



# ADVOCACY DASHBOARD

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## Support with Amendments

Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Resources	New This Week/Upcoming Dates
<b>SB 17- Health Information Exchange- Definition and Regulations</b>	Altering a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt certain regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain regulations from applying to protected health information exchanged between or among certain persons; etc.	<a href="#">SB 17</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 17</a>	MHA testified in support of SB 17 before the Senate Finance committee on January 18.

## Oppose

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<b>SB 5- Civil Actions- Punitive Damage Awards</b>	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with wantonness, fraud, or malice; requiring a trier of fact to consider a defendant's liability for punitive damages concurrently with all other issues presented in the action; requiring a trier of fact to determine the amount of punitive damages to be awarded based on certain factors under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	<a href="#">SB 5</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 5</a>	MHA testified in opposition of SB 5 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
<b>SB 30- Health Care Malpractice Qualified Expert - Limitation on Testimony in Personal Injury Claims - Repeal</b>	Repealing the requirement that a health care provider who attests in a certificate of a qualified expert or who testifies in relation to a proceeding before an arbitration panel or a court concerning compliance with or departure from standards of care devote no more than 20% of the provider's professional activities to activities that directly involve	<a href="#">SB 30</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 30</a>	MHA testified in opposition of SB 30 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.

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<b>SB 36- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages</b>	Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in certain wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018; and providing that a jury may be informed of certain limitations on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions.	<a href="#">SB 36</a> <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 36</a>	MHA testified in opposition of SB 36 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
<b>HB 41- Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions</b>	Requiring a nonprofit hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions received by the hospital in the hospital's annual community benefit report.	<a href="#">HB 41</a>	Sponsor withdrew bill.