



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2024

HB 1281 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; 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

LG, §§ 18-401 through 18-403, TG, § 4-104(g), and TP, §§ 9-268 and 9-269 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1282 Delegate Hartman, et al

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION (ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2024)

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 1283 Delegate Martinez, et al**INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION – SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

Prohibiting discrimination based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity by an insurer, an insurance producer, a surety insurer, and a health network when engaging in certain insurance-related business practices.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 27-501(a)(1) and (b), 27-502(a), (b), and (e), 27-503(d), and 27-910(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1284 Delegate Terrasa, et al**WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM – STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS**

Repealing an exemption for stream restoration projects from certain application fees for certain projects that impact a wetland or waterway; requiring a person applying for a wetlands and waterways authorization for a stream restoration project associated with achieving restoration goals to include in the authorization application certain objectives, standards, and plans; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain community engagement process before issuing a certain authorization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 5-203.1(b)(2)(iv) and NR, § 5-1602(b)(11) and (13) - amended, EN, § 5-203.2 - added, and NR, § 5-1602(b)(12) - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1285 Delegate McComas**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – REHABILITATION PRACTITIONERS – LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS**

Authorizing certain licensed social workers to register as a rehabilitation practitioner; and authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 9-6A-01(d), 9-6A-04(c), 9-6A-09, and 9-721(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1286 Delegate McComas**TASK FORCE TO PROPOSE THE MARYLAND STATE SONG**

Establishing the Task Force to Propose the Maryland State Song to recommend the adoption of a State song; and requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1287 The Speaker, et al**STATE AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS – EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS – SCHOOL LEADERSHIP COURSE OR PROGRAM**

Requiring, beginning July 1, 2024, an employment contract for the State Superintendent of Schools or county superintendents of schools to include a provision requiring the completion of a school leadership course or program during the initial term of office; and requiring a public institution of higher education to offer a virtual participation option to the State Superintendent or a county superintendent if they enroll in a school leadership course or program offered by the institution.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, §§ 2-302, 4-201, 4-201.1, and 4-304 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1288 Delegate McComas**ELECTION LAW – INITIATIVE PROCESS**

Authorizing the people to petition to a vote a proposal to add to, amend, and repeal the public general laws or the Maryland Constitution under certain circumstances and establishing the Initiative process; and requiring the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2024 for adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XVI-A, §§ 1 through 4 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1289 Delegate McComas**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK – DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

Altering the definition of “practice social work” to clarify the types of assessments that may be performed by a licensee, add biopsychosocial treatment as a treatment option, and clarify the scope of practice for individuals licensed as certified social worker–clinical; and authorizing the Board of Social Work Examiners to adopt regulations regarding requirements for engagement in additional acts of social work otherwise authorized by law but not specifically by the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 19-101(n)(1) and (5) and § 19-205 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1290 Delegate McComas, et al**PROTECTIVE ORDERS – COERCIVE CONTROL**

Authorizing a person to petition for a protective order against another person who the petitioner alleges has engaged in controlling or coercive behavior toward the petitioner; and defining “coercive control” as a pattern of emotional or psychological manipulation, maltreatment, threat of force, or intimidation used to compel an individual to act, or refrain from acting, against the individual’s will.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 4-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1291 Delegate Attar**SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF SPORTS WAGERING CONTENT – REQUIRED**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee’s sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 9-1E-17(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1292 Delegate Stonko, et al**OPTOMETRISTS – PRESCRIPTIONS FOR GLASSES AND CONTACT LENSES – PUPILLARY DISTANCE MEASUREMENT**

Requiring the prescribing optometrist to include, in each prescription for glasses or contact lenses provided to a patient, the pupillary distance measurement at no additional cost to the patient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 11-406 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1293 Delegate Woods**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON PROSTATE, LUNG, AND BREAST CANCER PREVENTION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a 3–year public education campaign on prostate, lung, and breast cancer prevention that targets communities disproportionately impacted by prostate, lung, and breast cancer on or before December 1, 2025; requiring the Department to implement the public education campaign on or before January 1, 2026; requiring the Governor to appropriate, in certain fiscal years, certain funding to the Department for the public information campaign from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 13-11A-01 - added and SF, § 7-317(f) and (g)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1294 Delegate Young**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS – INCOME TAX CREDIT AND SALES AND USE TAX**

Prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from issuing a tax credit certificate for the purchase of certain cybersecurity technologies or services for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2023; altering the definition of “digital product” under the State sales and use tax to include certain artificial intelligence tools; allowing a credit against the State income tax for costs paid or incurred by a qualified buyer for certain artificial intelligence tools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, §§ 10-733.1(d)(3) and 11-101(a-4) and (c-4) - amended and §§ 10-758 and 11-101(a-4) and (a-5) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1295 Delegate Lehman, et al**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APARTMENTS – AIR-CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to certain residential rental units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2024, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2024, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1296 Delegates Wilson and Crosby**ELECTRICITY – OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission on June 1, 2024 to open a revised Round 2 proceeding to evaluate certain offshore wind projects; authorizing certain offshore wind projects to submit certain revised plans for project schedules, sizes, or pricing, including offshore wind renewable energy credit pricing and, under certain circumstances, to seek approval from the Commission to increase the maximum amount of offshore wind renewable energy credits sold under a certain order, subject to certain limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PU, § 7-704.1(l) and (m) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1297 Delegate Young**EDUCATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GUIDELINES AND PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to develop and update guidelines on artificial intelligence for county boards of education and to develop a pilot program to support the Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; requiring the pilot program to identify best uses of artificial intelligence, reduce barriers to responsible use of artificial intelligence and promote training in artificial intelligence; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2204 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1298 Delegate Young**FAMILY LAW – PATERNITY – SURNAME (MARYLAND PATERNAL NAMING RIGHTS ACT)**

Authorizing the father of a child to file a petition to add the father's surname to the child's name under certain circumstances and establishing related court procedures; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to develop and update, as appropriate, a training program for judges presiding over petitions filed under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 5-1049 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1299 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MARYLAND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – TRADE OR COMMERCE VIOLATIONS**

Altering the applicability of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to include certain unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices in trade or commerce, including any economic activity within the State that involves or relates to any commodity or service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, Various Sections - amended and § 13-303(7) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1300 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RESTRICTION ON USE OF REAL PROPERTY – LIMITATION MC 8–24**

Providing that certain restrictions on use that prohibit the use of real property in Montgomery County for housing units otherwise authorized under law are void and unenforceable; and applying the Act retroactively to restrictions on use recorded before June 1, 1958.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 2-126 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1301 Delegate Baker, et al**WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING FIREARMS – BUSINESS SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a business that does not want firearms on the business's property to post a clear and conspicuous sign at the main or any secondary entrance of the business at least 24 inches from the edge of the entryway and 4 feet off the ground.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 4-111(a), (d), and (f) through (i) - amended and § 4-111(f) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1302 Delegates Valderrama and Harrison**COSMETOLOGISTS – ESTHETIC SERVICES – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include certain services and to provide that it does not include the diagnosis of illness, disease, or injury or performing ablation of the dermis or hypodermis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 5-101(o) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1303 Delegates Grossman and Kaufman**ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – COMPENSATION**

Requiring that regular and substitute members of local boards of elections be paid certain amounts per day served for the canvass, election day, and in connection with a contested election; and requiring, if the amount of compensation paid to a regular member is less than a certain minimum amount at the end of a fiscal year, the county to pay the regular member the difference between the amount paid and the minimum annual amount.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EL, § 2-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1304 Delegate Kaiser, et al

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to provide information on the State's earned income tax credits to individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services administered by the departments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 15-102.1(b)(18) and (19) - amended and Various Sections - added and HU, § 2-304 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1305 Washington County Delegation

STATE PERSONNEL – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFITS

Requiring that employees of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services supporting a State correctional facility who serve in the classification of lieutenant, captain, major, or case management supervisor or manager receive proportionate pay increases that are otherwise limited to certain bargaining unit employees; and requiring that these employees of the Department receive retention and longevity benefits that are limited to other classifications if the employee would otherwise be eligible for the benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 8-204 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1306 Delegate Fair

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to impose the admissions and amusement tax on certain gross receipts derived from the sale of food or beverages; prohibiting the imposition of the admissions and amusement tax on certain sales of food or beverages; establishing a maximum tax rate of 2% that a county or a municipal corporation may set on the sale of food or beverages; and providing that a certain combined maximum tax rate does not include a tax rate on the sale of food or beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, §§ 4-101, 4-102(b) and (c), 4-103(b), and 4-105(b) - amended and § 4-105(a-2) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1307 Delegate Phillips, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – VISITATION REEVALUATIONS AND REMEDIES**

Authorizing a parent to petition a court for an emergency hearing to reevaluate a visitation schedule if the other parent fails to comply with a court-ordered visitation schedule without just cause; and requiring and authorizing a court to take certain actions as a result of a parent's failure to comply with a court-ordered visitation schedule.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1308 Delegates Wivell and Valentine**REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENT WITH FALSE INFORMATION – PENALTIES AND ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE**

Prohibiting a person from recording a deed or other instrument that the person knows contains false information; establishing a 3-year limitation on when a prosecution for a violation of the Act may be commenced; establishing a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing a court to award certain costs and attorney's fees in an action to quiet title if the action or a defense to an action is based on the alleged recordation of a deed containing false information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-106(gg) and RP, § 3-104.2 - added and RP, § 14-617 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1309 Delegate Lopez**TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAYS – PROJECT APPROVAL**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to provide comments on an application for a development project within 30 days after the complete project application is received.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 8-601 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1310 Delegate Attar**BALTIMORE CITY COORDINATED YOUTH VIOLENCE REVIEW AND RESPONSE TEAM**

Establishing the Baltimore City Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team to examine and prevent violence against youth through intensive case management; requiring that the review team be provided with access to certain information and records; establishing certain closed meeting, confidentiality, and disclosure requirements for certain information and records; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, §§ 31-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1311 Delegate McComas**CRIMINAL LAW – OBSCENE MATERIAL – DEVICE FILTERS**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, all devices activated in the State to enable a certain filter to prevent minors from accessing obscene material; prohibiting a certain person from deactivating the filter; providing that a manufacturer of a device and certain persons are subject to civil and criminal liability for certain conduct related to device filters; authorizing the Attorney General to take certain actions against persons who violate the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1312 Delegate Anderton**WICOMICO COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION ON ROADWAY SOLICITATIONS**

Prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-507(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1313 Delegate Anderton**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP
– 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS**

Authorizing certain individuals who are employed as 9–1–1 specialists and certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as employees of a participating governmental unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 31-2A-01, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-04, and 31-2A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1314 Delegate Chisholm, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REPORTS – FILING
FEES (RIGHT TO START ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to waive the filing fee for certain annual reports for the first year that certain business entities are in existence; requiring that 25% of the fees collected be credited to the Child Care Scholarship Program Presumptive Eligibility Fund; requiring that for fiscal year 2025 25% of the fees collected be distributed to the Department of Education to provide grants under the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CA, § 1-203(b)(13) - amended and § 1-203(f) - added and ED, § 9.5-113(c)(6)(v) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1315 Delegate Chisholm, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ELECTRICITY GENERATION
FACILITIES – PREMATURE RETIREMENT (KEEP THE LIGHTS ON
ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to consider certain factors before authorizing or approving any agreement related to the premature retirement of an electricity generation facility; establishing a rebuttable presumption that an electricity generation facility should not be prematurely retired; and prohibiting the Commission from authorizing or approving an agreement related to the premature retirement of an electricity generation facility under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 7-218 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1316 Delegate Chisholm, et al**REAL PROPERTY – HOLDING OVER – EXPEDITED HEARING AND SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER**

Requiring a District Court to hold a hearing on a tenant holding over within 30 days after a landlord makes a complaint if the landlord or the landlord's spouse is on active duty with the United States military; and authorizing a licensed private detective agency to serve a summons if the constable or sheriff fails to serve the summons within 10 days after the summons is issued by the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1317 Delegate Atterbary**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – USE OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS BY SCHOOLS**

Requiring elementary schools, secondary schools, and county school systems to use certain funds received for services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program to provide certain positions, internships, and stipends.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1318 Delegate Boyce**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SURCHARGE AND WASTED FOOD REDUCTION AND DIVERSION FUND AND GRANT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities for on-farm organics recycling and compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; establishing a solid waste disposal surcharge of \$2 per ton of solid waste processed by a refuse disposal system for final disposal; establishing the Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion Grant Program in the Department of the Environment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, EN, and SF, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1319 Delegate Atterbearn**INTERNET GAMING – AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-206(f) - amended and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-11 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1320 Delegate Stein, et al**BAY RESTORATION FUND – DISBURSEMENT AND USE OF FUND**

Altering the disbursement of certain fee revenue deposited into the Bay Restoration Fund in a certain manner; and authorizing certain fee revenue deposited into the Fund to be used for certain costs attributable to the testing, engineering, or design of a certain on-site sewage disposal system and for installing or replacing the drain field of a certain on-site sewage disposal system that utilizes the best available technology for the removal of nitrogen.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1321 Charles County Delegation**LAND USE – SOUTHERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS – PROPERTY DEDICATION AND FEE**

Authorizing a Southern Maryland code county to provide in the county's subdivision regulations for a dedication of real property for recreation, or the payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, to be used by the county for the purchase, development, and improvement of real property for recreational facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, § 1-403 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1322 Delegate Fisher, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS – EXEMPTION**

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale price exceed \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-214.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1323 Delegates Wivell and Valentine**COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – MARYLAND SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM**

Altering, clarifying, and expanding certain provisions of law relating to the immunity from liability of a parent who leaves an unharmed newborn with a responsible adult within 60 days of the birth under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Services to develop, implement, and maintain a public information program to inform the public about the Maryland Safe Haven Program; and requiring the Secretary of Human Services to submit a report to the General Assembly about the Maryland Safe Haven Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-641 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1324 Delegate Wivell, et al**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES – ALTERATION**

Expanding eligibility for the homestead property tax credit to include additional residences.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-105(a), (c)(1) and (4), (d), (f), (g), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1325 Delegate Addison**INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS – ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a public library, a recipient of a certain award from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department, a public housing agency, a county, or a municipality from requiring an individual experiencing homelessness to provide a current address in certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 23-411 - added, HS, § 4-2905 - amended and § 1-103 - added, and LG, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1326 Delegate Atterbear**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – TEACHERS – RETENTION AND SUPPORT POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND TRAINING**

Requiring each county board of education to adopt a new teacher retention policy; altering the content required to be included in certain teacher support and retention guidelines developed by the State Board of Education; and altering the content required to be included in a certain school leadership training program developed by the State Department of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board by reviewing the benefits to students from access to diverse, high quality teachers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added and §§ 6-119 and 6-124 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1327 Delegate Martinez**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – BODY ALTERING AESTHETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Establishing the Body Altering Aesthetics Advisory Committee within the Maryland Department of Health to study whether the current health occupations licensing and certification system adequately regulates the body altering aesthetics industry in the State; and requiring the Advisory Committee to submit interim findings by December 1, 2024, and a final report with any recommended regulatory or legislative changes by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5207 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1328 Delegates Ziegler and Crosby**SOLAR ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE – DEVELOPMENT AND STATE PROCUREMENT**

Authorizing a county to enact a local law creating a conservation and restoration fund for a certain purpose; establishing the Utility–Scale Solar Design and Siting Commission in the Power Plant Research Program to provide recommendations related to solar energy development and land conservation and preservation; requiring the owner or operator of a certain solar energy generating station to plant and maintain a certain cover crop on certain land and submit a certain vegetation management plan to a certain entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 12-905, NR, § 3-306.2, PU, §§ 7-215.1 and 7-216.2, SF, § 4-325, and SG, § 9-2016 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 1329 Delegate Attar**DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDITS**

Authorizing individuals under supervision by a private home detention monitoring agency to receive earned compliance credits; requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to provide a report of an individual's compliance to the Division of Parole and Probation during the monitoring period; and establishing certain minimum elements to be included in the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 6-117 and BOP, § 20-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1330 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – UNDERAGE EMPLOYEES**

Lowering, from 18 to 16 years of age, the minimum age of an individual that may be employed by a license holder in Allegany County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 9-1902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1331 Delegate Taveras**HEALTH INSURANCE – MASSAGE THERAPY – REQUIRED COVERAGE AND PROHIBITED COST SHARING**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for massage therapy; and prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage for massage therapy.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1332 Delegate Valentine, et al**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STUDY ON LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING INCARCERATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-618 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1333 Delegate Pena–Melnyk**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY – MEMBERSHIP AND STATEWIDE HEALTH EQUITY PLAN**

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to develop and monitor the statewide health equity plan required under a cooperative grant funding agreement with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation; and requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to coordinate with the Maryland Department of Health and the Health Services Cost Review Commission when establishing a certain advisory committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-4301 and 13-4303 through 13-4306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1334 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. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HS, § 4-511 and Chapters 639 and 640 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1335 Delegate Szeliga**RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST-APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY’S AND CHRISTIAN’S LAW)**

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person, unless a court for good cause shown waives the requirement to appear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1336 Delegate Ghrist**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY EXPENDITURES – SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEES**

Increasing a certain annual appropriation for certain school safety expenditures for fiscal year 2026 and further increasing the annual appropriation for certain school safety expenditures beginning in fiscal year 2027; altering the allocation of certain grant funds to be based on student enrollment; and authorizing local school systems to use certain funds for school security employees.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-1508(h) - renumbered, § 7-1508(g) - amended, and § 7-1508(h) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1337 Delegate Woods**HEALTH INSURANCE – APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES PROCESS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKGROUP**

Requiring carriers to report additional data on the number of members entitled to health care benefits under a policy, plan, or certificate and the number of claims for reimbursement processed by a carrier to Maryland Health Commissioner; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Health Education and Advocacy Unit of the Office of the Attorney General jointly to establish a workgroup to study the appeals and grievances process of health insurance claims and submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-10A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1338 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD – TERM LENGTH – ALTERATION HO. CO. 15–24**

Limiting the term of a member serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to 3 years; and authorizing members currently serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to complete their terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, § 2-504.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1339 Delegate Reilly, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEARING AIDS FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage for certain hearing aids for adults; authorizing a limit on the benefit payable of \$1,400 per hearing aid every 36 months; and authorizing an insured or enrollee to choose a certain hearing aid and pay a certain amount for the hearing aid without financial or contractual penalty to the provider of the hearing aid.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-838 - amended and § 15-838.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1340 Delegate Anderton**WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MONOPOLY OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND DISPENSARY – REPEAL**

Repealing the monopoly of the Liquor Control Board for Wicomico County and its dispensaries on the sale and distribution of certain liquor at wholesale in the county; authorizing the holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages from a dispensary or a wholesaler; repealing the prohibition on delivery of certain liquor by certain wholesalers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 32-309, 32-501, 32-901(e), 32-902(e), 32-903(d), and 32-1003(c) - amended and §§ 32-306 and 32-504 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1341 Delegate Anderton**WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – PURCHASES FROM LICENSED WHOLESALERS AND SELF-DISTRIBUTION**

Authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to purchase liquor for retail sale from a licensed wholesaler; and authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license holder that has been issued a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell certain products manufactured under the distillery license in a manner consistent with the underlying Class B license for on-and off-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 32-902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1342 Delegate Feldmark**ELECTIONS – BALLOT QUESTIONS – PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LAWS AND PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY**

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each applicable local board of elections to post the complete text and a plain language summary of certain proposed language or enactments relating to certain ballot questions for at least 65 days before the general election; requiring that a statement of purpose of a ballot question be written in plain easily understandable language; and prohibiting the questions from appearing on the ballot unless the proposed language or the enactment has been written.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 7-102, 7-103(b), and 7-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1343 Delegate Attar**ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – PLAIN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that a certain statement included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained not higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 6-103(b), 6-201(c), and 7-103(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1344 Delegate Howard, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG-TERM CARE PREMIUMS**

Altering a limitation on claiming the income tax credit for eligible long-term care insurance premiums for more than 1 year with respect to the same insured individual; altering the amount of the credit from a one-time \$500 credit to a maximum of \$250 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2027, and a maximum of \$500 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2026; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1345 Harford County Delegation**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; requiring the Governor when appointing members to the Board to consider the geographic and ethnic representation of Harford County so all segments of the population of the county are represented on the Board; altering certain meeting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, § 16-408 - amended and § 16-408.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1346 Delegates Clippinger and Pena–Melnyk**COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS AND COMMITMENT ORDERS –
MODIFICATION**

Altering the procedures related to competency evaluations, including by requiring the Maryland Department of Health, rather than the court, to determine the basis on which a defendant will be examined; altering the definition of “designated health care facility” for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing the commitment of defendants who are found to be incompetent to stand trial; and extending the time period from 10 to 30 business days in which the Department is required to admit defendants who are found to be incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 3-105 and 3-106(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1347 Delegate Hinebaugh, et al**STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND –
ALTERATION AND EXTENSION**

Altering the amount of an appropriation the Governor is required to make to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund, from \$1,000,000 each fiscal year to \$2,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating to the purpose, use, and funding of the Fund, from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 8-205 and Chapter 698 of the Acts of 2018, § 3, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1348 Delegate Feldmark**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION OF CREDIT
PERCENTAGE – SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Altering the calculation of the homestead property tax credit percentage if more than 50% of a homeowner’s household income is composed of Social Security benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1349 Delegate Arentz**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE
– EXCLUSION OF INHERITED PROPERTY**

Excluding from a decedent's augmented estate the value of any property inherited by the decedent when calculating the estate from which a surviving spouse may elect to take a certain share.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 3-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1350 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – BOARD MEMBER
TERMS AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION HO. CO. 2–24**

Altering the terms of the members of the Howard County Board of Education; and establishing the Howard County Board of Education Compensation Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, §§ 28-1A-01 through 28-1A-07 - renumbered and §§ 28-1A-01 through 28-1A-08 - added and ED, §§ 3-701(d)(2) and 3-703 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1351 Delegate Howard, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – LYME DISEASE AND RELATED TICK–
BORNE ILLNESSES – LONG–TERM ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for the full length of long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from placing a quantitative limit on or denying coverage for benefits required under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1352 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – BOARD OF EDUCATION HO. CO. 1–24

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish a system of public campaign financing for members of the county board of education.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1353 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS – RANKED–CHOICE VOTING HO. CO. 6–24

Authorizing the Howard County Council to adopt a ranked–choice voting method for elections for the Howard County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EL, §§ 8-101 and 9-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1354 Delegate Howard, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VETERANS’ DAY – EXCUSED STUDENT ABSENCE

Requiring public schools to excuse any student’s absence from school for observance of Veterans’ Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1355 Delegate Hill, et al**ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2029, a person from disposing of a mattress in a landfill, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2029, a person from disposing of a mattress in an incinerator, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain producers of mattresses sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Mattress Stewardship Program in the Department of the Environment for approval on or before July 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1356 Howard County Delegation**CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE BOARD OR COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN A VILLAGE OF COLUMBIA – REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS HO. CO. 10–24**

Requiring each village community association for a village of Columbia to require each candidate for election to the village board or the Columbia Council who receives donations or makes disbursements to file reports of the donations and disbursements with the village community association; requiring each village community association to make the reports of donations and disbursements available to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

RP, § 11B-106.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1357 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 7-521 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1358 Delegate Ruff, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – ESTABLISHMENT OF GWYNNNS FALLS STATE PARK

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish Gwynns Falls State Park as a partnership park between the Department and Baltimore City; requiring that Gwynns Falls State Park consist of certain properties owned by the State and designated by the Department to be administered as part of the State park; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

NR, § 5-1012(f-1) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1359 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

FACILITIES – DISABILITIES AND JUVENILES – COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLANS

Requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Department of Juvenile Services governing juvenile care facilities and juvenile detention facilities include a requirement for the establishment, implementation, and review of certain community relations plans that include descriptions of certain processes and procedures; and requiring certain State residential centers and private group homes to establish, implement, and revise certain community relations plans.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 7-501 and 7-610 and HU, §§ 9-234 and 9-237 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1360 Delegate Howard, et al**SCHOOL BUS TRANSITION – PROPANE-POWERED SCHOOL BUSES – GRANT PROGRAM, FUND, AND PURCHASE**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to funding and grants to transition to zero-emission vehicle school buses to include propane-powered school buses; and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in fiscal year 2030, to enter into a new contract for the purchase of school buses that are propane-powered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 2-1501 through 2-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1361 Delegate Wu, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHANGING CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE TO COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE ACT**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Various Aspects of Changing Contributory Negligence to Comparative Negligence; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1362 Delegate Valderrama, et al**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Cosmetologists by adding one licensed esthetician and decreasing the number of consumer members from two to one.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 5-202(a), (c), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1363 Delegates Valderrama and Wu**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content standards for a unit of instruction on Asian American history in public schools in the State; requiring each county board of education to implement the Asian American history curriculum content standards in each public school in the county beginning in the 2025–2026 school year; and requiring each county superintendent of schools to ensure compliance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1364 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PEOPLE’S COUNSEL FOR LAND USE PLANNING PG/MC 112–24**

Requiring the County Executive of Montgomery County to appoint a People’s Counsel for Land Use Planning to represent the public interest of county residents in land use proceedings, to ensure fairness to certain populations, and to ensure that a complete public record is established for certain proceedings; establishing the qualifications and responsibilities of the People’s Counsel; prohibiting the People’s Counsel from representing a private individual or group in certain proceedings; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, § 18-103 - amended and § 24-401 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1365 Delegates Valderrama and Boafo**STATE AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND STATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS – PROMPT PAYMENT AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a private construction contract to include a provision requiring the owner to pay the contractor within 45 days after the receipt of a proper invoice following completion of the work or, if the owner withholds all or part of an amount invoiced, to send a certain notification to the contractor; requiring a contract between a contractor and a subcontractor on a private or State construction contract to include a provision requiring the contractor to pay the subcontractor within 7 days after receipt of payment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 17-601 and SF, § 15-104 - amended and BR, § 17-604 and SF, § 13-228 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 1366 Delegate Roberson, et al**STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – COSTS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

Providing that a State correctional facility is responsible for the payment of costs charged by a telephone service provider under certain circumstances; providing that a State correctional facility and a telephone service provider may not charge an incarcerated individual or a third party under certain circumstances; and providing that an incarcerated individual's access to or use of telephone equipment and telephone services may not supplant time that the incarcerated individual is entitled to in-person visitation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CS, § 10-503(a)(2) - amended and § 10-802 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1367 Delegate Valderrama**PUBLIC UTILITIES – CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES**

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission before beginning construction of an energy storage device with a minimum energy storage capacity of 1 megawatt; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 7-207(a), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1)(i), (2), and (3)(ii), (e), and (h)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1368 Delegate Martinez**HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLINICIAN–ADMINISTERED DRUGS AND RELATED SERVICES**

Prohibiting certain health insurance entities from taking certain actions with respect to the dispensing of clinician–administered drugs and related services; and authorizing certain health insurance entities to allow the use of a certain pharmacy or infusion site for an insured or an enrollee to obtain certain clinician–administered drugs and related services.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-847(d) - amended and §§ 15-2201 through 15-2203 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1369 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 200 (INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR) MC 11–24**

Authorizing the placement and use by the Maryland Transportation Authority of not more than four speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(a)(2) and (5), (b)(1)(i), (v) through (viii), and (x), (4)(i), (5), and (6), (d)(5), (i), (j)(2), and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1370 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL PERSONNEL TRAINING – RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION MC 22–24**

Requiring Montgomery County Public Schools to require training for school personnel on the prevention of antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of religious discrimination.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1371 Delegate Wu**OFF-SHORE BANKING ZONE AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTER TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Off-Shore Banking Zone and International Financial Center Task Force to recommend legislation to develop an off-shore special banking zone and an international financial center in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 15, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1372 Delegate Martinez**HEALTH AND TAXATION – DIGITAL SOCIAL MEDIA SERVICES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth as to support improved access to mental health care services to children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the tax; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the tax in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 10-209 - added and SF and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1373 Delegate Fisher**CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS – PILOT PROGRAM AND WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Extracurricular Activities for Homeschooled Students Pilot Program in Calvert County to allow homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by public schools in the county; establishing the Workgroup to Study Access to Extracurricular Activities in Calvert County Public Schools for Homeschooled Students; and requiring the Workgroup issue a report of its findings and recommendations by December 3, 2024.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1374 Delegates Embry and Boyce**ENVIRONMENT – CREMATORY – SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITS**

Prohibiting a person from locating a new crematory within 1,000 feet of an assisted living or nursing facility, a property that primarily serves children, or a residential property that is designed primarily for human habitation; and prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a certain permit to a crematory under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 2-407 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1375 Delegate Rosenberg**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – IDENTIFICATION OF AND INVESTMENT IN OVERBURDENED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024, relating to the identification of overburdened and underserved communities, the percentage of spending for certain investments that benefited overburdened and underserved communities during the prior fiscal year within certain governmental entities, and certain recommendations on improving the identification of and provision of assistance to overburdened and underserved communities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, § 1-701(a)(1) - amended and § 1-703 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1376 Delegate Rosenberg

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, managed care organizations, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for a special administrative day at a special pediatric hospital; prohibiting the Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, managed care organizations, certain health insurers and health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring certain prior authorization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 15-101(l) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and (xxiii) - amended and Various Sections - added and IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1377 Delegate Pippy

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY AND DISTILLERY LICENSES

Establishing in Frederick County a Class DBR brewery license and a Class DDS distillery license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue to the holder of a certain brewery license a Class DBR license to sell certain amounts of beer for on- and off-premises consumption; authorizing the Board to issue to the holder of a certain distillery license a Class DDS license to sell certain amounts of alcoholic beverages for on- and off-premises consumption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-401 - amended and §§ 20-407 and 20-408 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1378 Delegate Wivell, et al**TASK FORCE ON WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER GOVERNANCE**

Establishing the Task Force on Washington County Regional Water and Wastewater Governance to study the water supply, wastewater treatment, and approaches to water and wastewater governance in Washington County; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$750,000 in the fiscal year 2026 budget bill for the completion of the report; and requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations by July 1, 2026.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1379 Delegates Adams and Arentz**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of General Services, in consultation with the University System of Maryland and the Department of the Environment, to establish a Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Program in the Department on or before January 1, 2025; requiring the Department, in consultation with the University System of Maryland and the Department of the Environment, to issue a certain solicitation for a renewable natural gas contract; authorizing the Department to enter into a contract to procure renewable natural gas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 4-325 and 4-326 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1380 Delegate Fisher**CALVERT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Calvert County Board of Education to collect and update the data required for the federal Civil Rights Data Collection survey each year, collect certain other incident data from each public school and each school bus in the county, and submit a certain report to the Calvert County Delegation on or before February 26 each year; and requiring the county board to submit a certain report to the Calvert County Commissioners and to post certain information on the county board's website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1381 Delegate Reilly**EDUCATION – PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – PAYMENTS TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS AND BUILDING USE**

Altering the definition of prekindergarten enrollment for private prekindergarten providers; requiring the State Department of Education to forward fund the State and local share or provide a pay guarantee of not greater than 30 days for certain prekindergarten funding; authorizing a county board of education and an eligible private prekindergarten provider to utilize certain spaces for prekindergarten; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-229 and 7-1A-07 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1382 Delegate Fisher**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – METHODIST CHURCH TRUST REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that the assets of any Methodist Church be held in trust for the United Methodist Church and be subject to the control of the Church; repealing a provision of law providing that the absence of a trust clause in any deed or conveyance executed before June 1, 1953, does not exclude certain local churches from certain provisions of law or responsibilities related to the United Methodist Church; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 5-326 and 5-327 - repealed and § 5-328 - renumbered

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1383 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 3–24

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to publish a policy on or before January 1, 2025, concerning the inclusion and use of liquidated damages provisions in procurement contracts; requiring each student transportation procurement contract entered into by the Howard County Board of Education and valued at \$1,000,000 or more to include a liquidated damages clause consistent with the policy, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain documentation of a decision not to pursue certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1384 Calvert County Delegation

CALVERT COUNTY – COUNTY TREASURER – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to remove the County Treasurer from office under certain circumstances; and providing that actions taken or not taken by the County Treasurer within 1 year before the effective date of the Act may provide a basis for the County Commissioners to remove the County Treasurer from office after the effective date of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, §§ 3-101 and 3-103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1385 Delegate Feldmark

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROVIDERS – RESIDENT AND CONDITIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATES

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a resident early childhood teaching certificate and a conditional early childhood teaching certificate for teachers who meet certain criteria in eligible publicly funded prekindergarten programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-1A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1386 Delegate AtterbearyEDUCATION – EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION STUDY – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring each county board of education and certain nonpublic schools to provide each employee with training on the prevention of antisemitism and Islamophobia each year; requiring institutions of higher education to include specific training on the prevention of antisemitism and Islamophobia in required cultural diversity training; and requiring the State Department of Education to contract with a consultant to conduct an independent study and assessment of Holocaust education in middle and high school instruction in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-129 - added and § 11-406(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1387 Delegate Adams, et alPRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PREMIUM
INCREASES – COLLISIONS WITH WILD ANIMALS

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing a premium based on the claims history of an insured where two or fewer of the claims within the immediately preceding 3-year period were for accidents or losses caused by a collision with a free-roaming wild animal and for which the insured was not at fault for the loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 27-501(k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1388 Delegate HillLABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF
INTEREST CLAUSES – VETERINARY AND HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONALS

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; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-716 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Environment and Transportation

HB 1389 Delegate Lehman

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH BENEFIT

Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 1-202 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1390 Delegate Harris

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Repealing the provision of law that would have repealed the School Safety Grant Program on June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapter 679 of the Acts of 2023, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1391 Delegate Valderrama, et al

VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

Altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals by increasing, from \$120,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of the local impact grant to be paid to the Town of Forest Heights.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 9-1A-31(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1392 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**COURTS – IMPAIRED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – EXPERT WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE**

Authorizing certain police officers to testify as expert witnesses on the ultimate issue of impairment in cases involving driving a vehicle or operating a vessel while impaired by drugs; establishing a certain presumption in cases involving driving a vehicle or operating a vessel while impaired by a drug; and generally relating to driving a vehicle or operating a vessel while impaired by drugs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 9-125 - added and § 10-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1393 Delegate Crosby**ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING – SCOPE AND FUNDING**

Altering the scope of certain policy goals with regard to energy systems; requiring the Public Service Commission to report on certain projects relating to certain goals; altering the scope of certain funds that may be used for certain projects related to the electric system; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations or issue rules to require pursuit of federal funds in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations to require investment in certain demand-side reliability and efficiency improvement methods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-804 and LE, § 3-416 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1394 Delegate Crosby**EDUCATION – PROVISION OF 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE AND SAFE SCHOOLS MARYLAND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Requiring, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, each county board of education to provide students in grades six through twelve with the telephone numbers of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Safe Schools Maryland anonymous tip line by printing the telephone numbers prominently in the school handbook and printing the telephone numbers on a student's school identification card, if provided.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-431 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1395 Delegate Howard, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – OMBUDSMAN
– ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire an ombudsman before the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year; requiring the president of the county board, in consultation with counsel for the county board, to negotiate the terms of the employment agreement for the ombudsman; providing that the ombudsman is subject to removal by the president of the county board under certain circumstances; requiring the ombudsman to provide certain services; and providing that the salary of the ombudsman is \$120,000.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-2A-09 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1396 Delegate Howard, et al

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAMS – DISCHARGE OF
PATIENTS AND REFERRAL SERVICES – STANDARDS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish by regulation standards relating to the discharge of patients from drug and alcohol treatment programs and certain referral services offered to patients by certain drug and alcohol treatment programs.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HG, § 7.5-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1397 Delegate Simmons, et al

HUMAN RELATIONS – DISCRIMINATION – PROTECTED
CHARACTERISTICS

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, CJ, CR, ED, HG, HO, HS, HU, IN, LE, LU, PU, RP, SF, and TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1398 Delegate Chang, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services for a certain time period at certain animal shelters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-1502 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1399 Delegate Kaiser**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RESIDENT AGENT – PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include the name, physical mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number for the resident agent for each entity required to designate a resident agent as part of the publicly available information about the entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 1-208(e) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1400 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT USE OF FORCE – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a student to take reasonable action necessary to prevent violence on school premises or on a school-sponsored trip; authorizing a student to use reasonable force necessary to protect themselves or escape an attack under certain circumstances; requiring the principal or school administration to investigate each student use of force incident; and prohibiting a school from disciplining a student under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-307(a) - amended and § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1401 Delegate Reilly, et al

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Establishing the School Psychologist Recruitment Program within the State Department of Education to provide professional development programs and aid for a certification fee to school psychologists and individuals seeking to become school psychologists and to reimburse school psychologists for professional conference expenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-129 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1402 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE PERSONNEL – APPLICATION OF COUNTY PERSONNEL LAWS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MC 12–24

Requiring that certain employees of the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office be subject to the Montgomery County personnel laws governing county employees; authorizing certain employees of the Office to organize and bargain collectively for terms and conditions of employment; requiring, for purposes of collective bargaining, the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County State’s Attorney to be considered the employer of certain employees of the Office for certain purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 15-416(g) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1403 Delegate McCaskill

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES – AGE OF CHILDREN IN CARE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the age of children in family child care homes and large family child care homes, from under the age of 2 years to under the age of 15 months, under which certain limitations on the number of children in care and certain adult to child ratios apply.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 9.5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1404 Delegate Ghrist, et al**ENVIRONMENT – STORAGE OF DISSOLVED AIR FLOTATION BY-PRODUCTS – LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a political subdivision to enact a certain local law or ordinance regarding the storage of dissolved air flotation by-products that is equal to or more stringent than the permit requirements for a sewage sludge utilization permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 9-701 - amended, § 9-720 - repealed, and § 9-731 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1405 Delegate Metzgar**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and offer an apprenticeship program in skilled trades for incarcerated individuals; establishing the purpose of the program is to assist incarcerated individuals to develop marketable job skills and to earn money that can be used once the individual is released from incarceration; authorizing the Department to pay all or part of an incarcerated individuals wages to a spouse, child or other dependent in need of financial support; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, §§ 3-901 through 3-908 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1406 Delegate Roberson**VEHICLE LAWS – DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – POINTS ASSESSMENTS**

Imposing assessments of 12 points for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TR, § 16-402(a)(44) and (45) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1407 Delegate Wilson**COUNTY TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES – GENERATING SYSTEMS, CAPACITY, AND GENERATION – PROHIBITION, STUDIES, AND PLANS**

Prohibiting counties from establishing zoning laws or other regulations that restrict or prohibit the construction or operation of Tier 1 renewable source generating systems or facilities; requiring the Public Service Commission to study the electricity demand in each county and determine the amount of capacity of, and energy generation from, Tier 1 renewable sources needed in each county for the State to meet certain renewable energy portfolio standard requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and LU, § 4-211.1 and PU, § 7-703.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1408 Delegate Rosenberg**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION**

Permitting a vendor and purchaser of residential property to rescind a contract of sale at any time before the distribution of trust money at closing if certain disclosures are not made and the contract is assigned to another person; and requiring an escrow agent to distribute trust money in a contract of sale for residential property to a party that rescinds the contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 10-714 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1409 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – DEFINITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “public school employee” to include supervisory noncertificated employees in Dorchester County for purposes of collective bargaining.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-401(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1410 Delegate Howard, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMITTEE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE TO IMPACT POLICY ON HOMELESSNESS

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Committee of Individuals With Lived Experience to Impact Policy on Homelessness to study and make recommendations that would ensure individuals with lived experiences of homelessness are able to provide input on the development of policies and services related to low-income housing and homelessness; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HS, § 2-501 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1411 Delegate Howard

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – CORRECTIONAL NURSERY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Correctional Nursery Program to allow eligible incarcerated individuals and children born to them while in custody to reside together in a correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1412 Delegate Lopez**ABORTION CARE ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Abortion Care Access Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care services for individuals in the State; establishing the Abortion Care Access Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care services under certain circumstances.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, HG, and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1413 Delegate Alston, et al**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Prince George's Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring, on or before October 31, 2026, the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, §§ 12-1101 through 12-1106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1414 Delegate Fair**ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – LICENSURE, INDOOR USE, AND TAXATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the grounds for disciplining the holder of an electronic smoking devices license or license applicant; altering the scope of the Clean Indoor Act and other provisions of law prohibiting smoking indoors to also prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices; and increasing the sales and use tax on certain electronic smoking devices from 12% to 30%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BR, § 16.7-207, HG, §§ 24-205, 24-501, and 24-505, LE, § 5-608, PU, § 9-206, and TG, § 11-104(j) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 1415 Delegate Smith**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – REPORT**

Requiring each county board of education to submit a report on community schools to the State Department of Education on or before December 1, 2024; and requiring the Department to submit a report summarizing the reports received from county boards to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 1416 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CREATION OF PIMLICO SITE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority to create a community development plan to develop the Pimlico site property that does not include the racing facility site, conduct a certain economic market study, and hold a certain design competition for the site; requiring the Authority to consult with certain stakeholders during each phase of planning, designing, and developing the site; requiring the Authority to submit the community development plan for review and approval from certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, §§ 10-622.6 and 10-625(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1417 Delegate Amprey**ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION ACT**

Establishing the Commission for Economic Justice and Racial Reconciliation to study racial disparities in wealth and resources as a result of tax laws and systems in place in the State from the Reconstruction Era through the enactment of and subsequent amendments to the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1418 Delegate Miller**PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS – START TIME FOR INSTRUCTION – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, a public middle school to begin instruction not before 8 a.m. and a public high school to begin instruction not earlier than 8:30 a.m. unless granted a waiver by the county board of education under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1419 Delegate Amprey**CRIMINAL LAW – DEED FRAUD – PROHIBITION AND DEED FRAUD PREVENTION GRANT FUND**

Prohibiting the intentional fraudulent sale, conveyance, or lease or attempted sale, conveyance, or lease of real property by a person who does not own the real property; prohibiting the acquisition, sale, or conveyance or the attempted acquisition, sale, or conveyance of real property by deception, intimidation, threat, or undue influence; requiring the Department of State Police to disaggregate certain data collected for the Uniform Crime Report; and establishing the Deed Fraud Prevention Grant Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, PS, and SF, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1420 Delegate Kaiser

CYBERSECURITY – OFFICE OF PEOPLE’S COUNSEL, PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AND MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL

Requiring the Office of People’s Counsel to hire at least one assistant people’s counsel with cybersecurity expertise to perform certain duties; requiring certain public service companies to engage with a third party to conduct an assessment that analyzes certain critical software; requiring a certain certification to be submitted to the Office of People’s Counsel; requiring certain regulations adopted by the Public Service Commission to include cyber resilience; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, §§ 2-203(a)(2), 5-306, and 7-213(a) and (e)(1) and SG, § 9-2901(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1421 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson

FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS – GENE STRUCTURE– AND FUNCTION–MODIFYING PRODUCTS – LABELING

Prohibiting a person from offering for sale in the State a gene structure– or function–modifying product unless the product is labeled in a prominent and conspicuous manner with the words “Gene structure– or function–modifying product” and all potential risks, side effects, adverse effects, and other reasonably possible effects that the product may have; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 21-3A-01 through 21-3A-04 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1422 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson

HUMAN RELATIONS – PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION – GENETIC PROCEDURES

Prohibiting discrimination based on an individual’s refusal to undergo a genetic procedure in education, public accommodations, commercial leasing, housing, and employment and by certain licensed or regulated persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 20-101(f) and (g) - added, § 20-101(f) through (i) - renumbered, and Various Sections - amended and SP, § 2-302 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1423 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY, FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS, AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO TREAT SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail–first protocol for drugs to treat certain mental illnesses or a medication–induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of a serious mental illness.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-155 and IN, § 15-851.1 - added and IN, § 15-142 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1424 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF CLASS A LICENSES

Clarifying that, with certain exceptions, not more than one license may be issued in a single jurisdiction to an individual; and increasing from one to four, subject to a certain exception, the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the State to an individual for a certain use.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1425 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

COMMERCIAL LAW – EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES

Requiring a certain provider of earned wage access services to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring a provider to file a certain surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit with the Commissioner in a certain manner; regulating providers and earned wage access services; authorizing a certain consumer to submit a written complaint to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; providing the Commissioner with certain investigatory and enforcement authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, §§ 14-4601 through 14-4611 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1426 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; altering the date by which the Accountability and Implementation Board has to conduct and submit an independent evaluation; requiring a nonclassroom teacher who pursues National Board Certification to receive certain funding from the State under certain circumstances; altering requirements for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, Various Sections and Ch. 36 of 2021, § 16(d) through (f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 1427 Delegate Amprey**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of law; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC and SF, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended and Chapters 80 and 81 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1428 Delegate Miller**PUBLIC SAFETY – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION SAFETY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Safety Commission to develop policy recommendations to increase safety for vehicle owners and passengers and reduce violent crime and theft at electric vehicle charging stations; and requiring the Commission, beginning by December 31, 2025, to annually submit recommendations to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-531 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1429 Delegate Amprey, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – PROTECTING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION (PACE ACT)**

Providing that the creative expression of a criminal defendant or juvenile respondent is not admissible against the defendant or respondent unless the court makes certain findings; and defining “creative expression” as the expression or application of creativity or imagination in the production or arrangement of forms, sounds, words, movements, or symbols.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 10-925 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1430 Delegate Miller, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PARENTS’ RIGHTS (EDUCATION BILL OF RIGHTS FOR FAMILIES ACT)**

Providing that parents of children in public schools have certain rights regarding information and communication from the children’s local school system about education and school-related topics.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1431 Delegate Fisher, et al**CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL COMPENSATION – INCREASE**

Increasing the annual compensation of the members of the Calvert County Board of Education to be \$9,500 for the president of the county board and \$8,500 for the other members of the county board, subject to approval from the County Commissioners of Calvert County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-303 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1432 Delegate Miller, et al**EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN AND WITHHOLDING OF COUNTY BOARD FUNDING (BLUEPRINT ACCOUNTABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)**

Altering certain dates related to the family share for Tier II children in publicly funded prekindergarten; altering certain dates related to the proportion of eligible private provider prekindergarten slots; repealing the authorization for the State Department of Education to exclude by annual waiver Tier I children who are 4 years old from a certain prekindergarten slot calculation; establishing a process for the Accountability and Implementation Board to withhold certain funding from a county board under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-229(a), (c), and (e), 7-1A-03, and 7-1A-04(a) - amended and § 5-415 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 1433 Delegate Miller**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – CAREER LADDER QUALIFICATIONS – TEACHERS WITH RELEVANT DEGREES**

Altering the career ladder for teachers to allow teachers with a certain higher degree to participate as an equivalent to teachers with National Board Certification; requiring the State Department of Education to study the efficacy of National Board Certified teachers; and repealing, beginning on a certain date under certain circumstances, the teacher salary increases associated with becoming a National Board Certified teacher or holding a certain higher degree.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 6-1001 through 6-1004, 6-1006, 6-1008, 6-1009, and 6-1011 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1434 Delegate R. Lewis**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
TRANSFER CARDS – RESTORATION OF BENEFITS**

Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to the fraudulent use of the beneficiary's Electronic Benefits Transfer card and restore the benefits without further action from the household; and requiring the Department to reimburse a beneficiary on or before December 31, 2025, for any benefits lost due to the fraudulent use of the beneficiary's Electronic Benefits Transfer card that occurred between January 1, 2021, and September 30, 2024, both inclusive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HU, §§ 5-609 and 5-610 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1435 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY – NET ENERGY METERING AGGREGATION,
SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, AND TAXES ON SOLAR
ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS (BRIGHTER TOMORROW ACT)**

Altering the maximum generating capacity authorized for certain net metered generating facilities; authorizing an eligible customer–generator participating in certain meter aggregation to receive excess generation from more than one generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; providing that solar energy generating systems that receive a certain certification by the Commission are eligible to receive additional solar renewable energy credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PU and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1436 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson**MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL – REQUIRED APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM REQUEST**

Requiring a certain organizing committee to make certain determinations and provide a certain report to the county commissioners or county council of a certain county regarding a proposed municipal incorporation; requiring the county commissioners or county council to approve a certain referendum request in a certain manner if a valid petition to incorporate an area as a municipality is presented by at least 40% of the registered voters who are residents of the area proposed to be incorporated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, §§ 4-205 through 4-207 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1437 Delegate Grammer**JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE CRIME REFORM**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child who is at least 13 years of age alleged to have committed a certain offense; expanding a reporting requirement by the Secretary of Juvenile Services; and expanding a certain provision relating to data collection and analysis by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-8A-03(a) and 3-8A-14.2, HU, § 9-204(i), and PS, § 3-530 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1438 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS FROM EXTREME WEATHER (RENEW) ACT OF 2024**

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate climate change; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 2-1701 through 2-1707 - added and EN, PS, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 1439 Delegate Shetty, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – FUNDING FOR TRAUMA CENTERS AND SERVICES**

Altering the purpose, contents, and sources of the funding of the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund; altering the methodology used to determine eligibility for disbursements from the Fund; altering the amount of the motor vehicle registration surcharge and the amount of the surcharge that is required to be paid into the Fund; increasing the fines for certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law related to driving while impaired; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 19-130, SF, § 7-118(a), and TR, §§ 13-954(b), 13-955, and 21-902(a) through (d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1440 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DIFFERENCES IN CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS – REPORT HO. CO. 16–24**

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a report that details the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of Schools' proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard County Board of Education and the detailed rationale for each difference; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit the report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-330 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1441 Delegate Atterbeary**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing certain requirements for a teacher's certificate in early childhood education; altering the teaching credentials required for staff of qualified providers for prekindergarten services for purposes of the Prekindergarten Grant Program; repealing certain requirements for county boards of education to ensure that a certain percentage of publicly funded prekindergarten slots are provided by eligible private providers; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 1442 Howard County Delegation**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ESTABLISHED HO. CO. 14-24**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools to study the use of public-private partnerships to reduce or increase the speed of school construction, the potential for public-private partnerships to reduce or improve the quality of school construction, and other possible uses for public-private partnerships; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2025.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1443 Delegate Hornberger, et al**CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS – REGULATION AND TAX**

Authorizing the sale and possession of certain consumer fireworks, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; establishing a certain sales and use tax rate for certain fireworks; and requiring the revenue from a certain tax to be distributed to certain funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, Various Sections - added and amended and TG, §§ 2-1302.3 and 11-104(l) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1444 Delegate Guyton**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply statewide; and requiring all speed limit signs on certain highways in residential districts to include certain signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1445 Delegate Schmidt**LANDLORD AND TENANT – ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION – SERVICE OF PROCESS BY A PRIVATE DETECTIVE**

Authorizing service of process in an action to repossess leased residential property that also seeks a money judgment to be carried out by a private detective that is also otherwise authorized to serve process under the Maryland Rules.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-407 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1446 Delegate Stein**RAILROADS – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND RAILWAY SAFETY ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the operation of railroads in the State, including provisions related to the size of the crew, wayside detectors, and investigations by railroad labor union representatives; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish and maintain a database regarding the transportation of hazardous materials and waste by rail in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 5.5-110(e), 5.5-110.1, 5.5-111.1, and 5.5-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1447 Delegate J. Lewis**MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES – STANDARDS, REQUIREMENTS, AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

Authorizing a person to operate a fully autonomous vehicle on a highway under certain circumstances, subject to certain standards, requirements, and prohibitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 18.3-101 through 18.3-105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1448 Delegate Conaway**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to automatically expunge information in the public driving record of a licensee if the information has been expunged from a court record or a police record.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 16-117.1(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1449 Delegate Lehman**ZONING – BOARD OF APPEALS DECISIONS OR ZONING ACTIONS – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Applying to charter counties and the City of Baltimore certain provisions relating to a request for judicial review of certain decisions of a board of appeals or a zoning action; specifying when a person is aggrieved by a board of appeals decision or a zoning action of a legislative body for purposes of requesting judicial review by a circuit court; authorizing certain corporations, unincorporated associations, and other organizations to file a request for judicial review of a board of appeals decision or a zoning action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, §§ 1-401, 4-401, and 10-103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1450 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 December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1451 Delegate Embry**ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a preliminary report by October 1, 2024 and a final report on its recommendations, including any necessary budget, facilities, or in-kind services that are needed to support local artists to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1452 Howard County Delegation

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION – LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS HO. CO. 4-24

Requiring a written lease for certain residential or commercial real property in Howard County to include information on the annual charge assessed by the Columbia Association and a description of certain rights and privileges under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of certain covenants and governing documents under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1453 Delegate Guyton

FOSTER CARE FAMILIES CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Foster Care Families Child Care Assistance Program in the State Department of Education to provide child care assistance through subsidies and scholarships to eligible foster care families; requiring the Department to establish a process that meets certain requirements for granting subsidies and scholarships to foster care families under the Program; and establishing the Foster Care Families Child Care Assistance Fund to be used only to award a subsidy under the Program to provide assistance to certain foster care families.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 9.5-117 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1454 Delegate Atterbear

PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT TO OFFSET INCREASES IN LOCAL TAX REVENUE

Authorizing Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to grant the property tax credit to offset increases in local income tax revenues to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022, but before July 1, 2025, whether or not the homeowner has an application for the homestead property tax credit on file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, notwithstanding a certain provision of law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1455 Delegate Solomon**PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS –
WAIVER ACTION PLAN AND ASSISTANCE HUBS**

Requiring a county board of education that requests a certain waiver for publicly funded full-day prekindergarten to develop and submit a certain action plan to certain government entities; requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Accountability and Implementation Board, to establish certain assistance hubs throughout the State to support child care providers and coordinate partnerships within the State's mixed delivery system; establishing the Child Care Provider Hub Advisory Committee; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-1A-03 - amended and § 9.5-117 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2024**HJ 7 Delegate Ruth****RATIFYING THE FEDERAL CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT**

Ratifying the federal Child Labor Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by U.S. House Joint Resolution 184 of 1924, to provide the U.S. Congress with the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18 years.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 8 Delegate Martinez, et al**CONDEMNING ISLAMOPHOBIA, ANTI-PALESTINIAN HATE, AND
ANTISEMITISM**

Condemning Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian hate, and antisemitism; encouraging certain awareness initiatives; and committing to supporting certain legislation and policies.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 9 Delegate Solomon, et al

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – STATEHOOD

Declaring the State of Maryland's support of and consent to admitting Washington, D.C. to the Union as a state of the United States of America.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 8, 2024**HB 1028 Delegate Allen**

BUSINESS REGULATION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT – REGULATIONS FOR RETAIL USE

Requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle supply equipment in the State; and requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to submit a report on the development and enforcement of the regulations adopted under this Act to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1003 - added

Reassigned to: Economic Matters