

HB1365/963529/1

BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1365
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Pena–Melnyk**” and substitute “**Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, D. Jones, Spiegel, Rose, Alston, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaufman, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**”; in line 2, strike the first “**and**” and substitute “**, Public Health, and**”; in the same line, strike the second “**and**”; in line 3, after “**Requirements**” insert “**, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care**”; in line 4, after “of” insert “**altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness;**”; in line 12, after “conditions;” insert “**requiring the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland Department of Health to take certain actions related to perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal conditions;**”; in line 13, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “coverage” insert “**, policy initiatives, and access to care**”; and after line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 25, insert:

“Article – Health – General

13–201.

In this subtitle, “Advisory Council” means the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness.

13–203.

(a) The Advisory Council consists of [34] voting members appointed by the Secretary.

(b) The following members shall serve without term limits:

(1) The Secretary [of Health], or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s designee;

(3) The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) A representative of the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities; [and]

(6) A representative of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers; AND

(7) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

(c) The following members are subject to term limits:

(1) One representative of the American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic, Inc., nominated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(2) One representative of the Arthritis Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region, Maryland, nominated by the Executive Director of the Foundation;

(3) One representative of the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Chapter, nominated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(4) One representative of Johns Hopkins Medicine, nominated by the Chief Executive Officer of Johns Hopkins Medicine;

(5) One representative of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, nominated by the Executive Director of MedChi;

(6) One representative of the University of Maryland Medical Center and University of Maryland School of Medicine, nominated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center and the Dean of the School of Medicine;

(7) One representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, nominated by the Executive Director of the Chapter;

(8) One representative of the Maryland Nurses Association, nominated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(9) One representative of the Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, nominated by the President of the Academy;

(Over)

(10) One representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, nominated by the President of the Chapter; [and]

(11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN PERIMENOPAUSAL, MENOPAUSAL, AND POSTMENOPAUSAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT; AND

(12) [Eighteen] SEVENTEEN members of the public, who may include:

(i) Individuals with a chronic disease or family members of an individual with a chronic disease;

(ii) Licensed health care providers;

(iii) Individuals with a physical fitness background;

(iv) Employers or representatives of the business sector;

(v) Representatives of health insurers;

(vi) Representatives of community-based organizations; and

(vii) Individuals with expressed interest in health and wellness.

(d) (1) This subsection applies to members who are subject to term limits.

(2) The term of a member is 4 years.

(3) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Advisory Council on October 1, 2017.

(4) A member may serve two consecutive full terms.

(5) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(6) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(7) A member who serves two consecutive full 4–year terms may not be reappointed for 4 years after the completion of those terms.

(e) If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary promptly shall appoint a successor.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 6, after “SYMPTOMS” insert “AS DETERMINED BY THE TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”; after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Commission for Women shall:

(1) evaluate opportunities for State policy initiatives that improve the health and economic security of individuals in the State with perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal conditions; and

(2) on or before October 1, 2027, report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of Health shall:

(1) in consultation with the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee, evaluate and develop an action plan to increase access to perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal health care services through the outreach of community health workers to consumers; and

(2) on or before October 1, 2027, submit its evaluation and recommended action plan to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of Health shall:

(1) in consultation with health care provider professional associations and institutions of higher education, including community colleges, evaluate methods for increasing opportunities for clinical education, including postgraduate education, on perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal evaluation and treatment; and

(2) on or before October 1, 2027, report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”;

in lines 7, 10, and 12, strike “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively, and substitute “6.”, “7.”, and “8.”, respectively; in line 12, strike “, except as provided in”; in line 13, strike “4” and substitute “1”; in the same line, strike “, this Act”; and after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 7 and 8 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.”.