

# HB 6494

This bill sets limits on the use of “covenant not to compete” provisions in employment contracts. Under the bill, a “covenant not to compete” (i.e., noncompete agreement) means a contract, provision, or agreement that restrains a worker (employee or independent contractor) from, or imposes penalties for, engaging in any kind of profession, occupation, trade, or business in a geographic area for a set period after separation from employment. The bill excludes from this definition (1) nonsolicitation agreements that meet certain standards, (2) nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements, (3) agreements not to reapply with the same employer after being terminated, and (4) any contract or agreement made (a) in anticipation of a sale of a business’s goodwill or all of the seller’s ownership interest in a business or (b) as part of a partnership or ownership agreement.

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# HB 6282

To end the practice of forced noncompete agreements in the state.

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# SB 1116

Modifying application of cost growth benchmark. To: (1) Implement a reinsurance program; (2) include hospitals in the health care cost growth and primary care spending target benchmark program administered by the Office of Health

Strategy; and (3) require certain health insurers, preferred provider networks and other entities to include certain provisions in contracts with health care providers regarding reimbursement for certain covered health benefits.

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## **SB 450**

To require the Comptroller and the Office of Health Strategy to (1) conduct a study evaluating public option health care plans in other states, and (2) submit a report, including a recommendation for a public option health care plan in this state, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

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## **SB 170**

To eliminate the certificate of need program for health care providers.

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## **HB 5931**

To allow (1) a person or health care entity that fails to seek certificate of need approval to be subject to a civil penalty whether or not such failure was wilful, and (2) the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy to issue cease and desist orders to any person or health care entity that

violates a provision of chapter 368z of the general statutes.

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## **HB 6532**

An Act requiring a study of the impact of hospital consolidations and the acquisition of hospitals by private equity firms. To determine whether hospital consolidations and the acquisition of hospitals by private equity firms have a negative impact on health care access quality and cost.

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## **HB 6620**

To exclude the following in contracts between health carriers and health care providers: (1) All-or-nothing clauses; (2) anti-steering clauses; (3) anti-tiering clauses; (4) gag clauses; and (5) most-favored health carrier or health plan administrator clauses.

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## **HB 6894**

An Act concerning certificates of need. To require an evaluation of the certificate of need application process.

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# **SB 95**

To increase oversight of the acquisition of physician practices and improve patient care.