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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2024 Chapters – Effective June 1, 2024**

**HB 55**  
**Chapter 9**

**Delegate Pruski, et al**

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; requiring the Commission to consult with the Office of Military and Federal Affairs and the Maryland Military Installation Council as part of the study process; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

**SB 88**  
**Chapter 10**

**Senator Gile, et al**

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study and make recommendations for developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

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**HB 513**  
**Chapter 17****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

MOTOR VEHICLES – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – REVISIONS (MARYLAND ROAD WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)

Altering the distribution of revenue from civil fines collected through the use of work zone speed control systems; altering the highways on which a work zone speed control system may be used; clarifying that a system operator does not need to be present when a work zone speed control system is in use; altering the maximum penalty for a civil citation issued as a result of an image from a work zone speed control system; requiring the State Highway Administration to make a certain report; etc.

**Except Section 2**

**SB 243**  
**Chapter 50****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Committee.

**HB 88**  
**Chapter 53****Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMMEDIATE VESTING

Providing that an individual serving as the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately vest in the State Retirement and Pension System.

**SB 266**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 54**                    **– Education)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMMEDIATE VESTING

Providing that an individual serving as the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately vest in the State Retirement and Pension System.

**SB 283**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 79**                    **– Assessments and Taxation)**

HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATION – ATTESTATION OF GROSS INCOME

Authorizing an applicant for the homeowners’ property tax credit to attest to gross income on an application in lieu of providing an income tax return to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

**SB 292**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 96**                    **Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE – TITLE

Altering the title of the Assistant Secretary of State to be “Deputy Secretary of State”.

**SB 301**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 113**                **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**AQUACULTURE – PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS,  
AND STRUCTURES ON SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION –  
EXTENSION**

Extending to June 30, 2027, the authorization of a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases to, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements; and requiring, on or before June 1, 2025, and each June 1 for the next 2 years thereafter, the Department to report certain information to the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the General Assembly.

**HB 333**                    **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**  
**Chapter 126**

**ELECTION LAW – ELECTION DISINFORMATION AND  
IMPROPER INFLUENCE RELATED TO VOTING**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a portal on the State Board’s website that the public may use to report election misinformation and election disinformation; requiring the State Board to conduct a periodic review of material submitted by the public through the portal and, to the extent necessary, issue corrective information or refer submissions to the State Prosecutor; and defining “influence” for purposes of certain provisions of law prohibiting improper influence related to voting.

**HB 1287**                    **The Speaker, et al**  
**Chapter 127**

**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the school leadership training program developed by the State Department of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board to require that the State Superintendent, county superintendents, and the chair and vice chair of the State Board, a county board, and the Accountability and Implementation Board complete the training; combining two leadership trainings into a single training; and providing for the content of the school leadership training.

- HB 1150**  
**Chapter 145**      **The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**  
MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED  
PROPERTY ACT – MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – EXEMPTION  
Exempting certain accounts under the Maryland 529 Program from the  
provisions of the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property  
Act.
- SB 800**  
**Chapter 146**      **The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**  
MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED  
PROPERTY ACT – MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – EXEMPTION  
Exempting certain accounts under the Maryland 529 Program from the  
provisions of the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property  
Act.
- HB 765**  
**Chapter 149**      **Delegate Wells**  
PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the  
governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a  
tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax  
imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential  
development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax  
credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation  
property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or  
residential development projects.

**SB 321**  
**Chapter 150****Senator Jackson****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

**HB 1426**  
**Chapter 164****Chair, Ways and Means Committee****EDUCATION – BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the State Department of Education to award funding for a new Judy Center or Family Support Center for planning and development under a certain circumstance; requiring the State Board to approve certain specifications for teachers and administrators relating to time spent in the classroom and time spent on other teacher activities; altering certain requirements relating to student-to-classroom personnel ratios and funding timelines for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; etc.

**SB 114**  
**Chapter 237****Senators Jackson and Bailey****WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the Calvert County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024.

**HB 515**  
**Chapter 238****Delegate J. Long****WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the Calvert County Delegation on or before December 31, 2024.

**HB 1281**  
**Chapter 239****Delegate Hartman, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM ZONES – DESIGNATION AND BENEFITS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipality to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; providing that the designation of an area as a tourism zone may not preclude the area from also being designated as an arts and entertainment district; authorizing a county or municipality to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

**SB 14**  
**Chapter 240****Senator Jackson****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM ZONES – DESIGNATION AND BENEFITS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipality to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; providing that the designation of an area as a tourism zone may not preclude the area from being designated as an arts and entertainment district; authorizing a county or municipality to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

**HB 272**  
**Chapter 242****Delegate Grammer****CANNABIS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION – USE OF STRAW OWNERSHIP – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from applying for or holding a cannabis license or registration under certain circumstances if an ownership interest in the license or registration is for the limited purpose of satisfying certain requirements of registration or licensure; and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to deny a certain application or revoke a cannabis license or registration if the applicant, licensee, or registrant is determined by the Administration to be in violation of the Act or convicted of a violation of the Act.

**HB 805**  
**Chapter 244****Delegate Wilson****CANNABIS – LICENSEE LOCATIONS – RESTRICTIONS**

Altering the distance restrictions from 2000 feet to one-half mile applicable to a licensed cannabis dispensary; prohibiting a political subdivision from establishing certain zoning requirements that are more restrictive than certain zoning requirements that existed on June 30, 2023; authorizing at least 10 individuals who are residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or applicants for a license, or real estate owners, and are located within 1,000 of the licensed premises to file a protest against a license; etc.

**SB 737**  
**Chapter 276****Harford County Senators****HIGHER EDUCATION – HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that a member of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees be a resident of Harford County for the duration of the member's term; altering the membership of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees so that all members are at large; requiring the Governor to consider certain factors when appointing members to the Board; and altering meeting requirements so that the Harford Community College Board of Trustees and the Harford County Board of Education are no longer required to attend certain meetings.



**HB 2**  
**Chapter 277****Delegate Boyce, et al****PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH A SUBCLASS AND SET A SPECIAL RATE FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of vacant lots or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a certain violation notice and to set a special property tax rate for certain vacant and abandoned property; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county that enacts a special tax rate to submit a certain report by December 1 each year; etc.

**HB 372**  
**Chapter 294****Delegates Harris and Stewart****MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RENT COURT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

**SB 354**  
**Chapter 295****Senators Waldstreicher and Jackson****MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RENT COURT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to provide defendant tenants in failure to pay rent cases with workforce resources and information on workforce development, registered apprenticeships, and other employment opportunities; and requiring, by January 1, 2026, and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to certain opportunities through the Program.

**HB 285**  
**Chapter 301****Delegate Holmes, et al****TASK FORCE ON PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION EQUITY – ALTERATIONS**

Moving from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024, the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity; and extending from June 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the termination date for the Task Force.

**SB 518**  
**Chapter 302****Senator A. Washington****TASK FORCE ON PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION EQUITY – ALTERATIONS**

Moving from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024, the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity; and extending from June 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the termination date for the Task Force.

**SB 511**  
**Chapter 307****Senator A. Washington****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – REPORT ON APPRENTICESHIP MENTORING RATIOS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report, on or before October 1, 2024, to the General Assembly that analyzes the apprenticeship mentoring ratio for all nontraditional apprenticeable occupations in the State, with recommendations on strategies to streamline the expansion of apprenticeship ratios for all newly registered nontraditional apprenticeship occupations for purposes of meeting the goals of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

**HB 650**  
**Chapter 308****Delegate Boafo****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – REPORT ON APPRENTICESHIP MENTORING RATIOS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report to the General Assembly that analyzes the apprenticeship mentoring ratio for all nontraditional apprenticeable occupations in the State; and requiring the Department to submit the report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2024, with recommendations for strategies to streamline the expansion of apprenticeship ratios for all newly registered nontraditional apprenticeship occupations for purposes of meeting the goals of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

**HB 1334**  
**Chapter 335****Delegate Smith****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CONTINUING THE CORE PARTNERSHIP FUND – EXTENSION**

Repealing the termination of the Continuing the CORE Partnership Fund; and requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter of \$50,000,000 to the Fund.

**HB 1016**  
**Chapter 350****Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MASTER PLAN WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Frederick County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to comprehensively evaluate all school facility needs in Frederick County and report its findings and recommendations to certain Frederick County officials, the Interagency Commission on School Construction and the Frederick County House and Senate Delegations by December 31, 2024.

**HB 1390**  
**Chapter 354****Delegate Harris****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION**

Establishing that the State share of eligible costs for certain school construction projects that meet certain criteria is 100%; repealing the provision of law that would have repealed the School Safety Grant Program on June 30, 2026; reducing the appropriation for the Nancy K. Kopp Public School Facilities Priority Fund to \$70,000,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2027; altering the uses of the Fund, giving the highest priority to schools with a severe facility issue; establishing the Workgroup on the Assessment and Funding of School Facilities; etc.

**HB 376**  
**Chapter 372****Prince George’s County Delegation****STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS PG 501–24**

Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to hire an independent consultant to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of relocating the Prince George’s County public school system headquarters and to report its recommendations by June 1, 2026; and requiring the County board to cover the cost of the study.

**HB 1388**  
**Chapter 378****Delegate Hill, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES FOR VETERINARY AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND STUDY OF THE HEALTH CARE MARKET**

Applying to certain veterinary and health care professionals certain provisions of law stating that certain noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in certain employment contracts are null and void as being against the public policy of the State; establishing certain prohibitions regarding noncompete and conflict of interest provisions for certain health care employment contracts and similar documents and agreements; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study certain issues related to the health care market in the State.

**HB 242**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 395**                **Labor)**

STATE AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD –  
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board to July 1, 2027; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee by July 1, 2025, with certain information regarding the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board.

**SB 261**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 396**                **Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND  
REPORT

Continuing the State Board of Barbers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2025, with information regarding the Board as determined by the Committee.

**SB 264**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 397**                **Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION  
AND REPORT

Continuing the State Board of Cosmetologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2025.

**SB 296**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 399**                **Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS –  
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2025.

**SB 307**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 400**                **Request – Departmental – Labor)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – BOARD OF BOILER RULES – MEMBERSHIP,  
SUNSET EXTENSION, AND REPORT

Altering the membership of the Board of Boiler Rules to include a representative with at least 10 years of experience in constructing, installing, and repairing boilers and pressure vessels; extending the termination date for the Board to July 1, 2029; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2025.

**SB 225**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**  
**Chapter 401**

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD –  
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to June 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

**HB 1524**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Maryland**  
**Chapter 410**      **Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority)**

**HORSE RACING – RACING FACILITY OWNERSHIP AND  
CONSTRUCTION – RACING OPERATIONS**

Altering the location, type, and ownership of horse racing facilities that the Maryland Stadium Authority is authorized to finance; increasing the amount of debt that the Maryland Stadium Authority may issue for certain purposes in connection with certain racing facilities; requiring the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority to prepare certain financial statements; requiring the Authority to submit a copy of any lease of the Pimlico racing facility to the Legislative Policy Committee for review and comment; etc.

**HB 664**      **Delegate Clippinger, et al**  
**Chapter 414**

**COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL  
INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL  
SECURITY ACT)**

Authorizing a certain protected individual or the Office of Information Privacy in the Administrative Office of the Courts to request that a governmental entity or person not publish personal information of the individual on the Internet, social media, or social networks or remove the information from any existing publication; specifying certain procedures for the protection of personal information of a protected individual; authorizing certain relief for a violation of the Act; etc.

**Except Section 1**

**SB 575**                    **Senator Corderman (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al**  
**Chapter 415**

COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT)

Authorizing a certain protected individual or the Office of Information Privacy in the Administrative Office of the Courts to request that a governmental entity or person not publish personal information of the protected individual on the Internet, social media, or social networks or remove the information from any existing publication; specifying certain procedures for the protection of personal information of a protected individual; authorizing certain relief for a violation of the Act; etc.

**Except Section 1**

**HB 1296**                    **Delegates Wilson and Crosby**  
**Chapter 431**

ELECTRICITY – OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to open a revised Round 2 proceeding on June 1, 2024, to evaluate certain offshore wind projects; prohibiting the Commission from approving an application for an offshore wind project unless the application includes commitments for in-State expenditures and investments; requiring the Commission to develop a certain plan to include a schedule of offshore wind energy procurements and proposed amounts of offshore wind energy for procurement through 2031; etc.

**HB 918**                    **The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**  
**Chapter 435**

STATE TREASURER AND COMPTROLLER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing related authority and duties; removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council; and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee as a member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council.



**SB 777**  
**Chapter 436****The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**

## STATE TREASURER AND COMPTROLLER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing certain related authority and duties; removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council; and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee as a member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council.

**HB 1012**  
**Chapter 437****The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**

## STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS – INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED

Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.

**SB 775**  
**Chapter 438****The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**

## STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS – INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED

Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.

**SB 524**  
**Chapter 441****Senator M. Washington****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS – GENDER–NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**

Altering certain terminology that refers to chairs and vice chairs of committees of the General Assembly to be gender–neutral.

**HB 999**  
**Chapter 448****Delegate Hill, et al****WORKGROUP ON ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BEST PRACTICES AND INNOVATION NETWORK**

Establishing the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network to identify and analyze options for establishing and maintaining an open access science, technology, and innovation network or hub of citizen scientists and experts in science, technology, and industry for certain purposes; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

**HB 1511**  
**Chapter 457****Delegate Love****FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain model local government ordinance by July 1, 2025, and adopt certain regulations relating to forest conservation on or before July 1, 2026; providing that a solar voltaic facilities granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity before July 1, 2023, may not be subject to certain afforestation requirements; etc.

**Except Sections 1 and 3**

**SB 960**  
**Chapter 474****Senator Feldman****MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER – CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDER’S FUND**

Establishing the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund in the Maryland Clean Energy Center; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to provide at least \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year for fiscal years 2025 through 2028 to the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund; authorizing the Governor, on or before June 30, 2024, to transfer up to \$2,200,000 of funds in the the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account to the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund; etc.

**SB 850**  
**Chapter 479****Senator Corderman****STATE PERSONNEL – LINE–OF–DUTY DEATH AND FUNERAL BENEFITS**

Increasing to \$25,000 the maximum amount of funeral expenses that may be provided for a line–of–duty death of certain public safety officers and indexing the benefit to inflation; repealing an offset against certain funeral expenses for the line–of–duty death of certain public safety officers; increasing the maximum amount of line–of–duty death benefits for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; providing a funeral expense benefit for a line–of–duty death for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; etc.

**HB 764**  
**Chapter 483****Delegate Shetty, et al****STATE LOTTERY FUND – BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND DISTRIBUTION AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing a certain limitation on the State Lottery Fund distribution and allocating an amount equal to \$27,000,000 each fiscal year to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund for bus rapid transit system grants; adding an authorized use for the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund; requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority, by December 15, 2024, to submit to certain committees of the General Assembly a report on all public and private development activities currently under construction in the Blue Line Corridor; etc.

**HB 768**  
**Chapter 485****Delegate D. Jones****JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT**

Establishing a line-of-duty special death benefit for members of the Judges' Retirement System; providing for health benefits for a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent who is receiving a special death benefit for the death of a member of the Judges' Retirement System; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to any member of the Judges' Retirement System who is killed prior to the effective date of the Act.

**SB 604**  
**Chapter 486****Senator Corderman, et al****JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT**

Establishing a line-of-duty special death benefit for members of the Judges' Retirement System; providing for health benefits for a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent who is receiving a special death benefit for the death of a member of the Judges' Retirement System; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to any member of the Judges' Retirement System who is killed prior to the effective date of the Act.

**HB 807**  
**Chapter 512****Delegate Stein, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION SURVEYS**

Altering the definition of “aerial survey” for purposes of surveying submerged aquatic vegetation to include other surveys that encompass certain geographic areas and use certain methodologies; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study and report to the General Assembly on the implications and feasibility of using alternative methods other than an aerial survey to delineate SAV protection zones on or before December 1, 2025.

**HB 1512**  
**Chapter 545****Delegates Adams and Hutchinson****BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law that expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to a certain existing municipal wastewater facility.

**HB 256**  
**Chapter 546****Delegate D. Jones, et al****WATERWAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS) – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of certain waterway emergencies; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report on or before December 1, 2025.

**SB 166**  
**Chapter 547****Senator Bailey****WATERWAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS) – STUDY**

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**HB 857**  
**Chapter 550****Delegate D. Jones**

## SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – HARVEST HOURS

Repealing a restriction which prohibited the harvesting of shellfish between the hours of sunset and sunrise from certain areas leased for aquaculture; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation the hours for harvesting shellfish within leased areas.

**SB 879**  
**Chapter 551****Senator Klausmeier, et al**

## SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – HARVEST HOURS

Repealing a restriction on the harvesting of shellfish between the hours of sunset and sunrise from certain areas leased for aquaculture; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation the hours for harvesting shellfish within leased areas.

**SB 835**  
**Chapter 561****Senator Hester**

## ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, on or before December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits for approval; and requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

**HB 992**  
**Chapter 562****Delegate Stein****ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS**

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, by December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits for approval; and requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

**HB 601**  
**Chapter 569****Delegate Lehman, et al****STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties and points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the public; establishing certain affirmative defenses to a certain charge of exhibition driving; etc.

**SB 442**  
**Chapter 570****Senator Beidle, et al****STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties and points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the public; and establishing certain affirmative defenses to a certain charge of exhibition driving.

**SB 589**  
**Chapter 575****Senator Bailey, et al**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –  
SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION – FUNDING

Increasing, from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; and repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.

**HB 812**  
**Chapter 576****Delegate J. Long, et al**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –  
SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION – FUNDING

Increasing from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission; etc.

**SB 915**  
**Chapter 589****Senator Brooks**AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – REGULATION  
(BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT)

Altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State, including repealing certain provisions of law relating to a two-tiered regulatory approach and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation in a certain manner on or before October 1, 2024; establishing certain protocols for assessing certain nonnative plants and determining whether those plants are invasive or whether the plants may be placed on a certain watch list; etc.



**HB 979**  
**Chapter 590****Delegate Foley, et al****AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – REGULATION (BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State, including repealing certain provisions of law relating to a two-tiered regulatory approach and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation in a certain manner on or before October 1, 2024; establishing certain protocols for assessing certain nonnative plants and determining whether those plants are invasive or whether the plants may be placed on a certain watch list; etc.

**SB 783**  
**Chapter 595****Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS, MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND, AND PREVAILING WAGE (BRIGHTER TOMORROW ACT)**

Requiring that certain home improvement contracts for the installation of a solar energy generating system on the roof of a building include the installation of a certain wildlife barrier under certain circumstances; requiring a county or municipality to implement certain software for features supporting the tracking and approval of residential building permits for residential solar energy and energy storage systems and main electric panel upgrades and derates on or before August 1, 2025, except under certain circumstances; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 4**

**SB 633**  
**Chapter 629****Senator Klausmeier****MARYLAND SELF-SERVICE STORAGE ACT – SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN SATISFACTION OF LIENS – MEANS OF ADVERTISING**

Authorizing an operator or a manager of a self-service storage facility to advertise in a newspaper, by electronic mail, or on a website the sale of the personal property in a self-service storage unit to satisfy a certain lien without the occupant's prior written authorization in the storage agreement; and altering a certain statement that must be contained in a self-service storage facility rental agreement.

**HB 680**  
**Chapter 644****Delegates T. Morgan and J. Long**

ENVIRONMENT – NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (RADIATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to serve as an offsite response organization and the lead State agency for all nuclear incidents within the State; requiring the Department to prepare a technical emergency radiation response plan, respond to emergencies involving a nuclear power plant, participate in a certain federal program, and procure certain specialized equipment; etc.

**SB 536**  
**Chapter 645****Senator Jackson**

ENVIRONMENT – NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (RADIATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to serve as an offsite response organization and the lead State agency for all nuclear incidents within the State; requiring the Department to prepare a technical emergency radiation response plan, respond to emergencies involving a nuclear power plant, participate in a certain federal program, and procure certain specialized equipment; etc.

**HB 332**  
**Chapter 648****Delegate Addison, et al**

OUT-OF-STATE MOTOR VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION – REPORT

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with Baltimore City and other interested jurisdictions, to prepare a report on motor vehicles owned by Maryland residents that are improperly titled or registered in another state; requiring the Administration to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

**HB 1024**      **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**  
**Chapter 679**      **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –  
CONNECTION PIPE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT LOAN  
PROGRAM – EXPANSION PG/MC 101–24

Expanding the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include certain sewer pipes and diagnostic actions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the Program from \$5,000 to \$10,000; altering the total amount of loans that the Program may provide or have outstanding from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000; and increasing to \$200,000 the amount of funding through fiscal year 2034 which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission must include for the Program in the Commission’s budget.

**HB 796**      **Carroll County Delegation**  
**Chapter 684**

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$29,800,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

**HB 1021**      **Washington County Delegation**  
**Chapter 702**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Washington County to borrow not more than \$50,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Washington County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

**SB 470**  
**Chapter 708****The President (By Request – Administration), et al****GROWING APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY WORKFORCE (GAPS) ACT**

Altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; altering the eligibility criteria and the types of grants to be awarded under the Program; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities; etc.

**HB 597**  
**Chapter 709****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****GROWING APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY WORKFORCE (GAPS) ACT**

Altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; altering the eligibility criteria and the types of grants to be awarded under the Program; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities; etc.

**HB 947**  
**Chapter 714****Delegate Phillips, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – PUBLIC NUISANCES – FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS (GUN INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting firearm industry members from knowingly creating, maintaining, or contributing to a public nuisance through the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, or marketing of a firearm-related product under certain circumstances; requiring a firearm industry member to establish and implement certain reasonable controls regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession, and use of certain firearm-related products; authorizing certain civil actions for violations of the Act; etc.

**SB 362**  
**Chapter 717****The President (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2024**

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering, from December 1, 2024, to January 15, 2027, the date by which the Accountability and Implementation Board has to conduct and submit a certain independent evaluation; altering the sales and use tax rate on certain electronic smoking devices; repealing a certain small business relief tax credit; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State during certain fiscal years; etc.

**Except Section 2**

**SB 361**  
**Chapter 720****The President (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2024, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,845,046,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes, subject to certain matching fund requirements; etc.

**Except Sections 13, 14, 15, and 16**

**SB 1120**  
**Chapter 721****Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)****UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

**SB 966**  
**Chapter 722****Senators Zucker and McCray****PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS**

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to change the names of certain grantees, alter the authorized uses of certain grants, and extend the termination date of certain grants.

**HB 814**  
**Chapter 735****The Speaker and Delegate Clippinger****JUVENILE LAW – REFORM**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child of a certain age alleged to have committed a certain offense; altering certain provisions relating to the taking of a child into custody by a law enforcement officer; expanding certain provisions of law relating to the entry onto certain school or other property by, and the education of, certain sex offender registrants; altering certain provisions relating to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices; etc.

**Except Section 1****HB 172**  
**Chapter 737****Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS – APPLICATION PROCESS**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to determine the manner and format for applications for certification as a private detective, security guard, security systems technician, and railroad police officer and for a license to provide security guard services; altering the application requirements related to security guard agency, private detective agency, and security systems agency licenses and commercial general liability insurance; requiring an applicant for a special police commission to submit two sets of fingerprints; etc.

**SB 287**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 738**                **– State Police)**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – PROFESSIONAL  
OCCUPATIONS – APPLICATION PROCESS

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to determine the manner and format for applications for certification as a private detective, security guard, security systems technician, and railroad police officer and for a license to provide security guard services; altering the application requirements related to security guard agency, private detective agency, and security systems agency licenses and commercial general liability insurance; requiring an applicant for a special police commission to submit two sets of fingerprints; etc.

**HB 315**                    **Delegate Bartlett**  
**Chapter 741**

REGULATED FIREARMS – MARYLAND JUDICIARY –  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing and altering a reporting requirement to require the Maryland Judiciary, instead of the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, to report on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for certain regulated firearm violations; and requiring by October 1, 2024 and each October 1 thereafter, that the Maryland Judiciary submit its report to the Governor and the General Assembly and include information disaggregated by jurisdiction, race, and gender.

**SB 319**                    **Senator West**  
**Chapter 742**

REGULATED FIREARMS – MARYLAND JUDICIARY –  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing and altering a reporting requirement to require the Maryland Judiciary, instead of the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1 each year on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for certain regulated firearm violations, disaggregated by jurisdiction, race, and gender.

**HB 823**  
**Chapter 744****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – REQUIREMENTS (MELANIE NICHOLLE DIAZ FIRE SAFETY ACT)**

Establishing certain requirements relating to the installation of certain fire safety equipment in residential rental high-rise buildings and certain other property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit; establishing the Workgroup to Develop Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre-1974 High-Rise Apartment Buildings; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2024; etc.

**Except Section 1****SB 191**  
**Chapter 776****Senator A. Washington****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND OFFICE OF INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE PG 503–24**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on dwellings that are owned by certain eligible employees of the Prince George’s County Public School System; requiring the Prince George’s County government to submit a certain report concerning the credit to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing that the Office of Integrity and Compliance is an independent unit within the school system; etc.

**HB 490**  
**Chapter 784****Delegate D. Jones, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date applicable to a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain donations to diaper banks and other charitable entities; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, but before January 1, 2027.



**HB 353**  
**Chapter 840****Delegate Cullison, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – 2–1–1 MARYLAND – OVERSIGHT**

Defining the term “Health and Human Services Referral System” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the System to mean a certain coordinated system for health and human service resources that is accessible to State residents, rather than a certain telephone service; repealing the requirement that the Maryland Department of Health evaluate the performance of certain call centers and make certain recommendations regarding the quality of service provided by call centers; etc.

**HB 959**  
**Chapter 843****Delegate Bhandari, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CERTIFIED DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

Altering the continuing education requirement for certified dialysis technicians to complete 3 hours of continuing education approved by the Board.

**SB 371**  
**Chapter 864****Senator Lam****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PERSONAL CARE AIDES – WAGE REPORTS**

Requiring residential service agencies to submit certain reports to the Maryland Department of Labor regarding wage rates for personal care aides by September 1 each year, beginning in 2025; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by the 180th day after the release of the final federal Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services rule on an overview of the final rule and plans or steps that the Department will take to operationalize the rule.

**HB 189**  
**Chapter 865****Delegate R. Lewis, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PERSONAL CARE AIDES – WAGE REPORTS**

Requiring residential service agencies to submit certain reports to the Maryland Department of Labor regarding wage rates for personal care aides on or before September 1 each year, beginning in 2025; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by the 180th day after the release of the final federal Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services rule on an overview of the final rule and plans or steps that the Department will take to operationalize the rule.

**SB 718**  
**Chapter 866****Senators Lam and McKay****MARYLAND PATHWAY TO NURSING PILOT PROGRAM AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Pathway to Nursing Pilot Program in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to support students in licensed practical nursing education programs who intend to practice nursing as a career in the State; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to issue grants to at least two pilot sites on or before July 1, 2025; requiring the Secretary, on or before each December 15 annually through 2029, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of the Program; etc.

**HB 147**  
**Chapter 895****Delegate Hartman****TOBACCO TAX STAMP REFUNDS – LOSS DUE TO THEFT**

Authorizing a claimant who buys tobacco tax stamps to receive a refund for tobacco tax stamps affixed to stolen property; requiring the claimant to provide the Comptroller with certain documentation when making a claim for a refund; and providing for a fine for making a false claim of double the amount of any tax refund in addition to any other authorized penalties.

**SB 72****Chapter 896****Senators McCray and Lam****TOBACCO TAX STAMP REFUNDS – LOSS DUE TO THEFT**

Authorizing a claimant who buys tobacco tax stamps to receive a refund for tobacco tax stamps affixed to stolen property; requiring the claimant to provide the Comptroller with certain documentation when making a claim for a refund; and providing for a fine for making a false claim of double the amount of any tax refund received in addition to any other authorized penalties.

**HB 66****Chapter 897****Delegate Charkoudian****PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AND PROPERTY USED FOR LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit for certain residential real property owned by a public school employee under certain circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit for certain buildings if the owner made certain health or safety improvements on or after July 1, 2024; etc.

**HB 287****Chapter 898****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****PROPERTY TAX – RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM – ASSETS CALCULATION**

Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of “assets” for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

- SB 342**  
**Chapter 899**      **Senator McCray**  
PROPERTY TAX – RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM  
– ASSETS CALCULATION
- Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of “assets” for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.
- SB 402**  
**Chapter 900**      **Senator McKay**  
CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP –  
ALTERATIONS
- Altering the membership of the Correctional Training Commission; requiring certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor to represent certain geographic regions; etc.
- HB 1162**  
**Chapter 911**      **Delegate Rogers, et al**  
9–1–1 SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION  
WORKGROUP
- Establishing the 9–1–1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to identify and examine recruitment and retention challenges that affect 9–1–1 specialists in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report on or before December 1, 2025.
- SB 1034**  
**Chapter 912**      **Senator Carozza, et al**  
9–1–1 SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION  
WORKGROUP
- Establishing the 9–1–1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to review the reports submitted by the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland, identify and examine certain recruitment and retention challenges, and make certain recommendations; and requiring the Workgroup to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an interim report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

- SB 6**  
**Chapter 916**      **Senator Gile, et al**  
PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF  
DISABLED VETERANS – ALTERATIONS
- Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct of the veteran; altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit; etc.
- HB 63**  
**Chapter 917**      **Delegate Pruski**  
PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF  
DISABLED VETERANS – ALTERATIONS
- Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause; authorizing a county or municipal corporation, notwithstanding certain provisions of the Act, to enact a law limiting eligibility for the tax credit; etc.
- HB 755**  
**Chapter 930**      **Delegate Bhandari**  
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSES
- Altering the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; and repealing obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.
- SB 106**  
**Chapter 931**      **Senator Kelly**  
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSES
- Altering the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; and repealing obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.

**SB 379**  
**Chapter 935****Senator West, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION – RENAMING, MEMBERSHIP, AND DUTIES**

Extending the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and renaming it to be the Task Force to Study Crime Reclassification and Penalties; requiring the Task Force to study the penalties for crimes and civil offenses under State law, the potential need for reclassification of certain crimes, the alteration of penalties, and whether certain changes should be made to crimes lacking an explicit mens rea; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

**SB 1036**  
**Chapter 936****Senator West****TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND EXPANDED REENTRY SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

**HB 1037**  
**Chapter 937****Delegate Taylor, et al****TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND EXPANDED REENTRY SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to identify reentry services in the State, develop a plan to establish a new division within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and develop a plan to expand certain services for individuals after release from incarceration; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

- HB 763**  
**Chapter 939**      **Delegate Attar, et al**  
COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE AND PREVENTION – MEMBERSHIP  
Altering the membership of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention.
- SB 729**  
**Chapter 942**      **Senator Carter**  
BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – SECURITY GUARDS – USE OF FORCE REPORTING, STANDARDS, AND CERTIFICATIONS  
Prohibiting a use of force report from including information that is prohibited from disclosure by State or federal law; requiring the employer of a security guard providing security guard services on the premises of a health care facility to report certain information to the Secretary of State Police every 7 days; and altering the effective date of certain provisions of law relating to security guards from June 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.  
**Except Section 1**
- HB 209**  
**Chapter 945**      **Delegate Amprey, et al**  
PRISON EDUCATION DELIVERY REFORM COMMISSION  
Establishing the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission to develop recommendations relating to education and its impact on the criminal justice system; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2025, and a final report by January 1, 2026.
- SB 623**  
**Chapter 946**      **Senator Carter**  
PRISON EDUCATION DELIVERY REFORM COMMISSION  
Establishing the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission to develop recommendations relating to education and its impact on the criminal justice system; and requiring the Commission to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an interim report of its findings and recommendations by June 1, 2025, and a final report of its findings and recommendations by January 1, 2026.

**HB 732****Chapter 947****Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OVER POWERS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Repealing a prohibition on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of certain municipal officials from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and making a portion of the Act contingent on the passage and ratification, by a certain date, of a certain Baltimore City Charter amendment.

**Except Section 1****SB 894****Chapter 948****Senator Carter****BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OVER POWERS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Repealing a prohibition on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of certain municipal officials from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and making a portion of the Act contingent on the passage and ratification, by January 1, 2025, of an amendment to the Charter of Baltimore City that provides for the appointment, terms of office, and the powers and duties of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner and Department.

**Except Section 1****SB 532****Chapter 949****Senator Gallion****COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM–ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland; requiring the Commission to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, and other recommendations regarding certain best practices, standards, and guidelines; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report of its progress and status to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.



**HB 468**  
**Chapter 950****Delegates Love and Boyce****COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM–ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, or other recommendations regarding certain best practices, standards, and guidelines; requiring the Commission to submit an interim progress report to the Legislative Policy Committee by December 1, 2024; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

**HB 1358**  
**Chapter 965****Delegate Ruff, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – GWYNNNS FALLS STATE PARK – FOCUS GROUP, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and Baltimore City to convene focus group meetings on the establishment of the Gwynns Falls State Park with community members and stakeholders that reside or operate in the vicinity of the proposed State park; requiring the Department and Baltimore City to establish a stakeholder advisory committee; and requiring the Department to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on properties suitable for inclusion in the State park and certain funding requirements.

**SB 769**  
**Chapter 966****Frederick County Senators****FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing certain requirements for the amount and duration of a tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain improved real property owned by the Emmitsburg Civic Association and located in a historic district in Frederick County; authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and certain other matters relating to the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

**HB 1357**  
**Chapter 967****Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – MODERATE INCOME HOUSING HO. CO. 8–24**

Authorizing certain owners of real property and the governing body of Howard County to enter into payment in lieu of taxes agreements for maintaining a certain number of moderate income housing units at the property; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to publish on the county's website the methodology used to calculate the negotiated payment amount under a payment in lieu of taxes agreement authorized under the Act and to reevaluate the methodology at least once every 5 years; etc.

**HB 154**  
**Chapter 972****Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****HOMEOWNERS' AND HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE – EXTENSION**

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners' property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within 3 years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; and providing for the calculation of the homestead property tax credit for certain homeowners under certain circumstances.

**SB 286**  
**Chapter 973****Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****HOMEOWNERS' AND HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE – EXTENSION**

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners' property tax credit submitted by a certain homeowner within 3 years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; and providing for the calculation of the homestead property tax credit for certain homeowners under certain circumstances.

**HB 507**  
**Chapter 974****Delegates Buckel and Hinebaugh****ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING**

Authorizing the governing bodies of Allegany County and Garrett County and municipal corporations located in Allegany County and Garrett County to grant, by law, a property tax credit on certain newly constructed dwellings; prohibiting the tax credit from exceeding \$10,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

**HB 636**  
**Chapter 975****Allegany County Delegation****ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER**

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned by the Evergreen Heritage Center.

**SB 502**  
**Chapter 976****Senator McKay****ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER**

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned by the Evergreen Heritage Center.

**HB 1450**  
**Chapter 992****Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY TASK FORCE TO STUDY REVENUE OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL NEEDS HO. CO. 18–24**

Establishing the Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs to identify capital needs of Howard County Public Schools and study options for closing any identified funding gaps; requiring the Howard County Council to submit a resolution to the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly if the county council makes a certain determination; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Howard County members of the House of Delegates and the Senate by October 31, 2024.

- HB 335**  
**Chapter 996**      **Delegates Addison and Young**  
BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – B–D–7  
LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE
- Altering a geographic boundary in the 45th alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City within which a holder of a B–D–7 alcoholic beverages license must operate in accordance with certain hours.
- SB 45**  
**Chapter 997**      **Senator McCray**  
BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – B–D–7  
LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE
- Altering a geographic boundary in the 45th alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City within which a holder of a B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with certain hours.
- HB 742**  
**Chapter 1017**      **Frederick County Delegation**  
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM  
LICENSE
- Authorizing the holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and increasing the annual license fee for a stadium license in the county from \$2,000 to \$2,500.
- SB 770**  
**Chapter 1018**      **Frederick County Senators**  
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM  
LICENSE
- Authorizing the holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and increasing the annual license fee for a stadium license in the county from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

## **2023 Chapter – Effective June 1, 2024**

**SB 760**

**Senator Carter**

**Chapter 763**

**SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES, SECURITY GUARD EMPLOYERS,  
AND SECURITY GUARDS – STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Requiring an individual who provides security guard services to the individual's employer to be certified as a security guard, subject to a certain exception; regulating certain security guard employers; altering the certification and renewal standards for security guards; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to identify or establish certain training programs for the certification and renewal of certification of security guards; requiring security guards to complete certain security training programs; etc.

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