



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

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Schedule 7

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

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

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2024

HB 492 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON INTERSTATE 83 – UNPAID AND OVERDUE CITATIONS

Requiring Baltimore City to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration for purposes of imposing administrative sanctions if an owner or a driver of a vehicle accumulates more than \$250 of unpaid and overdue fines for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 26-305 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 493 Delegate Foley, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY, PART-TIME FACULTY, POST DOCTORAL ASSOCIATES, AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty, part-time faculty, post doctoral associates, and graduate assistants at certain State institutions of higher education; establishing separate collective bargaining units for the faculty, part-time faculty, post doctoral associates, and graduate assistants; and altering the application of certain collective bargaining laws to supervisory, managerial, and confidential employees of a State institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 22-101(d) and SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and(12) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 494 Delegate Palakovich Carr

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS – PROHIBITIONS AND DISCLOSURES

Prohibiting certain political organizations from fraudulently claiming to be acting on behalf of a candidate or political party; prohibiting certain political organizations from making expenditures or disbursements to an entity owned or controlled by certain individuals; prohibiting certain political organizations from employing certain individuals or allowing certain individuals to volunteer on behalf of the political organization; requiring certain political organizations to make certain disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EL, § 13-223 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 495 Delegate Pasteur

EDUCATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
NOMINATING COMMISSION – RECORDS AND MEETINGS
REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that certain records requested by and submitted to the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission are not confidential and are subject to certain disclosure requirements; and requiring a meeting of the Commission to be open to the public if it involves an interview of, deliberation about, or action on a candidate for appointment to the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-2B-03(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 496 Delegate Shetty, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – DEFINITION OF CONSENT AND
REPEAL OF FORCE

Requiring certain facts to be considered when determining whether a lack of consent exists for the purposes of certain sexual crimes; and altering the elements of second-degree rape to remove the requirement of use of force or threat of force.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-301.1 - added and § 3-304(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 497 Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones

HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-301(g)(5)(ix) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 498 Delegate Cardin**REAL PROPERTY – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS PROGRAM
– MANDATED REPORTS**

Altering the information relating to the Access to Counsel in Eviction Program required to be reported by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation each year to include disaggregation by case type, the amount paid to attorneys for each case managed, the geographic distribution of cases, disposition of cases decided, amount of state and federal funds allocated to each designated organization, and the number of individuals provided legal representation for multiple cases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-907 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 499 Delegate Bagnall**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICES – INFECTION
CONTROL**

Requiring each owner of a private dental office to designate a licensed dentist to be the supervising dentist for the private dental office; requiring a supervising dentist to complete the registration required by the State Board of Dental Examiners and be responsible for all infection control activities within the private dental office; establishing a limit of three private dental offices that a supervising dentist may supervise; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 4-104 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 500 Delegate Wivell, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DUALY ENROLLED
STUDENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “dually enrolled student” to include a nonpublic secondary school student and a home school student so that these students are eligible to apply for the Part–Time Grant Program and the Early College Access Grant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 15-127, 18-1401, and 18-14A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 501 Delegate Fennell, et al**CHARTER COUNTIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS**

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a civil or criminal fine that may be imposed by a charter county to enforce certain local laws enacted by the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 10-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 502 Delegate J. Long, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DAMPERS, SMOKE DAMPERS, COMBINATION FIRE SMOKE DAMPERS, AND SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Establishing requirements for the installation, inspection, and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt certain regulations relating to the technical specifications for the installation of and the timing and technical specifications for the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 9-1001 - renumbered and §§ 9-1001 through 9-1007 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 503 Delegates Stein and Holmes**PUBLIC SAFETY – CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING FOR FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing that does not meet a certain International Code Council standard; requiring certain tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings to meet a certain standard; and providing a civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 19-107 - added and PS, § 12-206 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 504 Delegate Watson

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL
– APPROPRIATION TO THE MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL
STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS
FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Planning to be used as a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; and requiring the Maryland Humanities Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 5-205 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 505 Delegate Charkoudian

LIMITATIONS ON COST RECOVERY BY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANIES AND REPORTS ON VOTES CAST AT MEETINGS OF
REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS (UTILITY
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Prohibiting public service companies from recovering through rates certain costs; requiring certain public service companies to submit an annual report to the Public Service Commission regarding costs related to certain activities; requiring each electric company to be a member of a regional transmission organization; and requiring each electric company to submit a report by February 1 each year, to the Commission regarding certain votes cast by the electric company and any of its affiliates at a meeting of the regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 4-103 - amended and §§ 4-504, 4-505, and 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 506 Delegates Boyce and Embry**SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING – MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – TRAINING FORMAT**

Providing that a certain required sexual harassment prevention training for employees of Morgan State University may consist of webinar, computer-based, or online training if the training includes a certain evaluative component.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, 2-203.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 507 Delegates Buckel and Hinebaugh**ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – PROPERTY AND INCOME TAXES – CREDITS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASE OF HOUSING**

Requiring the governing bodies of Allegany County and Garrett County and municipal corporations located in Allegany County and Garrett County to grant a property tax credit on certain newly constructed dwellings; allowing certain persons who construct more than 10 middle-income homes in Allegany County or Garrett County to claim a credit against the State income tax; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 and TP, § 9-327 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 508 Delegate Embry**CHILDREN – LABOR TRAFFICKING**

Adding labor trafficking by a child's parent or guardian to the list of conditions under which a local department of social services is authorized to ask the juvenile court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's parent or guardian are not required; and expanding provisions of law relating to the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program to apply to child victims of labor trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-801 and 3-812 and FL, §§ 5-701(m), 5-704.3, and 5-704.4(b), (d), (e), and (g) - amended and FL, § 5-701(m) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 509 Delegate Kaiser, et al**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – COMMUNITY PROVIDERS – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR LOCAL FUNDS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a process to receive federal financial participation for the payment of county or municipal general funds appropriated to community providers that serve individuals with developmental disabilities; and requiring the Department to allocate the federal financial participation to the community providers to which the county or municipality general funds were appropriated.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 7-307 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 510 Delegate Stewart**BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE FUNDING RECIPIENTS**

Expanding the eligible recipients of funding provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development under the Business Facade Improvement Program to include community development organizations serve at least one sustainable community and apply for funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 6-1101 and 6-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 511 Delegates Boyce and Embry**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES – OPERATION AT INTERSECTIONS**

Authorizing a person operating a bicycle that is approaching a stop sign at an intersection on a highway with two or fewer lanes for moving traffic to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the person reduces the speed of the bicycle to a reasonable rate and yields the right-of-way to certain vehicles under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 21-707 and 21-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 512 Delegate Boyce**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain persons licensed or regulated by the Department of Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 4-206 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 513 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – REVISIONS (MARYLAND ROAD WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)**

Altering the distribution of revenue from civil fines collected through the use of work zone speed control systems to include certain distributions for highway and work zone safety purposes; clarifying that a work zone speed control system may be manned or unmanned and a system operator does not need to be present when a work zone speed control system is in use; altering the maximum penalty for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a work zone speed control system; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TR, Various Sections - added and amended and Chapter 500 of the Acts of 2009, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 514 Delegates Allen and Boyce**COMMERCIAL LAW – STATUTORY LIENS – MOTOR VEHICLES TOWED OR REMOVED FROM PARKING LOTS**

Establishing that a certain person has a lien on a motor vehicle towed or removed from a privately owned parking lot for charges incurred for any towing, recovery, storage, or notice provided under certain circumstances; establishing the circumstances in which the lien is extinguished; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 16-202(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 516 Delegate Fennell, et al**CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 2024**

Establishing the Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment to provide for the assessment of greenhouse gas pollution fees, the provision of certain benefits to households and employers, and the funding of certain climate-related activities; providing for the collection and use of certain greenhouse gas pollution fees; establishing the Household and Employer Benefit Fund and the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund as special, nonlapsing funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, §§ 2-1215 through 2-1224 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. and 192. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 517 Delegate Bagnall**STATE PERSONNEL – WHISTLEBLOWER LAW – PROCEDURES AND REMEDIES (FIRST AMENDMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the prohibition on reprisal against certain employees for certain disclosures and actions under the Maryland Whistleblower Law in the Executive Branch of State government; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to investigate unresolved complaints within a certain time period; and authorizing the award of certain monetary damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prevailing cases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, §§ 5-304, 5-305, and 5-309 through 5-312 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 518 Delegates Taveras and Woods**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – PERFORMANCE–BASED REGULATION – STUDY**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to study the feasibility of and develop a framework for transitioning to performance–based utility regulation in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report by December 1, 2024, and a final report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025, with the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative action necessary to implement a performance–based regulation model in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 519 Delegates M. Morgan and T. Morgan**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING**

Requiring the St. Mary’s 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 St. Mary’s County Delegation on or before February 26 each year, beginning in 2025; and requiring the county board to submit a certain report to the St. Mary’s 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 520 Delegate A. Johnson**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – COMPLAINTS – ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS**

Providing that a complaint filed with the State Real Estate Commission alleging an advertising violation may be made anonymously but must be accompanied by documentary or other evidence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 17-323 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 521 St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC ETHICS – PROHIBITION ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Prohibiting an individual registered lobbyist who is engaged to lobby on behalf of any unit of the government of St. Mary's County from making a personal political contribution to a member of the General Assembly who represents any part of St. Mary's County, a member of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, or any other State or local official who is elected to represent only St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

GP, § 5-715 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 522 Delegates D. Jones and Fair

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS – POLICY AND ACCESS

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to accommodate students who need to participate in telehealth appointments during the school day; requiring each public middle and high school to designate a space that meets certain requirements for student telehealth appointments; and requiring the Department, on request, to provide certain technical assistance to a county board to establish the student telehealth policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 523 Delegate Ruff, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – GOOD CAUSE

Authorizing a court to grant a petition for expungement of records relating to a certain conviction at any time on a showing of good cause.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 10-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 524 Delegates Edelson and Young**LIVING CLASSROOMS FOUNDATION – REQUIRED APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030, an appropriation of \$3,400,000 for the maintenance, capital preservation, and operations of the 7 historic ships stewarded by the Living Classrooms Foundation.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 525 Delegate Wilkins, et al**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – USE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS**

Prohibiting an employer from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's use of cannabis products under certain circumstances; establishing that certain provisions prohibiting employment discrimination do not prohibit an employer from taking certain actions against an employee under certain circumstances or authorize certain behaviors by an employee; and requiring certain employers to issue a drug policy under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-718 - added and SG, §§ 20-601, 20-604, 20-605, and 20-606 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 526 Delegates Buckel and Wilkins**SPORTS WAGERING – LICENSES AND APPLICATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, subject to certain limitations, to accept and consider applications for sports wagering facility licenses and mobile sports wagering licenses submitted before January 1, 2026; and altering the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the application of the Minority Business Enterprise Program to the sports wagering industry.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-1E-07(b) and 9-1E-15(h)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 527 Delegate Solomon

LEGACY ADMISSIONS

Prohibiting institutions of higher education that receive State funds from considering a legacy preference as an eligible criterion for admissions standards at the institution; and allowing an institution of higher education to ask applicants for information regarding familial relationships to alums of the institution for data collection purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 26-901 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 528 Delegate Buckel

ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – RESTRICTION ON PRACTICING LAW

Altering a prohibition on judges of the orphans' court acting as attorneys to prohibit a judge of the orphans' court from acting as an attorney in matters related to the administration of an estate or a guardianship of a minor within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City, or the preparation of an estate plan or estate planning documents that might come within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City following the death of any individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 2-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 529 Delegate Crosby

EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – VETERANS – NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Prohibiting a limit on the number of veterans who are eligible to receive a scholarship under the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-601(g)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 530 Delegate Boyce**MARYLAND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF TRAILS – ESTABLISHMENT (GREAT MARYLAND TRAILS ACT)**

Establishing the Maryland Office of Trails in the Department of Transportation to develop and maintain the Maryland Trails Network, advance the development, maintenance, and use of trails in the State, develop a certain inventory and database, and collect certain information regarding trails; establishing a Director of the Maryland Office of Trails to oversee the Office and collaborate with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland Trails Advisory Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-904 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 531 Delegate Embry, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE SUPERVISION FEES AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TEST PAYMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement for the Maryland Parole Commission to assess a fee against an individual on parole and supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation under certain circumstances; and repealing authorization for the Division of Parole and Probation to require a supervisee of the Division who is on parole to pay for certain drug or alcohol abuse testing under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 7-702 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 532 Delegate Vogel**EDUCATION – DRIVER’S EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Driver’s Education Assistance Grant Program in the State Department of Education to support student driver’s education instruction in public schools; and authorizing a public school to receive a grant under the Program if the percentage of students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals is above 80%, or the public school is located in a school system where the percent of rural population in the school system is above 30%, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 533 Delegate Ruff, et al**COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARDS – INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF POLICE MISCONDUCT**

Authorizing the local governing body of a county, including Baltimore City, to authorize its police accountability board to exercise investigatory and subpoena powers; and authorizing a police accountability board to conduct an investigation of police misconduct concurrently with a law enforcement agency investigating the complaint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-102(e) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 534 Delegate Ruff, et al**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – FUNDING AND EXTENSION**

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2026 through 2030, to include an appropriation of \$200,000 in the annual budget bill for the Live Near Your School program in the Community Development Administration; and extending the termination date of the program from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2030.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, § 4-217(e) and Chapter 247 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 535 Delegate Vogel, et al**MARYLAND TASK FORCE ON EDUCATOR HOUSING**

Establishing the Maryland Task Force on Educator Housing to evaluate and make recommendations on options for addressing the lack of access to attainable housing for educators in the State and to evaluate the correlation between the lack of access to attainable housing and educator shortages in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 536 Delegate Mireku–North**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES APPRENTICESHIP START–UP GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Correctional Services Apprenticeship Start–Up Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to provide high school students and individuals interested in changing careers opportunities to begin a career within correctional services, to develop a cohort of individuals qualified to work in correctional services, and to encourage correctional facilities to hire interns; establishing requirements for sponsors, employers, and apprentices participating in a correctional services apprenticeship program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 11-607 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Judiciary

HB 537 Delegates Attar and Stein**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**

Providing a refundable credit against the State income tax for nonpublic school student bus transportation expenses paid by an individual resident who is the parent or guardian of the student during the taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 538 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

LAND USE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – ZONING DENSITY AND PERMITTING (HOUSING EXPANSION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024)

Prohibiting a local legislative body from prohibiting the placement of a certain manufactured home in certain residential zoning districts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from using an element of an adequate public facilities law to deny certain permits for certain State-funded affordable housing projects or other qualified projects or to restrict or limit the development of the projects in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and §§ 4-104(c), 7-105, and 7-501 through 7-506 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 539 Delegate Henson, et al

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to authorize a student to withdraw under extenuating circumstances and reimburse the student for tuition and fees paid for a certain semester under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 540 Delegate Moon, et al

EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS STOPS – PROHIBITED LOCATIONS

Prohibiting the location of a school bus stop on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes in certain counties unless a school crossing guard is posted or a certain traffic control device is placed at the school bus stop.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-801.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 541 Delegate Henson, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Educators to assist in the repayment of certain student loans owed by educators who meet certain eligibility requirements; providing the purpose of the program is to attract, recruit, and retain a diverse cadre of qualified educators in the County's schools that is reflective of the student population; and authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to establish the Program for educators employed by the Anne Arundel County Public School System.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, §§ 18-4001 through 18-4005 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 542 Delegate Vogel, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE – LUGGAGE**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to establish and maintain a decentralized supply of new luggage to be used to transport the personal belongings of a child in foster care; requiring the Department to provide new luggage to a child who is being removed from a household, unless the child is changing placement and is in possession of luggage previously provided by the Department; and requiring the Department to maintain certain records regarding luggage and children in foster care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 5-505.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 543 Delegate Henson, et al**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SENIORS – STATE SUPPLEMENT**

Increasing the amount of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit that the State is required to provide for a household that includes an individual who is at least 62 years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 544 Delegate Atterbeary, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL EXTORTION, STALKING, AND REVENGE PORN – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND IN BANC REVIEW

Providing that the State may institute a prosecution for sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn at any time; and providing that, for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, a person who commits sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor whose punishment is confinement in the penitentiary and may reserve a point or question for a certain in banc review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 3-709, 3-802, and 3-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 545 Delegate Mireku–North

JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY GRASMICK PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL AWARD – PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES

Expanding the Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award within the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include public school nurses who are licensed as registered nurses, provide health services in public schools, and are employed by a county school system or a local health department to provide health services through an agreement with a county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 18-1501 through 18-1503 and 18-1506 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 546 Delegate Williams

HANDGUN PERMITS – ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER (FIREARM SAFETY ACT OF 2024)

Requiring a person who holds a handgun permit and accidentally discharges a firearm to register within 90 days for a certain firearms safety training course and complete the course within 6 months of the incident; requiring the Secretary of State Police to revoke a handgun permit of a certain person who fails to successfully complete a certain firearms safety training course; requiring the Secretary to provide certain written notice to a person whose handgun permit is revoked; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PS, § 5-315 - added and §§ 5-801, 5-802, and 5-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 547 Delegate Alston, et al

CRIME OF VIOLENCE – EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, MEDICAL FACILITIES, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP – PENALTY (SACRED PLACES SAFETY ACT)

Prohibiting a person from committing a crime of violence while the person is in an educational facility, a medical facility, or a place of worship.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CR, § 14-105 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 548 Delegate Guzzone, et al

TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES

Establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 549 Delegate Embry, et al

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – PROSECUTION OR ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CODES

Increasing from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for the prosecution or enforcement of local consumer protection codes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-106(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 550 Delegate Williams

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person to file a petition for partial expungement for a certain eligible offense even if another charge or conviction arising out of the same incident, transaction, or set of facts is not eligible for expungement; requiring a court to order partial expungement in certain circumstances; and repealing a provision of law prohibiting partial expungement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 10-105 and 10-110 - amended and § 10-107 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 551 Delegate Henson

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLLS (MARYLAND TOLL RELIEF AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to perform a performance audit of the Maryland Transportation Authority's toll operations; increasing the number of days within which a person alleged to be liable for a video toll must pay the toll; prohibiting the imposition of a late payment fee for a video toll that exceeds 500% of the video toll; requiring the Authority to offer an installment payment plan to certain persons alleged to be liable for payment of unpaid video tolls and any associated civil penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 4-408 and 21-1414(j) - added and § 21-1414(b), (d)(1), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 552 Delegate Boyce

VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS AND NOTICES – MAILING ADDRESSES

Requiring that citations and notices issued as a result of automated enforcement under the Maryland Vehicle Law be sent to the current mailing address on file with the Administration or if a mailing address is not available, the current residential address on file with the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 553 Delegate Miller, et al

FAMILY LAW – FUNDAMENTAL PARENTAL RIGHTS

Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent’s child; and prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent’s fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent’s child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 5-2B-01 through 5-2B-03 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 554 Delegate Charkoudian

PUBLIC UTILITIES – INVESTOR–OWNED UTILITIES – PREVAILING WAGE

Applying certain prevailing wage requirements for contractors and subcontractors working on certain projects involving, and traffic control activities related to, any gas or electric infrastructure of an investor–owned gas company, electric company, or combination gas and electric company to any gas or electric infrastructure project of the company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 555 Delegate A. Johnson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – UNAUTHORIZED DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the unauthorized dissemination of certain personal identifying information in order to threaten, intimidate, or harass a person, incite or facilitate the commission of a crime of violence against a person, or place the person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury or intend the information to be used in such a way; establishing a cause of action for a person injured by the intentional dissemination of certain personal identifying information; and establishing a certain defense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-810 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 556 Delegate Attar**JUVENILE LAW – VIOLATIONS OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to notify the juvenile court, the State’s Attorney, and the defense counsel within 24 hours after a child’s violation of an electronic monitoring agreement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 557 Delegate Adams, et al**SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND SUNSET**

Repealing a certain reporting requirement relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain materials, parts, and equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or certain aircraft systems; and repealing the termination date of the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-237 and Chapter 638 of the Acts of 2020, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 558 Delegate Atterbearry**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FRAMEWORK – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of certain topics for the parent's or guardian's student, subject to certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 559 Delegates Stewart and Hornberger**STATE EMPLOYEES – FOUR-DAY WORKWEEK – IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring, on or before October 1, 2025, the Department of Budget and Management to identify units of State government or functions of State government for which a transition to a 4-day workweek is feasible for 60% of State employees; requiring the Department to implement a 4-day workweek for certain State employees by October 1, 2027; and prohibiting State employees who transition to a 4-day workweek from, as a direct result of the transition, having work hours reduced to less than 36 hours per week or having a reduction in pay or benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 2-313 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 560 Delegates A. Johnson and S. Johnson**HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – APPOINTED MEMBERS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the number of appointed members on the Harford County Board of Education from three to one; and prohibiting appointed members on the county board from holding the positions of president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer on the county board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, §§ 3-6A-01(b), (d), (e), and (f) and 3-6A-03 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 561 Delegate Watson**TREE EXPERT LICENSES – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEE ALTERATIONS**

Requiring a licensed tree expert, or a business that employs a licensed tree expert to carry and show proof of certain workers’ compensation insurance for certain employees; repealing certain provisions of law establishing that certain application and renewal fees may not exceed certain amounts; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to permanently revoke or temporarily suspend a tree expert license if the license holder fails to maintain workers’ compensation insurance in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 5-416 - repealed and added and §§ 5-418, 5-419, and 5-421 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 562 Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones**SPECIAL CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE – NONRESIDENTS – LICENSE FEE**

Increasing the license fee for a special Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license for nonresident license applicants from \$50 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 4-745(d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 563 Delegate Mireku–North**ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – LANGUAGE–RELATED ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to determine whether there is a significant and substantial need for language–related assistance in certain languages by a local board of elections during an election based on certain criteria; requiring local boards to provide certain language–related assistance and materials in voting and elections to certain voters in certain languages; and requiring the State Board to establish a telephone interpreter hotline.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 564 Delegate Taveras, et al**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – RENTER’S INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a residential lease to include a requirement that a tenant hold a renter’s insurance policy; prohibiting a lease from containing certain requirements regarding a renter’s insurance policy; and requiring a landlord to acquire a renter’s insurance policy on behalf of a tenant if the tenant does not have a policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-208 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 565 Delegate Simmons, et al**MARYLAND DEATHS IN CUSTODY OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Establishing the Maryland Deaths in Custody Oversight Board within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to analyze and make findings and recommendations related to deaths of incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide specific information to the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-3801 through 9-3814 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 566 Delegate Grossman, et al**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REAL PROPERTY – CONFEDERATE NAMING PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a State entity or a political subdivision of the State from assigning a Confederate name to real property owned by the State or political subdivision; and requiring certain real property to be assigned a new name on or before January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 9-101 and 9-102 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 567 Delegate Love, et al**MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024**

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-4601 through 14-4613 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 568 Delegates Bagnall and R. Lewis**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY**

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim May 8th as Community Health Worker Appreciation Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe community health workers with informative programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 7-410 through 7-420 - renumbered and § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 569 Delegate Solomon**HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER OF CREDITS – ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (CREDIT FOR ALL LANGUAGE LEARNING (CALL) ACT)**

Requiring a public community college to consider a course or program for English as a second language or English language learner as eligible for world language or humanities credit toward an associate's degree under certain circumstances; requiring that certain world language credits earned by students who transfer from community colleges to institutions of higher education be transferable; and prohibiting institutions of higher education from denying the transfer of certain world language or humanities credits for any reason.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 11-207(c) and 15-117(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 570 Delegate Kipke**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PAYMENTS TO
NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS – REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay nonparticipating health care providers for services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-710.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 571 Delegate Qi, et al**FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM –
MODIFICATIONS**

Modifying provisions of law governing application, administration, and enforcement of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, including provisions related to the payment of contributions, the calculation of the average weekly wage, the submission of claims for benefits, the application of the Program to self-employed individuals, the satisfaction of Program requirements through private employer plans or insurance, and the use of contributions or other funding by the Secretary of Labor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 572 Delegates Embry and Allen**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT
STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 573 Delegate Simmons, et al**CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport by increasing the total number of members from 11 to 12 and requiring the Committee to include one member each from legislative districts 12A and 12B instead of one member from legislative district 12.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 5-414(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 574 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**COMMERCIAL FINANCING – SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN LENDING ACT**

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FI, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1214 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 575 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM COMPENSATION – ALTERATIONS (VICTIM COMPENSATION REFORM ACT OF 2024)**

Altering the composition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; altering certain duties, powers, and procedures for the Board to make awards to victims of crime; altering the powers and duties of certain employees; altering the amount and types of awards the Board is authorized to make to certain victims of crime; authorizing reconsideration and judicial review of decisions of the Board; authorizing the Governor to include certain funding in the annual budget bill for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 576 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MENTAL HEALTH – EMERGENCY EVALUATION AND INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

Requiring a peace officer, when the peace officer receives a petition for emergency evaluation for an individual, to transport the emergency evaluatee to a nearby emergency facility, rather than the nearest emergency facility; authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to evaluate an emergency evaluatee for purposes of involuntary admission; requiring each county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 10-624 and 10-625 and CP, § 16-204(b)(1) - amended and CP, § 16-204(c) and HG, §§ 10-6A-01 through 10-6A-11 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 577 Delegate Grossman, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOMELESS SHELTER LICENSING PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a homeless shelter licensing program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring that license holders be relicensed every 2 years and requiring the Department to develop certain operational and building standards for homeless shelters and minimum standards for the protection of the rights of shelter residents; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation of operating a homeless shelter without a license or in violation of certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 6-1201 through 6-1207 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 578 Frederick County Delegation**SHERIFF OF FREDERICK COUNTY – SALARY – WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to review the salaries of the sheriff in each county in the State and any other law enforcement position with similar responsibilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Frederick County Delegation and the General Assembly by December 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 579 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND RELATED APPROVALS – DEFINITION OF GENERATING STATION (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE STREAMLINING ACT OF 2024)**

Altering and establishing the definition of “generating station” for the purpose of exempting the construction of certain generating facilities used to produce electricity for the purpose of onsite emergency backup and certain test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-207(a)(4), 7-207.1(a), 7-207.2(a), and 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 580 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024**

Increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of disaster service leave for employees in the Executive Branch of State government; and increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of paid leave the Secretary of Budget and Management may provide for uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a reserve unit of the armed forces or organized militia.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 9-1102 and 9-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 581 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring certain departments and independent units to create a certain catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and submit the catalog to the Governor on or before September 1, 2024; requiring certain departments and independent units to post certain information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of the department or independent unit on or before December 1, 2024; establishing the Government Efficiency Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 8-506, 9-3801, and 9-3802 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 582 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (PAVA LAPERE LEGACY OF INNOVATION ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Pava LaPere Innovation Acceleration Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; establishing the Baltimore Innovation Initiative Pilot Program within the Maryland Innovation Initiative of the Corporation; requiring certain appropriations for the programs to be included in the annual budget bill in certain fiscal years; and repealing a mandated appropriation for a certain telework assistance program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-1702(f) - repealed, § 5-1702(g) - amended, and §§ 10-462 and 10-462.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 583 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

CENTER FOR FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention in the Maryland Department of Health to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence, and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State, and local agencies and affected communities to implement a public health approach to firearm violence reduction; requiring the Center by May 1, 2025, to submit to the Governor and General Assembly a preliminary State Plan for a Public Health Approach to Reducing Firearm Violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5205 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 584 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS (CARING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THE SAFETY PROFESSIONS – CAPES ACT)

Providing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who have thyroid, colon, or ovarian cancer are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 585 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

PROTECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EL, § 16-904 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 586 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WEINBERG CENTER/NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering the Class C (Weinberg Center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County to be the Class C (Weinberg Center/New Spires Arts Stages) beer, wine, and liquor license; expanding the licensed premises to include the New Spires Arts Stages; altering the officials who may sign a certain license application; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event held by an outside group that has rented the Weinberg Arts Center or the New Spires Arts Stages; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1015 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 587 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT

Establishing a manufacturer’s limited beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a permit to holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-401 - amended and § 20-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 588 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LICENSE

Authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a municipal golf course license to an official of the City of Frederick designated by the Mayor of the City of Frederick; and authorizing the Board to transfer the license to a different city official designated by the Mayor under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1009.3 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 589 **Dorchester County Delegation****DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION**

Exempting applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with Dorchester County, as a 9–1–1 Center dispatcher at the Dorchester County 9–1–1 Center, or as a correctional officer of the Dorchester County Detention Center from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of prospective employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 590 **Delegate Hutchinson, et al****BOATING – MIGRATORY WATERFOWL SEASON – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from operating a vessel within 500 yards of a stationary blind or blind site that is occupied and being used for hunting migratory waterfowl during open season.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 8-724.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 591 **Delegate Clippinger****REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO HEIR OR LEGATEE – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT**

Providing that certain requirements for the payment of certain taxes, assessments, and charges do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir or legatee of the decedent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 3-104(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 592 Delegate Clippinger, et al

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS

Altering the number of resident judges of the circuit courts by adding one additional judgeship in Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 593 Delegate Hutchinson, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – DESTRUCTION OF FUNERARY OBJECTS AND CEMETERY ELEMENTS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Extending from 1 year to 5 years the statute of limitations for the prosecution relating to willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing a funerary object or another structure in a cemetery or a building, wall, fence, railing, or other work for the use, protection, or ornamentation of a cemetery or willfully destroying, damaging, or removing a tree, plant, or shrub in a cemetery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-106(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 594 Dorchester County Delegation

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS

Altering the meaning of “newspaper” or “newspaper in general circulation” when referring to the publication of a certain legal advertisement or legal notice to include certain publications that are offered in a print format or a digital format under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 595 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**CIVIL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Providing that certain civil enforcement actions brought by the Attorney General may be instituted at any time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 11-209 and CJ, § 5-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 596 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY PROPERTY LEASES – NOTICE EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a lease of county property for a term of 5 years or less made by Dorchester County from certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 10-312(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

Altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies; establishing the Workgroup on Growing Engagement in the Law Enforcement Workforce; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

LE, § 11-603 - amended and PS, § 3-207(m) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 598 Delegate Boafu, et al**DISCRIMINATION – MILITARY STATUS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to public accommodation, housing, employment, financial transactions, education, insurance, the provision of public utility services, and State personnel actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, ED, HG, HU, IN, PU, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 599 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION – ESTABLISHMENT (HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCING ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Corporation as an independent unit to make investments in certain low-income communities; requiring the Corporation to apply for an allocation of federal new markets tax credits; expanding the eligible uses of the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund to include grants and loans for debt payments and for credit enhancement for certain projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1123 - added and HS, § 4-508 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 600 Delegate Palakovich Carr**EDUCATION – CHILD CARE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for an award from the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund to include a service obligation to work in an approved child care setting for at least 20 hours per week; requiring the Office of Child Care to prioritize grant awards to certain applicants; requiring award recipients who do not perform the service obligation to repay certain award funding except under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 9.5-905 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 602 The Speaker and Delegate Clippinger**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sex and gender identity to also prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-304 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 603 Delegate Solomon, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – DATA OF CHILDREN (MARYLAND KIDS CODE)**

Requiring a certain entity that offers an online product reasonably likely to be accessed by children to complete a certain data protection impact assessment under certain circumstances; requiring certain privacy protections for certain online products; prohibiting certain data collection and sharing practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-4601 through 14-4612 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 604 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**FAMILIES SERVE ACT OF 2024**

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to spouses of eligible service members; and requiring the appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government to apply a credit of 10 points on any selection test for eligible military spouses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 3-714 and SP, § 7-207(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 605 Delegate Stein**MOTOR VEHICLES – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALER AGREEMENTS**

Requiring recreational vehicle dealers to hold a dealer agreement with a recreational vehicle manufacturer to sell the manufacturer's recreational vehicles in the State; establishing licensing requirements for a recreational vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch; altering the required terms and conditions of a recreational dealer agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 15-201.1 and 15-1001 through 15-1015 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation