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 581</i> <i>Ch. 288</i></p>	<p>Health Insurance – Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act – Notice and Authorization Forms Requiring health maintenance organizations and entities that issue or deliver specified health insurance policies or contracts to provide, on their Web sites and in print, notice about specified benefits for mental illness, emotional disorders, drug abuse, or alcohol abuse required under State law and under the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and notice that members and insureds may contact the Maryland Insurance Administration for further information; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1252</i> <i>Ch. 291</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 582</i> <i>Ch. 290</i></p>	<p>Health Insurance – Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act – Utilization Review Criteria and Standards Requiring entities that propose to issue or deliver specified insurance policies or contracts in the State or to administer health benefit programs that provide specified coverage to ensure that, when conducting utilization review for mental health and substance abuse benefits, the criteria and standards used are in compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1296</i> <i>Ch. 597</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 981</i> <i>Ch. 596</i></p>	<p>Board of Physicians – Quasi-Judicial Powers and The Board of Review – Revisions Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for taking any action for which the Board determines there is a preponderance of evidence of grounds for discipline under a specified provision of law and that poses a serious risk to the health, safety, and welfare of a patient; repealing the authority for specified persons to appeal specified decisions to the Board of Review, followed by a specified appeal; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1313</i> <i>Ch. 583</i></p>	<p>State Board of Physicians – Consultation, Qualification for Licensure, License Renewal, and Representation to the Public Authorizing physicians licensed in another jurisdiction and engaged in consultation with a physician licensed in the State to practice medicine without a license from the State Board of Physicians under specified circumstances; authorizing applicants for licensure to qualify for licensure under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic or first-class mail; making the Act an emergency measure; etc. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p><i>HB 1343</i> <i>Ch. 249</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>SB 380</i> <i>Ch. 250</i></p>	<p>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup on Cancer Clusters and Environmental Causes of Cancer Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, to convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential environmental causes of cancer; specifying issues to be examined; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report findings and recommendations of the workgroup on or before June 30, 2014; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>SB 80</i> <i>Ch. 177</i></p>	<p>Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Disclosure of Prescription Monitoring Data Adding the Division of Drug Control of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the list of units of the Department to which the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program must disclose prescription monitoring data under specified circumstances. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 83</i> <i>Ch. 178</i></p>	<p>Department of Aging – Aging and Disability Resource Center Program – Maryland Access Point Adding to the duties of the Secretary of Aging; establishing the Aging and Disability Resource Center Program in the Department of Aging; designating the Program as the State's Aging and Disability Resource Center for purposes of the federal Older Americans Act; requiring the Department to administer, supervise, and coordinate the Program with the cooperation of other State agencies; requiring the Program to designate local Program offices and provide specified services and materials; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 139</i> <i>Ch. 184</i></p>	<p>Health Care Practitioners – Prescription Drug or Device Dispensing – Medical Facilities or Clinics that Specialize in Treatment Reimbursable Through Workers' Compensation Insurance Repealing an exception to the requirement that an individual be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy before the individual may practice pharmacy in the State; and requiring a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who dispenses a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a patient at a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workers' compensation insurance to obtain a dispensing permit and meet other requirements. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 151</i> <i>Ch. 193</i></p>	<p>Hospitals – Outpatient Services – Off-Site Facility – Rate Regulation Altering the hospital outpatient services for which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program must pay according to specified rates, under specified circumstances; altering the date by which a hospital must notify the Health Services Cost Review Commission that the hospital would like specified services to be subject to specified provisions of law; altering the hospital outpatient services for which a hospital may elect to be subject to specified provisions of law; etc. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p><i>SB 195</i> <i>Ch. 202</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>HB 1062</i> <i>Ch. 203</i></p>	<p>Hospitals – Notice to Patients – Outpatient Status and Billing Implications Requiring a hospital, under specified circumstances, to provide notice to a patient of the patient's outpatient status, the billing implications of the outpatient status, and the impact of the outpatient status on the patient's eligibility for Medicare rehabilitation services; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt by regulation standard language for a specified written notice. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 237</i> <i>Ch. 211</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation Continuing the State Acupuncture Board, the State Board of Dietetic Practice, and the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 254</i> <i>Ch. 218</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>HB 98</i> <i>Ch. 219</i></p>	<p>State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License Renewal Altering the time period before a license expires by which the Board of Examiners of Psychologists is required to send a renewal notice to a licensee; requiring the Board, under specified circumstances, to send a renewal notice by electronic means to a specified electronic mail address of a licensee; requiring each licensee to notify the Board in writing of any change in address or electronic mail address within 30 days after the change occurs; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 267</i> <i>Ch. 38</i> <i>Crossfiled with</i> <i>HB 116</i> <i>Ch. 39</i></p>	<p>Courts and Judicial Proceedings – Interception of Communications – Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adult and Medicaid Fraud Adding abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and offenses relating to Medicaid fraud to those crimes for which specified evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>SB 334</i> <i>Ch. 456</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 312</i> <i>Ch. 457</i></p>	<p>Mammograms – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification Requiring that, subject to a provision of law, a center where mammography testing is performed to include in a screening results letter that is sent to a patient as required by federal law, notice about breast density; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to adopt regulations to change the content of a specified notice; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 338</i> <i>Ch. 232</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 425</i> <i>Ch. 233</i></p>	<p>State Board of Nursing – Medication Technician Graduates and Certified Medication Technicians – Sunset Extension Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law concerning medication technician graduates and certified medication technicians; and making the Act an emergency measure. <i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p><i>SB 346</i> <i>Ch. 236</i></p>	<p>Innovations in Aging Services Program – Commission on Aging – Responsibilities Repealing the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council and transferring specified responsibilities of the Council to the Commission on Aging; providing that the Commission advise the Secretary of Aging on the development of an annual Innovation in Aging Services Program plan; and providing that the Commission shall advise the Secretary on the awarding of grants in accordance with the Program priorities. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 355</i> <i>Ch. 239</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 57</i> <i>Ch. 606</i></p>	<p>Office of Health Care Quality – Health Care Facilities – Abuser Registry Workgroup Requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to reconvene the Abuser Registry Workgroup; requiring the Abuser Registry Workgroup to undertake a specified review, monitor the implementation of specified recommendations, and recommend specified changes; requiring the Office to submit a report to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before January 1, 2014; etc. <i>Effective: June 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 369</i> <i>Ch. 45</i></p>	<p>Garrett County – Bonds for Garrett County Memorial Hospital Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Garrett County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$15,000,000 in order to assist in the financing of the cost of hospital improvements at Garrett County Memorial Hospital; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 380</i> <i>Ch. 248</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 1343</i> <i>Ch. 249</i></p>	<p>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup on Cancer Clusters and Environmental Causes of Cancer Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, to convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential environmental causes of cancer; requiring the workgroup to include specified legislators and representatives; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2014; etc. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 385</i> <i>Ch. 250</i></p>	<p>State Government – Health, Education and Social Services - Submission of Documents in Electronic Form Requiring the Council for the Procurement of Health, Education, and Social Services to establish a workgroup to determine a process for specified entities to submit specified electronic documents to specified agencies; requiring the Council to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2014; etc. <i>Effective June 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 401</i> <i>Ch. 255</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 179</i> <i>Ch. 256</i></p>	<p>Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements Altering the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations; authorizing a pharmacist to administer vaccinations to an individual in a specified age group who has a prescription or to an adult under a written protocol that meets specified requirements; altering a vaccination reporting requirement; requiring a pharmacist, under specified circumstances, to document at least one effort to inform specified health care practitioners or other sources of care that a vaccination has been administered; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 459</i> <i>Ch. 271</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 1121</i> <i>Ch. 272</i></p>	<p>Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Provision of Services at a Community-Based Health Fair Authorizing a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of a dentist, to provide specified services without compensation at specified community-based health fairs; requiring the Board of Dental Examiners, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Oral Health, to develop a specified form; requiring a specified dental hygienist to complete and submit a specified form to the Office of Oral Health under specified circumstances; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p><i>SB 496</i> <i>Ch. 280</i></p>	<p>Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance program to provide a specified reimbursement for services delivered by telemedicine under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations for a specified purpose; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 501</i> <i>Ch. 281</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 624</i> <i>Ch. 282</i></p>	<p>State Board of Nursing – Licensure by Endorsement – Clinical Experience Clarifying that specified applicants for license by endorsement are required to have a specified active unencumbered license; requiring specified applicants to submit specified applications and specified evidence of active nursing practice to the State Board of Nursing and submit to specified criminal history records checks; authorizing the Board to waive specified clinical experience requirements under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to deny licenses to specified applicants; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 512</i> <i>Ch. 491</i></p>	<p>Health Care Practitioners – Identification Badge Requiring that specified health care practitioners, when providing health care to a patient, wear a badge or other identification displaying specified information; providing for exceptions; authorizing each health occupations board to adopt regulations; authorizing the regulations to provide exemptions or allow use of a first name only; providing that a violation may be reported to a specified health occupations board; authorizing a health occupations board to send letters in response to reported violations; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 557</i> <i>Ch. 287</i></p>	<p>Medical Records – Disclosure In Response to Compulsory Process Altering the circumstances under which a health care provider is required to disclose a medical record without the authorization of a person in interest; altering a specified notice that must be sent to specified parties in order to require a health care provider to disclose a medical record under specified circumstances; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 580</i> <i>Ch. 61</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 180</i> <i>Ch. 62</i></p>	<p>Medical Marijuana – Caregiver – Affirmative Defense Establishing that it is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for the possession of marijuana or the possession of specified drug paraphernalia that the marijuana or drug paraphernalia was intended for medical use by an individual with a specified debilitating medical condition for whom the defendant is a specified caregiver; etc. <i>Effective June 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 581</i> <i>Ch. 288</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 1216</i> <i>Ch. 289</i></p>	<p>Health Insurance – Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act – Notice and Authorization Forms Requiring health maintenance organizations and entities that issue or deliver specified health insurance policies or contracts to provide, on their Web sites and in print, notice about specified benefits for mental illness, emotional disorders, drug abuse, or alcohol abuse required under State law and under the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and notice that members and insureds may contact the Maryland Insurance Administration for further information; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 582</i> <i>Ch. 290</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 1252</i> <i>Ch. 291</i></p>	<p>Insurance – Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act – Utilization Review Criteria and Standards Requiring entities that propose to issue or deliver specified insurance policies or contracts in the State or administer health benefit programs that provide specified coverage to ensure that, when conducting utilization review for mental health and substance abuse benefits, the criteria and standards used are in compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>

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BILL NO.	SUMMARY
<p><i>SB 595</i> <i>Ch. 298</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 591</i> <i>Ch. 621</i></p>	<p>State Board of Pharmacy – Wholesale Distribution – Pharmacies Authorizing specified pharmacy permit holders to conduct wholesale distribution under specified circumstances; limiting the authority of specified pharmacy permit holders to engage in wholesale distribution; altering definitions; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 610</i> <i>Ch. 299</i></p>	<p>Health – Overdose Response Program – Establishment Providing for an Overdose Response Program overseen by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; stating the purpose of the Program; specifying the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a specified certificate; authorizing an individual who is certified to receive from a specified individual a prescription for naloxone and specified supplies, possess prescribed naloxone and specified paraphernalia, and administer naloxone, under specified circumstances, to specified individuals; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 617</i> <i>Ch. 508</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 716</i> <i>Ch. 509</i></p>	<p>Drug Therapy Management – Physician-Pharmacy Agreements Repealing specified provisions of law requiring specified physician-pharmacist agreements to be approved by the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians; requiring, in a group model health maintenance organization, a licensed physician who has entered into a physician-pharmacist agreement to provide drug therapy management to submit a copy of the agreement, modifications to the agreement, and protocols to the State Board of Physicians; etc. <i>Effective July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 624</i> <i>Ch. 300</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 942</i> <i>Ch. 301</i></p>	<p>Identity Fraud – Health Information and Health Care Records Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information with fraudulent intent to access medical information or services; prohibiting a person from using a specified device knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent to access medical information or services; providing penalties for a violation; authorizing a court to order restitution; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 632</i> <i>Ch. 511</i></p>	<p>State Brain Injury Trust Fund Establishing the State Brain Injury Trust Fund as a special fund used to support specified services for individuals with brain injuries; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's designee to administer the Fund; requiring the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to make specified reports; establishing eligibility for individuals to receive assistance from the Fund; requiring that specified investment earnings be credited to the Fund; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 679</i> <i>Ch. 305</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 690</i> <i>Ch. 306</i></p>	<p>Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council Establishing the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to consider the geographic and demographic diversity of the State in appointing individuals to the Council; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Secretary of Aging or their designees to cochair the Council; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, with assistance from the Department of Aging, to provide staff support for the Council; etc. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 690</i> <i>Ch. 307</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 900</i> <i>Ch. 308</i></p>	<p>Maryland Board of Physicians – Failure to Renew a License or Misrepresentation as a Licensed Person – Penalties Altering the penalties to which a person is subject if the person fails to renew a license to practice medicine or misrepresents to the public that the person is authorized to practice medicine in the State. <i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p><i>SB 776</i> <i>Ch. 319</i> Crossfiled with <i>HB 934</i> <i>Ch. 320</i></p>	<p>Telemedicine Task Force – Maryland Health Care Commission Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council, continue to study the use of telehealth throughout the State through the Telemedicine Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consist of specified advisory groups and undertake specified activities; and requiring the Commission to submit specified reports of the Task Force to the Governor and specified legislative committees. <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>

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<p>SB 790 Ch. 549</p>	<p>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Advance Directive Registry – Fee and Date of Operation Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to set a fee, by regulation, for specified services of the Advance Directive Registry; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to take the steps necessary to make the Registry operational on or before October 1, 2014.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 798 Ch. 324</p>	<p>Hospitals – Credentialing and Privileging Process – Telemedicine Authorizing a hospital, in its credentialing and privileging process for a physician who provides medical services to patients at the hospital only through telemedicine from a distant-site hospital or distant-site telemedicine entity, to rely on credentialing and privileging decisions made for the physician by the distant-site hospital or distant-site telemedicine entity under specified circumstances.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 881 Ch. 328</p>	<p>Community Health Resources Commission – Revisions Authorizing the Community Health Resources Commission to contract with a specified third party for specified services; prohibiting a specified third party from releasing, publishing, or using in a specified manner specified information; providing that the power of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene over a specified procurement procedure does not apply to the Commission; providing that, when procuring services or supplies, the Commission is subject to specified provisions of law; etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: July 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 942 Ch. 582</p>	<p>State Board of Physicians – Consultation, Qualification for Licensure, License Renewal and Representation to the Public Authorizing specified physicians engaged in specified consultations to practice medicine without a license from the State Board of Physicians under specified circumstances; authorizing specified applicants to qualify for licensure under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to send specified notices and data sheets to specified licensees by specified means; prohibiting a physician from making specified representations unless the physician is board certified; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Emergency Bill – Effective Upon Enactment</i></p>
<p>SB 951 Ch. 585 Crossfiled with HB 879 Ch. 586</p>	<p>Health Occupations – Polysomnographic Technologists – Licensure and Discipline Authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board of Physicians to reinstate, under specified circumstances, the license of a polysomnographic technologist; repealing the requirement that the Board place a licensed polysomnographic technologist on inactive status under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board, subject to a specified provision of law, to deny a license or take specified action against a licensee for failing to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board; etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 954 Ch. 587 Crossfiled with HB 980 Ch. 588</p>	<p>Maryland Board of Physicians – Authority to Issue Temporary Licenses and Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiography Assistance Advisory Committee Repealing the authority of the Maryland Board of Physicians to issue temporary licenses to practice radiation therapy, radiography, or nuclear medicine technology; repealing specified provisions of law referring to specified temporary licenses; etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 981 Ch. 596 Crossfiled with HB 1296 Ch. 597</p>	<p>State Board of Physicians – Quasi-Judicial Powers – Revisions Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for taking any action for which the Board determines there is a preponderance of evidence of grounds for discipline under a specified provision of law and that poses a serious risk to the health, safety, and welfare of a patient; and requiring the Board to adopt regulations to carry out a specified provision of law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>
<p>SB 1057 Ch. 340</p>	<p>Department of Health And Mental Hygiene – Health Care Staff Agencies – Regulation Altering provisions of law that apply to nursing staff agencies and nursing personnel to apply more broadly to health care staff agencies and health care practitioners licensed or certified by specified health occupation boards; requiring a health care staff agency to be licensed by the Office of Health Care Quality in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before referring health care practitioners to a health care facility to render temporary health care services at a health care facility in the State; etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective Date: October 1, 2013</i></p>