



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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February 2, 2024
Schedule 12

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 8.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 2, 2024

HB 847 Delegate Amprey

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSE – FOOD RETAILERS

Authorizing a food retailer to offer to purchase a Class A license from a Class A license holder under certain circumstances; and authorizing a food retailer to apply to a local licensing board for a Class A license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 4-205 and 4-303 - amended and § 4-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 848 Delegate McComas, et al

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 9-201 and 9-202 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 849 Delegate Acevero, et al

HUMAN SERVICES – UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR TRANSITION–AGE YOUTH – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Universal Basic Income for Transition–Age Youth Program in the Department of Human Services to provide for the economic security of individuals aging out of the out–of–home placement program; providing that payments made under the Program may not be considered income or resources for purposes of determining eligibility for certain benefits; and requiring the Department to report annually by October 1 to the General Assembly including descriptive information and outcome measures of recipients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, §§ 5-5C-01 through 5-5C-04 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 850 Delegate Tomlinson, et al

STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROCUREMENT

Requiring each procurement unit to establish a price preference for small businesses; designating the Board of Public Works as the regulatory authority for the Small Business Preference Program; and specifying the manner in which a unit may achieve targets for procurement awards to small businesses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-202 through 14-207 and 14-502(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 851 Delegate Acevero, et alSTATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION
– ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND REPAIR ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to develop and administer a program to provide compensatory benefits to the descendants of individuals enslaved in the State; providing that any individual whose ancestors were enslaved in the State is eligible to receive certain benefits; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of State agencies to develop and evaluate processes and applications; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill such sums as necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-3801 through 9-3808 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 852 Delegate AlstonSTATE PROCUREMENT – LEASES AND CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS – PERFORMANCE SUSPENSION PENDING AUDIT

Requiring a unit of the Executive Branch of State government to suspend performance on a construction contract or a contract to lease real property if the contract is the subject of an investigation by the Office of Legislative Audits for an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse in the obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use of State resources; and establishing that a suspension ends 60 days after the completion of the investigation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 11-203(b)(1), (c), and (h)(2) - amended and § 15-114 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 853 Delegate Allen, et alRESIDENTIAL LEASES – LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES –
CALCULATION

Altering a prohibition concerning the maximum penalty for the late payment of rent that a landlord may charge in a residential lease to prohibit a penalty in excess of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-208(d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 854 Delegate Bartlett**SEX OFFENDERS – REQUIRED REGISTRATION – LOCATIONS**

Specifying that a person required to register as a sex offender may register at any law enforcement unit, barracks, or station operated by the county in which the person is required to register as a sex offender.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 11-707 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 855 Delegates Bartlett and J. Lewis**JUVENILE LAW – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – LIMITATIONS**

Limiting the circumstances under which an incarcerated minor may be involuntarily placed in restrictive housing; prohibiting the placement of a minor in restrictive housing for more than 6 hours; and authorizing a correctional facility to place a minor in restrictive housing at the minor's request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-614.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 856 Delegate Alston**PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – WORK PERFORMED BY A REGULATED LOBBYIST OR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FIRM**

Authorizing the costs for certain work performed on a procurement contract by a regulated lobbyist or government relations firm that is a certified minority business enterprise to be applied toward certain minority business enterprise goals under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 14-302 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 857 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

NR, § 4-11A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 858 Delegate Ciliberti, et al**HEALTH – ABORTION – ULTRASOUND AND WAITING PERIOD**

Prohibiting a qualified provider from performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman within a certain period of time after the woman receives certain ultrasound imaging; establishing certain requirements related to the performance of a certain transabdominal ultrasound; and providing that a woman is not required to accept anything offered during certain transabdominal ultrasound imaging.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 20-209 - amended and § 20-210 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 859 Delegate A. Johnson**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – LICENSING – LICENSE RENEWALS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Repealing certain processes regarding the expiration of real estate brokers', associate real estate brokers', and real estate salespersons' licenses; requiring that certain licenses expire on a staggered basis; modifying and setting certain time frames for certain processes regarding the expiration of certain licenses; authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to set a certain fee under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, §§ 17-314 and 17-315 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 860 Delegates Allen and Boafo**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS**

Requiring certain community action boards to meet certain federal requirements for tripartite boards; and repealing certain requirements relating to the composition of community action boards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HS, § 8-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 861 Delegate Allen, et al**PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

Establishing 3% as the overall percentage goal of the total dollar value of procurement contracts by a unit of State government to be made directly or indirectly with veteran-owned small business enterprises; and repealing a requirement that the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs adopt regulations to establish a certain overall percentage goal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 14-602 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 862 Delegate Allen, et al**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERANS – SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with at least an 80% service connected disability.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 863 Delegate Alston**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study options for upgrading the licensing and telephone systems used by the State Board of Nursing and submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee an action plan on or before October 1, 2024, regarding the acquisition of a new electronic licensing system and telephone system and the staffing of the telephone system, and a report on or before March 1, 2025, on the status of the acquisition of the new systems.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 864 Delegates Crosby and Qi**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLANS**

Requiring each electric company, each gas company, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a plan for achieving certain energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets through certain programs and services and superseding certain existing energy efficiency and conservation goals; requiring the Public Service Commission to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in support of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and targets; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-211 & 7-211.1 - repealed, §§ 7-220 thru 7-228 - added, and § 7-211.2 - renumbered, and CA, PU, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 865 Delegate Martinez, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ORTHOSES AND PROSTHESES**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses and prostheses; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to render utilization review determinations relating to the coverage in a nondiscriminatory manner; and establishing certain provider network and reimbursement requirements relating to the covered benefits.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and (xxiii) and IN, §§ 15-820 and 15-844 - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxiv) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 866 Delegate Buckel**OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAIL FUND AND OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECREATION OVERSIGHT BOARD – ALTERATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the contents and authorized uses of the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund; establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board to advise the Secretary of Natural Resources on certain matters and review and approve certain expenditures; and altering the percentages of the revenue from a certain excise tax the Comptroller is required to distribute to the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and each year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 5-209(b)(3) and 5-1011 and TR, § 13-814 - amended and NR, § 5-1011.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 867 Delegate Alston, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT AND SHIELDING – PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT FOR DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records relating to a probation before judgment for driving while impaired or driving while under the influence; and authorizing a certain person to petition the court to shield certain records relating to a probation before judgment for driving while impaired or driving while under the influence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 10-105, 10-301, and 10-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 868 Delegate Ebersole, et al

SALES AND USE TAX – TAXABLE PRICE – EXEMPTION FOR TRADE-IN VALUE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONICS

Altering, for purposes of provisions of law concerning the sales and use tax, the definition of “taxable price” to exclude the value of credit provided for a trade-in of certain portable electronics accepted in partial payment under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-101(l)(3)(ii) and (iii) - amended and § 11-101(l)(3)(iv) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 869 Delegate Bartlett

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECKS, VICTIM NOTIFICATION, AND THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain report of a prohibited person failing a background check to notify certain victims; requiring the Secretary of State Police to notify the Maryland State Police Gun Center of certain information if the Secretary disapproves a firearm application because a prospective purchaser, lessee, or transferee failed a background check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-531 - added and §§ 5-122, 5-123, and 5-801 through 5-804 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 870 Delegate Grossman**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ABANDONED CEMETERY – ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to acquire by purchase or condemnation certain property on which a cemetery is located if the acquisition is for certain preservation purposes and ownership of the property cannot be determined or the organization established to operate the cemetery no longer exists; and authorizing the county commissioners to transfer the property acquired by purchase or condemnation to a nonprofit organization that enters into a certain agreement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 12-412 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 871 Delegate Jackson**BUSINESS REGULATION – CATALYTIC CONVERTERS – RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring records of junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and automotive dismantlers and recyclers to include certain information about the vehicle from which a catalytic converter, or part of a catalytic converter, was obtained.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 17-1009(a) and (b)(2) and TR, § 15-511(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 872 Delegate Kaiser, et al**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN MATERIALS – DISCLOSURE OF USE OF SYNTHETIC MEDIA**

Requiring that candidates, campaign finance entities, and certain other persons, or agents of candidates, campaign finance entities, or certain other persons, that publish, distribute, or disseminate, or cause to be published, distributed, or disseminated, to another person in the State certain campaign materials that use or contain synthetic media include a certain disclosure in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 13-401.2 - added and § 13-602 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 873 Delegate Taylor**APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding eligibility for financial assistance under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program to include individuals who purchase certain qualified property after a qualified project is completed, at an affordable sales price as determined by certain regulations, and as an owner-occupant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 4-2802 and 4-2804 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 874 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS – REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS**

Extending, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, the date by which individuals must be licensed by the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State; altering the requirements for the manager training course that certain assisted living managers are required to complete; and altering the requirements for serving as an interim assisted living manager.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, HO, and Chapters 689 and 690 of the Acts of 2022, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 875 Delegate Allen, et al**VETERANS – PERSONS PROVIDING VETERANS BENEFITS SERVICES AND VETERANS BENEFITS APPEALS SERVICES – FEES AND COMPENSATION**

Prohibiting, except as authorized by federal law, a person from charging a fee or receiving compensation for providing or referring a certain individual to another person for the provision of veterans benefits services or veterans benefits appeals services; establishing standards for the division of attorney's fees in connection with the provision of veterans benefits services or appeals services; requiring a person who charges fees for providing certain veterans benefits services to comply with certain ethical standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 9-905.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 876 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson**HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –
SPECIALTY DRUGS DISPENSED BY A PHYSICIAN**

Prohibiting certain pharmacy benefits managers from requiring a beneficiary to use a specific pharmacy or entity for a specialty drug if the drug is dispensed by a physician, used in the treatment of a certain condition, and meets other requirements; and altering the application to specialty drugs of the prohibition on certain pharmacy benefits managers reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist in an amount less than the amount the pharmacy benefits manager reimburses itself or an affiliate for providing the same product or service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 15-1611.1 and 15-1612 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 877 Delegate Phillips, et al**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD**

Requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Comptroller's website a certain procurement dashboard; and establishing certain requirements for the dashboard; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for at least one full-time position to develop and maintain the dashboard and for the software necessary to develop and maintain the dashboard.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 4-114 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 878 Delegate Bartlett**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL
INFORMATION**

Requiring certain custodians to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains personal information of a constitutional officer except under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain constitutional officer or certain immediate family member of a constitutional officer to request that certain disclosed personal information be removed and that a certain person refrain from future disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 4-331.1 and SG, § 1-201 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 879 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson**HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – CALCULATION OF COST SHARING CONTRIBUTION – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts paid by or on behalf of an enrollee or a beneficiary when calculating the enrollee's or beneficiary's contribution to a cost sharing requirement; requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts for certain high deductible health plans after an enrollee or a beneficiary satisfies a certain requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-118.1 and 15-1611.3 - added and § 15-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 880 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson**PHARMACY BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS**

Altering the reimbursement levels for drug products that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to establish and that pharmacy benefits managers that contract with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization are required to reimburse the pharmacy; and altering the definition of "purchaser" for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating pharmacy benefits managers to include certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 15-118(b) and IN, § 15-1601(s) - amended and HG, § 15-118(f) and IN, § 15-1632 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 881 Delegate Henson, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INNOVATIVE SCHEDULING PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to establish a pilot program to operate one or more schools within the county using an innovative scheduling model including extended year, year-round school, or a 4-day school week; authorizing county boards of education to explore the use of certain innovative school scheduling models for public schools in the county; and requiring the county board to notify the State Board and impacted employees, the school community and a certain employee organization regarding a pilot program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-103(e) and 7-103.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 882 Delegate Rosenberg

BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF MOTOR FUEL – PRICING SIGNAGE (GAS PRICE GOUGING ACT)

Altering a signage requirement for retail service stations relating to the price of regular gasoline so that the signage prominently displays clearly and visibly the credit and debit price, if higher than the cash price, or the credit and debit price and the cash price; repealing an exemption from a certain signage requirement for retail service station dealers with not more than 3 dispensing units that combined have not more than 6 nozzles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 883 Delegate Bhandari**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (MARYLAND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES ACT)**

Altering certain requirements relating to an annual evaluation of the use of emerging technologies in providing public services by the Secretary of Information Technology; and requiring the evaluation to include an assessment of the use of emerging technologies to ensure public services remain efficient, effective, and responsive to Marylanders needs and the potential benefits and risks inherent in the deployment of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 3.5-303(a)(11) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 884 Delegate Miller, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – PREGNANCY – COERCION (PROTECTING PREGNANT WOMEN AGAINST COERCIVE ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING)**

Prohibiting an individual from committing or threatening certain actions, including certain actions related to sex trafficking, with the intent of coercing a pregnant woman to have an abortion; providing that a pregnant minor is considered an emancipated minor for purposes of eligibility for public assistance if the minor is denied financial support from a parent or guardian due to the minor's refusal to have an abortion; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-224 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 885 Delegate Chisholm, et al**AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PROGRAMS – PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Prohibiting a nonresident alien who is a citizen of the People's Republic of China, a commercial enterprise or business incorporated in the People's Republic of China, and an individual employed by or associated with the government of the People's Republic of China from purchasing agricultural land or participating in certain agricultural programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, § 1-202 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 886 Delegate Chisholm, et al**CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force to review the State’s long-term strategies for maintaining functional and thriving ports in the State, the capacity limitations on the State dredged material sites and limitation to be placed on confined aquatic disposal programs; and requiring the Task Force to reports its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 887 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH COMMISSIONS AND MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a certain study of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the results of the study to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 888 Delegate Amprey**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the process by which a defective corporate act may be ratified; and altering rules for certain legal actions by persons claiming to be adversely affected by a ratification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 2-701 through 2-707 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 889 Delegate Terrasa, et al**BUILDING CODE – CONSTRUCTION AND SIGNIFICANT RENOVATION OF HOUSING UNITS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING SPACES**

Requiring the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle charging; requiring certain significant renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 890 Delegate Kaufman, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DISCIPLINE-RELATED DATA – COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate certain discipline-related data in an electronic spreadsheet format for the Department's website, make the data available to the public, and report certain discipline-related information each year; requiring the Department to maintain a risk ratio and State comparison threshold of 2.0 to be used to identify a school's disproportional disciplinary practices; and requiring the Department to report disproportionality data for high-suspending schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 891 Delegate Holmes**SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purpose and use of the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to include providing grants and loans to anchor institutions for a certain purpose in sustainable communities; and repealing a requirement that certain matching funds be from a private source.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, § 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 892 Delegate Kaufman, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS TRAFFICKING**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, isolation, or any other means; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 3-1301 and 3-1302 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 893 Delegate Hill, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS – VISION AND HEARING STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on vision support treatments and services for students; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2025; and requiring the Maryland State School Health Council to evaluate certain issues regarding vision and hearing difficulties in primary and secondary students.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 894 Delegate Chisholm, et al**PROCUREMENT – GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an entity owned, operated, or controlled by the government of the People’s Republic of China from participating in any procurement with the State, a local government in the State, a public instrumentality in the State, or any governmental unit in the State; requiring the Board of Public Works to make certain determinations and maintain and publish a certain list of scrutinized entities; providing for the preemption of any local ordinance, rule, or regulation that conflicts with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 17-7A-01 through 17-7A-06 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 895 Delegate Embry**MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS – COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY**

Clarifying that a county assumes the responsibilities of a certain tort claim against a sheriff or deputy sheriff under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; clarifying that, for certain tort claims against a sheriff or deputy sheriff, the State is the proper defendant; and specifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of the Attorney General and the State Treasurer work with certain entities when disputes arise regarding the allocation of responsibility for tort claims under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 9-108 - amended and SG, § 12-103.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 896 Delegate Stewart**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES OF GIFT CARDS (GIFT CARD SCAMS PREVENTION ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring a merchant that conducts an online sale of a certain gift card to register with the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General as an online seller of gift cards; prohibiting a merchant from selling a gift card to a consumer unless the merchant meets certain requirements; requiring a merchant to provide to the employees of the merchant training on identification of gift card fraud; requiring the Division to create a certain notice and issue certain guidelines regarding gift card fraud; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-4601 through 14-4606 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 897 Baltimore City Delegation**BALTIMORE CONVENTION AND TOURISM REDEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AUTHORITY TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the membership, purpose, and function of an authority to govern the renovation, revitalization, financing, and ongoing maintenance and management of the Baltimore Convention site and certain surrounding areas; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 898 Delegate Acevero, et al**MARYLAND PEOPLE'S FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland People's Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to distribute to the Fund 25% of the Maryland estate tax.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. and TG, § 2-801 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. and SG, § 5-108 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 899 Delegate D. Jones, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION – SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

Altering the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship to make the scholarship applicable to all programs at institutions of higher education in the State; altering the maximum award available, when a scholarship should be credited, and to whom initial awards should be provided under the scholarship; establishing the Maryland Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Providers; providing for the administration of the loan repayment program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-603.1 - amended and §§ 18-4001 through 18-4004 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 900 Delegate Solomon, et al**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – FIREFIGHTERS – PAYMENT OF OVERTIME AND PAYROLL INFORMATION**

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay in a certain manner; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each firefighter employed by the county or municipality; and authorizing a firefighter or the firefighter's exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance if a county or municipality does not provide the payroll information as required.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-420 - amended and LG, § 1-207 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 901 Delegate Wolek, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – PART-TIME SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS**

Allowing an applicant of a part-time senatorial or delegate scholarship with a documented disability to request from the Maryland Higher Education Commission a waiver from the requirement to carry at least 6 semester hours of courses each semester.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 18-406 and 18-504 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 902 Delegate Ghrist, et al**PREKINDERGARTEN – ULYSSES CURRIE HEAD START PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FUNDS**

Authorizing a provider in the Ulysses Currie Head Start Program to receive certain State funds under certain circumstances; and exempting providers in the Program from certain State requirements for eligible prekindergarten providers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-231 and 7-1A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 903 Delegate Atterbeary, et al

EDUCATION – ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS, ADVOCATES, AND CONSULTANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHED

Requiring certain information to be provided to the parents of a child with a disability under certain circumstances; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Program; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to the fund beginning in fiscal year 2026; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 904 Delegate Hinebaugh

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – CAPITAL PROJECTS – STATE SHARE ADJUSTMENT

Providing for a certain adjustment to the State share percentage for a community college or a regional community college capital project if the county's median household income is in the bottom quartile in the State and the State share percentage for a community college capital project is 50%.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 11-105(j) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 905 Delegate Charkoudian**SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – QUALIFIED DATA CENTER PERSONAL PROPERTY – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering, for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for qualified data center personal property, the definition of “qualified data center” so as to require the payment of certain prevailing wages, employment of certain apprentices, installation of certain battery storage, incorporation of on-site solar energy generation to the extent practicable, and purchase of a certain percentage of energy demanded by the data center from certain wind-based generators or solar renewable energy credits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-239 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 906 Delegate Hinebaugh**GARRETT COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY – ALTERATION**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County; and repealing the requirement for the Garrett County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 2-325(b)(1) and PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 32.43 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 907 Delegate Hinebaugh**GARRETT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

Increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts for which the County Commissioners, or any employee of Garrett County, are required to advertise for bids from \$25,000 to \$50,000; exempting certain contracts for professional services from a requirement to advertise for bids; and authorizing contracts for professional services required to be licensed by the State to be solicited by written bids.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 30.21(A) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 908 Delegate Amprey**ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLIERS OF WATER – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain notice requirements that a supplier of water must give to the Department of the Environment and certain individuals and entities under certain circumstances; requiring a supplier of water to give notice to the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management if there is a positive test for E. coli in the system and immediately begin certain preparations; requiring each community water system to ensure that certain testing is performed on water provided by the system; etc.

EN, § 9-410 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 909 Delegate Hinebaugh**EDUCATION – LOCAL SHARE OF MAJOR EDUCATION AID – NONRECURRING COSTS EXCLUSION**

Authorizing the exclusion of certain costs from the calculation of a county's highest local appropriation to its school operating budget if a county board of education and a county governing body agree annually to designate certain spending as nonrecurring costs; and requiring the State Department of Education to submit a certain report to certain county governing bodies under certain circumstances.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-235(c) and (n) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 910 Delegate Hinebaugh**DEEP CREEK LAKE – LOWER LAKE LEVELS – REQUIREMENT AND IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring the Water and Science Administration in the Department of the Environment to require Brookfield Power Piney & Deep Creek LLC to lower the level of Deep Creek Lake for at least 4 weeks between November 30 and February 28; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a certain study while the lake level is lowered to determine the impact of the lower levels on the spread of invasive plants and accumulated sediment deposits; requiring certain units of the State to consider the reports when taking certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 5-215.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 911 Delegate Valentine, et al**PEACE ORDERS – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE**

Authorizing a certain person to petition for a peace order against another person whom the petitioner alleges has conducted visual surveillance of areas of the petitioner's residence where the petitioner has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-1503(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 912 Delegate Young**PUBLIC SAFETY – SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish a Safe Neighborhoods Pilot Program to provide doorbell cameras or security systems with doorbell cameras to residents of high-crime areas; requiring the Office to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2026, regarding the usefulness and viability of the Program based on a cost-benefit analysis; and requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 4-1701 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 913 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Stein**MOTOR VEHICLES – REGISTRATION – ANNUAL SURCHARGE**

Requiring the owner of a motor vehicle to pay a certain annual surcharge in addition to the annual registration fee; authorizing the surcharge to be paid in installment payments; requiring the proceeds collected from the surcharge to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and, under certain circumstances, used for certain purposes; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register or renew or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay the surcharge or installments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-956 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 914 Delegates D. Jones and Pippy**WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Economic Development Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-2003(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 915 Delegate Pruski**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND – TIMELY PAYMENT OF AWARDS**

Requiring the Uninsured Employers' Fund to begin paying compensation for a workers' compensation claim within 15 days after the later of the date an award is made or payment of an award is due; applying certain provisions of law regarding the failure to timely pay awards to the Fund; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 9-727 and 9-728 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 916 Delegate Hinebaugh**GARRETT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “hotel” for purposes of the hotel rental tax in Garrett County to include a transient vacation rental unit and exclude certain facilities; altering the definition of “transient charge” for purposes of the county hotel rental tax; defining “short term rental platform” as a service provided on the Internet that advertises hotels and receives certain compensation; requiring certain short-term rental platforms and managers to perform certain duties related to the collection and remittance of the hotel rental tax: etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, §§ 20-401, 20-408, 20-410, 20-425, and 20-426 - amended and §§ 20-405.1, 20-427.1, and 20-429 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 917 Delegates Healey and Pruski**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – UTILITIES INSTALLATION – DATA SUBMISSION**

Requiring a utility owner to submit to the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority, within 60 days after completion, certain information pertaining to the installation or relocation of facilities, infrastructure, or appurtenances associated with a utility service within or on certain property; and authorizing the Department or the Authority to take certain actions if a utility owner does not comply with the requirements of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-903 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 918 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**STATE TREASURER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing related authority and duties; and removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Board of Directors for the Maryland Environmental Service, and the Coast Smart Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, EN, and NR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 919 Delegate Fair**PROPERTY TAX – COUNTY AUTHORITY TO SET SPECIAL RATES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set special property tax rates for certain subclasses of property for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements or a certain minimum school funding amount; prohibiting a special rate from exceeding 12.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed value; and establishing certain subclasses of real property.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 6-302 and 8-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 920 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Altering the stadium beer and wine license in Washington County to be a multi-use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption in the multi-use sports and events facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 31-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 921 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring that certain numbers of members of the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County and the Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County shall belong to certain political parties based on the aggregate number of votes in the preceding election of the Board of County Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 31-202 and ED, § 16-419 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 922 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)STATE GOVERNMENT – PUBLIC WELFARE ACTIONS –
DETERMINATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS

Requiring the factfinder in a public welfare action to make a certain determination and assign responsibility and liability in a certain manner; authorizing the State to continue to pursue certain actions if it does not obtain complete relief from certain responsible persons; establishing that certain provisions of law requiring uniform contribution among joint tort-feasors do not apply to public welfare claims; and establishing the impact of a certain settlement on the liability of certain responsible persons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-1401.1 and SG, § 6-106.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 923 Delegate GriffithSTATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – STUDY ON TRANSFER AND
AWARDING OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE CREDITS AND
MILITARY STUDENTS

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and county superintendents of schools, to conduct a study on the transfer and awarding of credits by local school systems to in the State for successful completion of an AP course by a military student while enrolled in a high school in another state; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations on or before July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 924 Delegate Spiegel, et al**TRANSPORTATION – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES**

Establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain congestion relief plans; establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region congestion relief funds as special, nonlapsing funds; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to study and report on the feasibility of creating local–option transportation revenues to fund the regional transportation authorities; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. & 190. - amended & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. , 192., and 193. and TR, §§ 10.5-101 thru 10.5-310 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 925 Delegate Fair**VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – RATE INCREASE**

Increasing the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.5%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 13-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 926 Delegate Griffith**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – LOCAL REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE – RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on request of a local jurisdiction and in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to provide guidance for the implementation and enforcement of the Maryland Building Performance Standards in relation to any religious observance, practice, or belief.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 12-507 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 927 Delegate Attar**JUVENILE LAW – EXPEDITED PRETRIAL STATUS HEARING**

Requiring a magistrate for juvenile causes to determine a child’s pretrial status within 24 hours after a child is charged with a violation involving a crime of violence, the unlawful possession of a firearm, or the unlawful taking or unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-13 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 928 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – VEHICLES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to enter into a certain contract for the purchase of one or more vehicles without advertising for bids if the amount involved in the contract does not exceed \$100,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, § 1-106(f) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 929 Washington County Delegation**AGRICULTURE – NUISANCE INSECTS**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AG, § 5-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 930 Delegate Wilson

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – CHILDREN OF JUDGES

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a child of certain judges to attend public school in a county other than the county where the child is domiciled if the child's parent is a judge and the county in which the child is domiciled is adjacent to the county where the child requests to attend public school; and prohibiting a county superintendent from charging a fee for a certain child.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-101(b)(2)(iv) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 931 Delegate Hutchinson

ENVIRONMENT – TIDAL WETLANDS – CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS

Prohibiting, in making a decision on an application for a license or permit to construct a pier, the Department of the Environment from considering any vessel owned by the applicant as a condition for issuing the license or permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 16-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 932 Delegate Cullison

HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – REVISIONS

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review; altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; and establishing requirements on health insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 19-108.5 and IN, § 15-854.1 - added and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 933 Delegate Feldmark, et al**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND FEES**

Establishing a 9–8–8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9–8–8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9–8–8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9–8–8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9–8–8 fees in the 9–8–8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 7.5-5A-01, 7.5-5A-02, and 7.5-5A-04 - amended and §§ 7.5-5A-03.1 and 7.5-5A-03.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 934 Delegate Hutchinson**RADIATION THERAPY, RADIOGRAPHY, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY, AND RADIOLOGY ASSISTANCE – LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of limited licensed radiologic technology under the State Board of Physicians; and altering the composition of the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiology Assistance, and Limited Licensed Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 14-5B-09.1, 14-5B-11(e), and 14-5B-17(e) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 935 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING ACT**

Imposing an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 19-130(c) and PS, § 4-902(e)(1) - amended and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 936 Delegate R. Long**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – ISSUANCE OF SALVAGE TITLE FOR ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a person to apply for a salvage title for an abandoned or sunken vessel; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a salvage title for an abandoned or sunken vessel if the abandoned or sunken vessel is in such a condition of disrepair that the Department cannot remove the vessel intact or if the Department determines that the vessel is a total loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 8-721(g) - amended and § 8-722.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 937 Delegate McComas, et al**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTS AND RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**

Requiring a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State’s Attorney’s office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State’s Attorney’s office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 938 Delegate Crosby, et al**STATE-OWNED NURSING HOMES – DEFICIENCIES, CITATIONS, AND FINES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the department charged with oversight of a State-owned nursing home operated by a contractor, instead of the contractor, to provide notice of certain deficiencies and enforcement actions to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring the department charged with oversight, rather than the contractor, to provide certain information to certain persons within 30 days after the contractor’s final acceptance of a plan of correction or completion of an informal dispute resolution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 19-14C-01 and 19-14C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 939 Delegate Palakovich Carr

HEALTH INSURANCE – EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS – LIMITS ON COST SHARING (EPINEPHRINE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2024)

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles for a covered prescription epinephrine injector to not more than \$60.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 940 Delegate Arentz, et al

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Authorizing the use of revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs for replacement, maintenance, or expansion of public works, improvements, or public facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 20-707 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 941 Delegate Rosenberg

CRIMINAL LAW – THREATS AND STALKING – RECKLESSNESS

Altering the mental state required as an element of certain threat crimes and stalking from knowledge to recklessness.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 3-708, 3-802, 3-1001(b), and 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 942 Delegate Young**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIME SOLVERS REWARD FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Crime Solvers Reward Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide grants to law enforcement agencies and county reward programs to be used as rewards offered to the public for certain assistance in solving certain crimes; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, to report to the General Assembly on the number of rewards issued and the total amount of money provided under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 11-1201 through 11-1203 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 943 Delegate Embry**COURTS – EXPUNGED CASES AND JUDICIAL ACTIONS – DISCLOSURE AND PUBLIC ACCESS**

Clarifying that expungement does not prohibit disclosure of case records that contain information that is also contained in an expunged record, is formatted to facilitate research, and contains de-identified data; and providing that certain provisions of law shall be construed in favor of allowing public access to information about judicial actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 10-108 and GP, § 4-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 944 Delegate Griffith**CECIL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – OUTDOOR SEATING AT RESTAURANTS, BREWERIES, AND BARS**

Prohibiting Cecil County or Harford County from imposing or enforcing certain local laws that restrict outdoor seating at a restaurant, brewery, or bar during the hours the restaurant, brewery, or bar is operating; and specifying that outdoor seating at a restaurant, brewery, or bar in Cecil County and Harford County is subject to certain laws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LU, § 1-401 - amended and § 4-216 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 945 Delegate Ebersole, et al

EDUCATION – INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a provision of law that requires a teacher preparation program to require a student to pass a certain assessment as a graduation requirement; altering the requirements for initial teacher certification; repealing certain certification requirements to pass a certain literacy test, a certain skills assessment, and a certain reading mastery test; and requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Superintendent of Schools to pursue and make certain reciprocal educator credentialing agreements with other states.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 6-121(a), 6-125, 6-126, and 6-705 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 946 Delegate Toles

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2024)

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages from intended recipients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 947 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2304 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 948 Delegate Toles**ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT – VENUE FOR PROSECUTION, WARRANTLESS ARREST AUTHORITY, AND COURT FINDING**

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be aggregated and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; increasing the maximum value of certain property or services applicable to misdemeanor theft from \$1,000 to \$1,500; and requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft for a certain purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-103(f) and CP, § 2-203 - amended and CP, § 6-237 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 949 Delegate Vogel**STATE EMPLOYEES – CANCER SCREENING LEAVE**

Providing that certain State employees, on request and with approval from the appropriate appointing authority, are entitled to use up to 4 hours of cancer screening leave with pay in any 12-month period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 9-1109 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 950 Delegate Edelson, et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS – MANDATORY FUNDING**

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 4-322(c) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 951 Delegate Fair**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – VOTER REGISTRATION LINK – POSTING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring each county board of education to post on the main page of its website a link to the voter registration webpage maintained on the website of the State Board of Elections or the local board of elections of that county and a certain statement; and requiring a user to be prompted to verify the user's age is at least 16 years old on selecting the link to the voter registration webpage.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 952 Delegate Rogers, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)**

Phasing in, over a period of 3 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income beginning in taxable year 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 953 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SUBSIDIES**

Altering the amount of funds the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is authorized to designate for annual subsidies under the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program for certain fiscal years to include unspent funds designated for subsidies for young adults in a previous calendar year.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 31-122(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 954 Delegate Patterson, et al**GAMING – ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES – PAPER TICKETS OPTION**

Authorizing certain electronic machines offering a game of instant bingo to provide a player the option to print a paper ticket for each game of instant bingo played.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CR, § 12-308 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 955 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 956 Delegate Solomon**PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Establishing the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to review public-private partnership presolicitation reports and make certain recommendations; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for public-private partnerships with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000 presolicitation reports of certain contracts; requiring a reporting agency to submit a separate presolicitation report for each phase of a project that will develop in phases; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, §§ 10A-101(b), 10A-201(a), 10A-203(a), 10A-301, and 10A-401(a) and (c) - amended and §§ 10A-101(i), 10A-106, and 10A-203(c) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 957 Delegate Hornberger, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – TUNDRA SWANS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish an annual tundra swan hunting season if authorized by federal law; requiring the Department to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorize an annual tundra swan hunting season in the State and provide the Department with a certain number of permits to take tundra swan annually; and requiring the Department to distribute tundra swan permits annually using a lottery-based system and to charge a certain permit application fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 958 Delegate Allen, et al**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM –
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND**

Designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural history museum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 7-325 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 959 Delegate Bhandari**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CERTIFIED DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS –
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 8-6A-08(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 960 Frederick County Delegation**CITY OF FREDERICK – ASSIGNMENT OF OFFENDERS TO ROAD WORK – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law requiring a District Court judge to assign, if practicable, an offender to work the public roads of Frederick County or the City of Frederick as a penalty for a violation of a municipal law or ordinance of the City of Frederick.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-518 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 961 Delegate Taveras, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON NEW AMERICANS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Commission on New Americans to study and periodically report on the contributions of new Americans and the availability of government services for new Americans; and requiring the Commission to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2026 and at least once every 5 years thereafter, a quantitative report detailing the contributions of new Americans and the services available to new Americans throughout the State.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 9-3305 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 962 Delegate Phillips, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM (PARREN J. MITCHELL MBE PRIME CONTRACTING ACT)**

Altering the Small Business Reserve Program to be the Small and Minority Business Reserve Program; requiring a unit of State government, to the extent practicable, to structure its procurement procedures to achieve at least 10% of the unit's total dollar value of certain contracts to be made directly to certified minority business enterprises; and requiring a certain study to include the Small and Minority Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-501, 14-502, 14-502.1, and 14-503 through 14-505 and Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2012, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 963 Delegates Taveras and Pena–Melnyk

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND DRUG DISTRIBUTION – SENSITIVE LOCATIONS

Prohibiting a person from committing sexual solicitation of a minor or human trafficking within 5 miles of certain locations; and increasing the distance surrounding certain school property within which a person is prohibited from committing a certain crime relating to drug distribution from 1,000 feet to 5 miles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-602.3 - added and § 5-627 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 964 Delegate Boafó, et al

LANDLORDS AND PROSPECTIVE TENANTS – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW (MARYLAND FAIR CHANCE IN HOUSING ACT)

Altering the number of years of criminal history, from 7 years to 3 years, that are reviewed in a certain reusable tenant screening report; establishing certain prohibitions and limitations on the review and consideration of a prospective tenant's criminal history; and requiring a landlord that denies the lease application of a prospective tenant to provide the individual with a physical document stating with particularity each reason for the denial.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

RP, § 8-218(b)(2)(i) - amended and § 8-220 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 965 Delegate Queen, et al

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – BREAST CANCER PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Altering the eligibility requirements for certain screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations provided by the Breast Cancer Program to include women under the age of 45 years who are considered high risk for breast cancer; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign for the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 20-116 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 966 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT AS SHERIFF**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to suspend the retirement benefit of a retiree of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who is elected as a sheriff within 5 years after retirement; providing for the reinstatement of a benefit; and providing that a suspension of a benefit does not affect survivor benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 26-403 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 967 Delegates Wivell and Valentine**TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE – PARKING OF VEHICLES – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Keedysville, Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-1011 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 968 Delegate Wivell, et al**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting condominiums in which the council of unit owners votes to fund repairs to the common elements through a special assessment by an affirmative vote of 80% of certain unit owners and certain homeowners associations from provisions of law pertaining to reserve studies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11-109.4 and 11B-112.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 969 Delegate Bartlett**DEATH CERTIFICATES – CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH DETERMINATIONS – REQUIREMENTS AFTER CHANGE OR CORRECTION**

Requiring, if a victim's initial determination of death recorded on the victim's death certificate was amended or corrected to be undetermined or homicide, an assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a person in interest on the request of the person in interest for a certain purpose; requiring the medical examiner to provide certain notice if the medical examiner was required to change or correct the cause or manner of death recorded on a death certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 11-1010 - added and HG, § 5-309(d) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 970 Delegate Wells**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – RENT INCREASE PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing a tenant's rent if the landlord violates a requirement that the landlord provide notification of an increase in rent; and prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions as a result of the inability to increase the tenant's rent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-209 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 971 Delegates Grossman and Wims**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY WAIVER AND SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION**

Authorizing a county board of education to waive a certain eligibility requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics at a certain Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association member school for students who attend certain public high schools; and requiring a county superintendent of schools to report to the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association the school enrollment of member schools in grades 9, 10, and 11 in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 972 Delegate Boyce**MOTOR VEHICLES – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES – CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS**

Clarifying and harmonizing certain provisions of law governing off-highway recreational vehicles and other similar off-highway motor vehicles; repealing the exception for certain off-highway recreational vehicles to the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle certificate of title; requiring a motor vehicle dealer that sells off-highway recreational vehicles to provide certain electronic motor vehicle titling services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, Various Sections - renumbered, added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 973 Delegate Valentine, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

Adding positive community feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit positive community feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; and requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is subject to public inspection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 4-311(c) and 4-351(a) - amended and PS, §§ 3-207(m) and 3-519.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 974 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY PG 306–24**

Increasing civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County that are second or subsequent violations or that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 975 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to enact local laws and adopt other measures to manage, direct, and regulate fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the County; authorizing the County Commissioners to authorize or create an entity or a body to administer the County's affairs in the County relating to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services; and requiring the County Commissioners to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Council to make certain recommendations under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 4-301 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 976 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE COMPANIES – APPROPRIATIONS**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to certain organized volunteer fire companies in the county certain amounts for fiscal years 2025 through 2030; and requiring that the appropriations required for fiscal year 2030 remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-304(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 977 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 12-411 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 978 Delegate Young, et al**COURTS – MARYLAND COURT TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MAINTAINING**

Establishing the Maryland Court Text Message System; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish, implement, and maintain the System; requiring the System to be made available to certain individuals; requiring an individual to opt in to receive text messages through the System; requiring the court to send out certain messages through the System; requiring the court to adhere to certain privacy and data protection and security standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 14-101 through 14-105 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary