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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0043 Support w/letter Letter sent	Department of Information Technology - Office of Broadband and Joint Committee on Broadband Altering the uses of the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund; establishing the Office of Broadband in the Department of Information Technology to assist local jurisdictions in improving access to high-speed internet; requiring the Office to coordinate with certain Executive Branch agencies and stakeholders; establishing the Joint Committee on Broadband to ensure that local jurisdictions in the State are able to expand access to high-speed internet and make recommendations for new laws, programs, and services needed to support the expansion; etc.	Delegate Krimm	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters 1/26/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB0119 (SB0313) Support w/letter Letter sent	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Delegate Sample- Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 1/19/2021 - 2:00 PM	



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[HB0123 \(SB0003\)](#)

Support w/letter
Letter sent

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; etc.

[Delegate Pena-Melnyk](#)

In the House -
Hearing 1/27 at
1:30 p.m.

[Health and
Government
Operations](#)
1/27/2021 - 1:30 PM

[HB0255](#)

Support w/letter
Letter sent

Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; requiring at least 20% of the appropriated funding be used to support senior villages, local, member-driven, nonprofit organizations that support community members who choose to age in place; and altering the definition of "aging-in-place program" to include community participation.

[Delegate Hill](#)

In the House -
Hearing 1/19 at
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HB0303 Support w/letter	Long-Term Care Insurance - Prohibition on Premium Increases (Long Term Stability for Seniors Act) Prohibiting a carrier from increasing a premium rate charged under a policy or contract of long-term care insurance issued to an insured or entered into by a contract holder who is 85 years of age or older.	Delegate Stewart	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/03/2021 - 2:00 PM	
SB0313 (HB0119) Support w/letter Letter sent	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Delegate Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 1/19/2021 - 2:00 PM	
HB0479 No position	State Retirement and Pension System - Investment Management Fees Altering a requirement that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System provide a quarterly estimate of certain external investment management services; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from incurring fees for external investment management services that exceed 0.2% of the market value of invested assets as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year; exempting from the prohibition certain fees incurred under a contract entered into on or before June 30, 2021; etc.	Delegate Barve	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations	
SB0003 (HB0123) Support w/letter Letter sent	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Senator Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 1/27/2021 - 1:00 PM	



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SB0047 Support w/letter	<p>Health Facilities – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs – Essential Caregivers</p> <p>Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing indoor visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with a certain local health officer when establishing certain policies and procedures; requiring an essential caregiver to inform the staff of the nursing home or assisted living program if the essential caregiver develops certain symptoms; etc.</p>	Senator Corderman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/04/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0327 Support w/letter	<p>Civil Actions - Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults (Maryland SAFE Act)</p> <p>Establishing a cause of action for certain financial exploitation of certain vulnerable adults; authorizing a vulnerable adult or certain individuals in certain representative capacities to bring an action under the Act under certain circumstances; providing that an action authorized under the Act is in addition to and cumulative with certain other claims, causes of action, and remedies and shall survive the death of the vulnerable adult; etc.</p>	Senator Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/02/2021 - 1:00 PM	



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SB0393 No position	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Senator Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance	
SB0411 Support w/letter	Long-Term Care Insurance - Premium Rate Increases - Restriction (Equity in Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums Act)	Senator Kramer	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance	