



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 25, 2024
Schedule 8

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 25, 2024

HB 606 Delegates Szeliga and Sample–Hughes

SALES AND USE TAX – BABY PRODUCTS – EXEMPTION

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain baby products to include certain toilet training and child safety items, furniture, strollers, textiles, foods, and baby monitors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, §§ 11-211(c) and 11-244 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 607 Delegate Harris**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship are not subject to certain requirements of the scholarship application process if the applicant enrolls in a noncredit vocational certificate program, or a course leading to certification or licensure, or participates in a registered apprenticeship program; and authorizing a community college to require certain applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to complete an application for admission to the community college.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-3603 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 608 Delegate Wilkins**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland earned income tax credit for individuals without qualifying children by altering the income thresholds at which the credit phases out; and providing that, after the 2023 tax year, the income threshold and phase-out amounts are adjusted annually for inflation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 609 Delegate Solomon, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC LIBRARIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (LIBRARY WORKERS EMPOWERMENT ACT)**

Authorizing employees of public libraries to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; requiring employers and certified exclusive representatives to engage in good faith bargaining; establishing a collective bargaining process for employees of public libraries; prohibiting employers and employee organizations from engaging in certain actions regarding the exercise of an employee's rights under the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 23-601 through 23-614 - repealed and §§ 23-901 through 23-913 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 610 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – FOOD CONTAINING INSECT FLOUR – LABELING**

Prohibiting food service facilities from serving food containing or consisting of insect flour unless certain menus and notices contain a certain label.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 21-330.4 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 611 Delegate Harrison**ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL**

Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 6-201 through 6-203 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 612 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HIGHWAYS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS
MC 10–24**

Repealing the requirement that a local authority in Montgomery County perform an engineering and traffic investigation before decreasing the maximum speed limit on a highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-803(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 613 Delegate Boyce**NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL CATCHING OF OYSTERS
OR CLAMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain authorizations to recreationally catch clams in the State; establishing a recreational oyster license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop and publish an application form for obtaining a recreational oyster license; requiring an applicant for a recreational oyster license to be at least 16 years of age; establishing requirements for the application for and issuance of a recreational oyster license; authorizing the Department to designate a certain agent to sell a recreational oyster license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 4-1004 - amended and § 4-1004.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 614 Delegate Smith, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the court after a defendant subject to home monitoring as a condition of pretrial release has been missing for 24 hours; requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the Division of Parole and Probation on determining that an individual subject to home monitoring as a condition of probation has been missing for 24 hours; establishing the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 20-401 and CR, § 9-405(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 615 Delegate Ruth, et al**EDUCATION – PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PROPERTY – APPLICATION**

Specifying that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing certain disruptive and threatening behavior on certain school grounds and property do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program sponsored at that institution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 26-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 616 Delegates Munoz and Miller**AGRICULTURAL LAND – ADVERSARIAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS – RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY INTERESTS**

Prohibiting adversarial foreign governments from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding any property interest in agricultural land in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to enforce the Act in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-101 - amended and § 14-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 617 Delegates Munoz and Miller**STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PROHIBITED APPLICATIONS AND WEBSITES**

Prohibiting certain employees, agents, or entities on any information technology owned or leased by a unit of State government from downloading or using any application, including TikTok or WeChat, or access any website developed by ByteDance Ltd. or Tencent Holdings Ltd.; requiring by December 31, 2024, the Department of Budget and Management, in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology, to prepare certain guidance for units of State government regarding access to certain applications and websites; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 3.5-801 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 618 Delegates Munoz and Toles**POLICE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to recruitment challenges and the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 619 Delegate Ruth, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to determine the feasibility of establishing a State universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report on June 1, 2026 and a final report with its analysis and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5203 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 620 Delegate S. Johnson, et al

EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING

Requiring that a certain program on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault include, for students in grades 6 through 8, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-439 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 621 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE ANNUAL FEE

Reducing the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County from \$10,000 to \$4,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 22-1006 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 622 Delegate Healey

CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – RECORDS OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting consumer reporting agencies from including in a consumer report certain records relating to a criminal proceeding involving a consumer; and prohibiting consumer reporting agencies from relying on information in certain criminal proceedings concerning the consumer to make a determination of the creditworthiness of a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 14-1203.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 623 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS L LICENSE**

Establishing a Class L beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; authorizing the license holder to hold another license or permit issued by the Board; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell certain beer and wine for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snacks; establishing an annual license fee of \$2,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 22-811 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 624 Delegate Barnes**NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND PROGRAM – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administrator of the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program to be the Maryland Higher Education Commission rather than the State Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 18-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 625 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – PERSONAL STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – AUTHORIZED FORMAT**

Providing that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member's or retiree's benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 21-112 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 626 Delegate Schmidt, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS**

Increasing, from \$7,000 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying public safety volunteer for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024; requiring each police agency to maintain certain records of the activities of each member of a police auxiliary or reserve, provide each member with a certain report on the preceding calendar year, and provide a certain report and certification that an individual qualified for the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-208(i-1) - amended and § 10-208(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 627 Delegate Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION – STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

Altering the definitions of “automatic voter registration agency” and “applicable transaction” for the purpose of designating the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as an automatic voter registration agency and requiring the Department to register qualified individuals to vote when they are released from confinement at a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department to implement an automatic voter registration system on or before January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 628 Delegate S. Johnson**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the licensure requirements that the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists may waive, and the circumstances under which the requirements may be waived, for applicants for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in the State who are licensed or certified to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in another state, territory, or jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 17-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 629 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DEFINITION

Updating the definition of “Consumer Price Index” to replace the 1967 index with the 1982–1984 index as the reference used by the State Retirement and Pension System for certain calculations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 29-401(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 630 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS OF SERVICE

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; and correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 37-203(f) and 37-203.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 631 Delegate Allen, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – PROTECTION OF BEAVER POPULATION AND HABITAT – COUNTY AUTHORITY (THE BEAVER BELIEVER ACT)

Authorizing a county, notwithstanding a certain provision of law, to enact a local law to promote, protect, and support the population and habitat of beavers in the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 10-104 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 632 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a golf simulator facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to submit an annual gross sales report to the Board before a license may be renewed; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 22-1003.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 633 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to the holder of certain business permits; requiring the holder of the license to purchase alcoholic beverages from the holder of a manufacturer's license, a wholesaler's license, or a retail license; and establishing an annual license fee of \$750.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 22-1001.1 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 634 Delegate Smith**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT INFORMATION – UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU**

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to authorize the Center to send student information to the United States Census Bureau.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 24-703.2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 635 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE**

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts nonprofit organization license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at up to three locations designated at the time of application; establishing an annual license fee of \$750; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 22-1005.2 and 22-1005.3 - renumbered, § 22-1005.2 - added, and § 22-1501(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-302(b)(16) and (17) - amended and § 9-302(b)(18) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 637 Delegate Jackson**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only in a jurisdiction where the local licensing board had adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses to sell certain alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for off-premises consumption or delivery; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 4-507 - amended and § 4-1107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 638 Delegate RuthSTATE TRANSFER TAX – RATES AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE
– ALTERATIONS

Altering the State transfer tax rate and the distribution of State transfer tax revenue.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TP, §§ 13-203 and 13-209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 639 Delegate Wivell, et alVEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT –
EXCEPTION (IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARY “PAPPY” BOWARD)

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years of age who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual’s passenger.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 640 Delegate Ziegler, et alPROPERTY TAX – IMPROVEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND –
ASSESSMENT

Clarifying a property owner’s right to receive information on the calculation of an assessment; requiring owners of certain buildings to provide certain information to the supervisor of assessments within 90 days after construction of the buildings is completed; creating a subclass of real property consisting of improvements on agricultural land; requiring improvements on agricultural land to be assessed in a certain manner; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 1-101(a-1) and (rr), 5-104, and 8-209.2 - added and §§ 1-402(1), 8-101(b), 8-102, and 14-201(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 641 Delegates Williams and Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – CURBSIDE VOTING**

Requiring each local board of elections, at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election, to designate an outside location for curbside voting, subject to the approval of the State Board; requiring a local board to take into account certain factors when determining a location for curbside voting; and establishing requirements governing curbside voting, including requirements related to the designation of curbside voting locations and how to vote at a curbside voting location.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 1-101(p-1) and 10-316 - added and § 9-102(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 642 Delegate Harrison**APPRENTICESHIPS IN LICENSED OCCUPATIONS ACT OF 2024**

Requiring professional and occupational regulatory boards to issue licenses, certifications, and registrations to individuals who complete an apprenticeship program that is established under the Maryland Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act, pass a certain examination, and pay a certain fee; authorizing the Maryland Department of Labor to develop a standard apprenticeship program for a licensed occupation or profession; and establishing a workgroup to establish group-sponsored apprenticeships in certain professions.

EMERGENCY BILL

AG, § 1-202, BOP, § 1-209, BR, § 1-211, EN, § 1-206, HO, § 1-229, and LE, §§ 11-1601 through 11-1605 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 643 Delegate Smith**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REVOLVING LOAN FUND – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements of the School Construction Revolving Loan Fund to include the Maryland School for the Blind.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-315 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 644 Delegate Crutchfield**FAMILY LAW – CARETAKER BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring a local department of social services or a law enforcement agency to provide a certain notice to a parent or caretaker of a child at a certain time during an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect; and excluding evidence obtained in violation of the Act from being used in certain judicial or administrative proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 5-706 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 645 Delegate J. Lewis, et al**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – VLOGGERS AND VIDEO CONTENT FEATURING MINORS**

Requiring a vlogger who creates video content that is posted on a social media platform and features a certain minor child to compensate the child under certain circumstances; establishing requirements on social media platforms relating to deleting video content featuring minor children; applying certain requirements related to the labor of minors to children compensated by vloggers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1004 - added and LE, § 3-203(4) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 646 Delegate Simmons, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARY AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS**

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying police auxiliary or reserve volunteer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-208(i-1) - amended and § 10-208(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 647 Delegate Guyton**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PET INSURANCE –
REGULATION**

Establishing requirements and prohibitions for pet insurance policies that are issued to a resident of the State, or are sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered in the State, including disclosure requirements and requirements and prohibitions related to wellness programs; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration, on or before June 1, 2025, to develop informational material about pet insurance policies that may be disseminated to and posted by veterinary practitioners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 19-1101 through 19-1109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 648 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – ACTUAL INCOME**

Altering the definition of “actual income” to include taxes paid by a parent’s employer or, if the income is nontaxable, the amount of taxes that would be paid if the income were taxable for purposes of child support calculations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 12-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 649 Delegate White Holland, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK –
WAGE RANGE TRANSPARENCY**

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; prohibiting an employer from taking a certain retaliatory action; and requiring each employer to keep a record of compliance with certain provisions of the Act for at least 3 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 3-301, 3-304.2, 3-305, 3-307, and 3-308(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 650 Delegate Boafo**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS –
RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYPERSONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt regulations establishing a ratio of three apprentices to one journey person for each nontraditional trade occupation and newly registered occupation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 11-410 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 651 St. Mary’s County Delegation**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR TASTING PERMIT**

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit in St. Mary’s County; authorizing the Board to issue the permit only to a holder of a Class A license; authorizing the holder to allow the on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting purposes only; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 28-1308 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 652 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRIC VEHICLES – WEIGHT LIMITS**

Allowing plug-in electric drive vehicles and certain other electric vehicles to exceed gross, axle, tandem, and bridge weight limits by up to an additional 2,000 pounds total.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 24-109 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 653 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS**

Establishing an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in certain areas in St. Mary's County; authorizing the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners to designate certain county highways where the maximum posted speed limit does not exceed 30 miles per hour on which a person may operate a golf cart; and requiring a person who operates a golf card to have a valid driver's license, drive only between dawn and dusk, and equip the vehicle with certain lighting devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.7 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 654 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONPROFIT PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE**

Establishing in St. Mary's County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on-premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$300.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 28-1004 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 655 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – STATE WETLANDS – SHORELINE STABILIZATION MEASURES**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from exempting a person from the requirement to use certain shoreline stabilization measures for certain erosion protection projects solely on the basis of replacing a structural shoreline stabilization measure with the same or similar type of structural shoreline stabilization measure; authorizing the Tidal Wetlands Compensation Fund to include grant funding for the replacement of structural shoreline stabilization measures with nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 16-201 and 16-205(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 656 Delegate Ivey**FAMILY LAW – VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM – CERTIFICATION AND GRANT FUND**

Requiring a victims of domestic violence program to be certified by the federally recognized State domestic violence coalition as a comprehensive domestic violence program; establishing the Victims of Domestic Violence Program Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and allowing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 4-515 and 4-516 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 657 Delegate Healey, et al**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICY**

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy related to pregnant and parenting students that is consistent with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and requiring each public institution of higher education to post the policy on the institution’s website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 658 Delegate Moon, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT, WAITING PERIODS, AND ADVERSE ACTIONS (CLEAN SLATE ACT OF 2024)**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence; establishing procedures for the automated expungement of certain clean slate eligible charges; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a report semiannually detailing the progress and outcomes of the automated expungement process during the preceding 6 months; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, §§ 10-105(c), 10-109, and 10-110(c) - amended and § 10-113 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 659 Delegate Munoz**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN**

Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 660 Delegate Charkoudian**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; authorizing, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SG, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2107 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 661 Delegate Charkoudian**CONSUMER PROTECTION AND DEBT COLLECTION – EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTACHMENT AND REQUIREMENTS ON JUDGMENT CREDITORS**

Altering the amount of wages of a judgment debtor that are exempt from attachment; establishing and altering certain requirements on judgment creditors; making a violation of certain requirements on judgment creditors relating to a judgment arising out of a consumer transaction an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; making certain conduct a prohibited debt collection practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xl), 14-202, 15-601.1, and 15-605 - amended and § 13-301(14)(xlii) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 662 Delegate Guyton, et al**LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – CHILD CARE TEACHERS – MINIMUM AGE**

Requiring that certain regulations governing the registration and operation of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers require that child care teachers be at least 18 years old.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 9.5-303(c)(10) through (12) and 9.5-404(b)(9) through (12) and (c) - amended and §§ 9.5-303(c)(11) and 9.5-404(b)(9) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 663 Delegate Ebersole**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX – READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS**

Establishing the alcoholic beverage tax rates for ready-to-drink cocktails at 40 cents for each gallon or 10.57 cents for each liter; and defining “ready-to-drink cocktail” as a beverage that contains distilled spirits mixed with nonalcoholic beverages and may contain wine, is 12% or less alcohol by volume, and is contained in original packaging consisting of a metallic container or can that is not more than 12 ounces.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 5-101(k) - added and §§ 5-101(k) through (n) and 5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 664 Delegate Clippinger, et al**COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT)**

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2304 and 3-2401 through 3-2407 - added and RP, § 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 665 **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – HIGH-RISK HIGHWAYS MC 15–24**

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on highways in Montgomery County that are at high risk for certain motor vehicle accidents; prohibiting the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on certain highways in Montgomery County; requiring the fines collected by Montgomery County or by a municipal government in Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system to be used to fund the study, design, and construction of certain safety-related projects; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4)(vii) and TR, §§ 21-101(l-1) and 21-809(b)(1)(xii) and (l) - added and TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 666 **Delegate Shetty, et al****SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE SUPPLEMENT**

Repealing the minimum age that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State-provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide from \$40 to \$95.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 667 **Delegate Embry, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – CONVICTION AND SENTENCING**

Establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense; and establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation and that a sentence imposed may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence based on the act establishing a violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 10-627 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 668 Delegate Pruski**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Making the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale, beginning in calendar year 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 2-315(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 669 Delegate Pruski**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – HEARING LOSS**

Altering the method used to determine the percentage of hearing loss deafness for purposes of workers' compensation; altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers' compensation benefits for occupational deafness; and requiring tinnitus to be considered part of a covered employee's hearing loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-650 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 670 Delegate Grammer, et al**STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS – RETIREES**

Authorizing certain retirees who began State service before July 1, 2011, to be eligible for prescription drug benefits in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; specifying that prescription drug benefits shall be discontinued for certain Medicare-eligible retirees who began State service on or after July 1, 2011, and their Medicare-eligible spouses and dependent children; repealing three Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug programs that provide coverage and assistance to certain retirees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 2-509.1 - amended and Chapter 767 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 2, 4, and 5 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 671 Delegate Grammer, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DISPLAY OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS – PROHIBITION**

Altering the definition of “item” relating to the prohibition against displaying or distributing obscene material to minors to include a drawing or illustration; and prohibiting certain public schools from displaying certain obscene material under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 672 Delegate Grammer, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DISPLAY OF OBSCENE MATERIALS TO MINORS – AGE VERIFICATION**

Requiring a website operator or other person who displays, exhibits, sells, shows, or advertises for sale obscene material to adhere to certain age verification standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 673 Delegate Embry, et al**REAL PROPERTY – CONTRACT LIENS – MEDICAL DEBT**

Prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 674 Delegate Grammer, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years of age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of the subtraction modification; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 675 Delegate Grammer, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE ACT)**

Establishing the Education Savings Account program in the State administered by the State Department of Education to provide grants to the account of the parent of an eligible student in order to provide for the eligible student's education; requiring the parent of an eligible student to participate in a certain agreement with the Department; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 9.12-101 through 9.12-106 and TG, § 10-208(cc) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 676 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**RIGHT TO TRY ACT – INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL TREATMENTS**

Altering certain provisions of law authorizing certain activity by manufacturers of investigational drugs, biological products, or devices under the Right to Try Act to apply to manufacturers of certain individualized investigational treatments; altering the definition of “eligible patient” under the Right to Try Act to include individuals who have life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses, rather than only individuals who have terminal illnesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 21-2B-01 through 21-2B-06 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 677 Delegate Cardin

ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – ELECTIONS

Requiring that candidates for judge of the orphans' court appear on the ballot without party designation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EL, §§ 5-203, 5-706, and 9-210(a)(6) and (7) and (g) - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-905 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 678 Delegates Harris and Boaf

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST – TARGETED RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH EFFORTS

Altering certain principles of public higher education in the State to include a principle that public higher education in Maryland should be committed to promoting diversity and inclusion at each institution; requiring each public senior higher education institution to adopt a certain written policy related to targeted recruitment and outreach efforts in certain communities of interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 10-202 - amended and § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 679 Delegate Jackson

SECURITY SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS – APPLICANTS – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE

Providing that an applicant for registration to provide security systems services may provide security system services and have access to circumventational information if the applicant applied for registration, received an application number confirming receipt, and the application was not rejected by the Secretary of Labor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 18-3A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 680 Delegates T. Morgan and J. Long

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EN, §§ 8-101 and 8-102 - amended and §§ 8-701 through 8-704 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 681 Baltimore City Delegation

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION RECORDS – ACCESS TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES AND SIGNATURES – BALTIMORE CITY AGENCIES

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a digital photographic image or signature of an individual, or the actual stored data thereof, recorded by the Administration available to the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development or any other agency designated by the Mayor of Baltimore City to enforce certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 12-111 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 682 Delegate Atterbeary**ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS – LABOR AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the developer of a covered project, on the approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain generating station or qualified generator lead line or approval for the construction of a certain generating station, to meet certain labor standards and reporting requirements; establishing certain labor standards and certain certification, reporting, and record-keeping requirements related to the construction of a covered project; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-718 and PU, §§ 7-207(i) and (j) and 7-207.1(h) and (i) - added and PU, §§ 7-207(a) and 7-207.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 683 Delegates Munoz and Miller**HOMICIDE OR LIFE-THREATENING INJURY BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND PENALTIES**

Specifying that certain crimes involving homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel are violent crimes for the purpose of parole eligibility; increasing penalties for certain crimes involving homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel; and establishing a subsequent offender penalty for causing life-threatening injury by operating a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 7-101(m) and CR, §§ 2-209, 2-210, 2-503, 2-504, 2-505, 2-506, 3-211, and 3-212.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 684 Delegate Grammer**CRIMINAL LAW – PROHIBITIONS ON WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING A HANDGUN – PENALTIES**

Establishing a certain intent element for wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun in certain prohibited places; repealing a certain rebuttable presumption that a person transporting a handgun under certain circumstances transports the handgun knowingly; and altering certain penalty provisions related to wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun in certain prohibited places.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 4-201 and 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 685 Delegates Harris and Chang**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission to promote innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace opportunities, including the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation industries into the economy of the State; establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Fund; requiring the Commission by October 1 each year to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1115 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 686 Delegate Simmons, et al**YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – VENUE-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a youth sports program to develop venue-specific emergency action plans for each facility that is used by the youth sports program during relevant athletic seasons; requiring an action plan to include the operation and use of automated external defibrillators, the provision of first aid, and coordination of care for certain injuries and severe weather conditions for practices or events; requiring the action plan to be available on the youth sports program's website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 14-501 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 687 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING**

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium in Charles County and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association in Charles County to successfully complete a certain training curriculum in a certain manner and subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11-109 and 11B-106.1(g) - amended and § 11B-106.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 688 Delegate Barnes**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Authorizing the Governor beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Maryland Historical Trust to be used to provide grants to museums under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 5A-360 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 689 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**ELECTRIC VEHICLES – REPEAL OF EXCISE TAX CREDIT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REBATE PROGRAM**

Repealing the electric vehicle excise tax credit; establishing the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program; establishing certain maximum income requirements for an individual to receive an electric vehicle rebate; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a website to administer the rebate program; requiring a participating dealer to provide a rebate to an eligible buyer at the time the buyer purchases an eligible vehicle; requiring the Administration to reimburse a dealer for rebates provided by the dealer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG and TR, Various Sections - amended and added, TR, § 13-815 - repealed, and Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 690 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Adult Protective Services Review Board in Charles County to authorize the appointment of a physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner in the field of psychiatry to serve on the board instead of a psychiatrist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 14-402(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 691 Delegate Moon, et al**LEGALLY PROTECTED HEALTH CARE – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT**

Altering the definition of “legally protected health care” to include certain gender–affirming treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations disciplinary actions and certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 2-312 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 692 Delegate Qi, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – POWERS AND USE OF
PROCEEDS**

Expanding the acceptable names authorized for an economic development authority established by a county or municipal corporation; expanding the powers of an authority, subject to limitations in the articles of incorporation of the authority; authorizing an authority to issue certain bonds in accordance with certain requirements; and expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC and The Charter of Baltimore City, Various Sections - amended and The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (62)(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 693 The Speaker (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development), et al**RENTERS' RIGHTS AND STABILIZATION ACT OF 2024**

Increasing maximum surcharges for certain eviction proceedings from \$8 to \$93 and prohibiting the District Court from assigning the surcharge against a tenant; altering the priority and criteria in the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program that are followed by the Department of Housing and Community Development and public housing agencies for providing vouchers and housing assistance payments to families; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month's rent; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CJ, § 7-301(c) - amended and HS and RP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

HB 694 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN – ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM (ENOUGH ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Governor's Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children as the head of the Office; requiring the Special Secretary to establish the ENOUGH grant program, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Office to assign certain staff for a certain purpose; establishing certain reporting and evaluation requirements; establishing the ENOUGH Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$15,000,000 to the fund for fiscal year 2026; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. and SG, §§ 9-2801 through 9-2805 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

HB 695 Delegate Bagnall

CONSUMER PROTECTION – NOTICE TO CONSUMERS BY MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Requiring a dealer of used motor vehicles sold or leased in the State to establish procedures under which each consumer, before completing a transaction to purchase or lease a used motor vehicle from the dealer, is notified and provided with a copy of certain information pertaining to the condition of the motor vehicle and any manufacturer adjustment program applicable to the motor vehicle being purchased or leased by the consumer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, §§ 14-1401 through 14-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 696 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS – UNIVERSAL EXPANSION**

Altering the standards of the State Free Feeding Program, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to require that if a school participates in the federal School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program, then each student in the school must be offered a meal at no cost to the student; providing for the reimbursement rate at which the State shall pay county boards and participating nonpublic schools for the meals offered to students; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, §§ 7-601 and 7-607 - added and §§ 7-601 through 7-605 and 7-702 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 697 Delegate Griffith**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS – BUYER’S RIGHTS**

Establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for commercial real estate transactions related to a buyer’s right to make certain title, settlement, and escrow selections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, §§ 17-524.1 and 17-607.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 2024**HJ 2 Delegate Acevero, et al****SUPPORTING A LONG-TERM CEASEFIRE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

Stating that the General Assembly of Maryland conveys to Maryland’s Congressional Delegation its support for an immediate, long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the return of all hostages, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 24, 2024**HB 389 Delegate Healey, et al****STATE HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS –
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

Repealing a requirement that a political subdivision maintain and repair certain sidewalks constructed by any developer of an industrial, commercial, or apartment area along a highway maintained by the State Highway Administration; and repealing a requirement that a political subdivision maintain and repair sidewalks and bicycle pathways constructed or reconstructed as part of the construction or reconstruction of an urban highway or in response to the request of a local government.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 8-629(c) - repealed and § 8-630(c)(6) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation