



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 10, 2024
Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2024 Session.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 10, 2024

SB 1 **Senator Augustine**

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Establishing an energy salesperson license for certain persons that offer or sell electricity or gas supply agreements to customers in the State; providing for the terms of electricity supplier, energy salesperson, and gas supplier licenses issued by the Public Service Commission; establishing certain licensing and renewal requirements for certain persons; providing for certain disciplinary actions by the Commission against electricity suppliers, gas suppliers, and energy salespersons for certain acts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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SB 2 **Senator Carter****JUVENILE LAW – CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION – MANDATORY PETITION (NYKAYLA STRAWDER MEMORIAL ACT)**

Requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 13 years is either delinquent or a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim; and requiring a law enforcement officer to forward a complaint alleging that a child under the age of 13 years committed an act that resulted in the death of a victim to the Department of Juvenile Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-10(c) and CP, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 3 **Senator Jackson****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES – TEMPORARY LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, AND PERMITTING**

Requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently on its website information about the expedited licensing process and any assistance provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, §§ 1-701, 1-704, and 1-705 - amended and § 1-702.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 4 **Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS’ RIGHTS – NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT (JAYCEE WEBSTER VICTIMS’ RIGHTS ACT)

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim’s representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State’s Attorney’s office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 11-508 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 5 **Senator Augustine**

HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS

Requiring the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland to develop admission policies that require the institutions to admit as freshmen applicants who graduate from a public or nonpublic high school in the State and are in the top 10% of their high school class.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 10-215 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 6 **Senator Gile, et al**

PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF DISABLED VETERANS – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-265 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 7 **Senator Bailey****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 8 **Senator Watson****STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – SERVICE CREDIT – RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS**

Authorizing members of a State or local retirement or pension system to receive service credit for volunteer service in the Peace Corps.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 38-301 through 38-305 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 9 **Senator Watson****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to issue a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) alcoholic beverages license for use by an independent nonprofit organization whose membership is composed solely of members of a nationwide fraternal or sororal organization.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1011 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 10 **Senator Kagan****VEHICLE LAWS – DAMAGED, OBSCURED, OR MODIFIED
REGISTRATION PLATES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to offer during the registration renewal process to replace vehicle registration plates that are more than 15 years old; altering the prohibition against obscuring or modifying a vehicle registration plate by prohibiting such activity in a manner that may prevent identification; and altering the penalty and points assessment for obscuring or modifying a vehicle registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 16-402(a)(17) through (43) - renumbered, §§ 13-418 and 16-402(a)(17) - added, and § 21-1112.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 11 **Senator Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 12 **Senator Ellis****COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland by two members, from 9 to 11; and requiring the two additional members of the Board of Trustees to be residents of Charles County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, § 16-604 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 13 **Senator Jackson**

MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND – MODIFICATIONS

Altering the use of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to require that the Fund be used only for pediatric cancer research instead of only for pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 20-120 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 14 **Senator Jackson**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM ZONES – DESIGNATION AND BENEFITS

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a municipal corporation to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; authorizing Baltimore City or a municipal corporation to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 15 **Senator West**

COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 5-6B-30 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 16 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – DRAFT COMMITTEES AND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES**

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to draft committees and exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for draft and exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the draft committee or exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the draft committee or exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended and § 13-107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 17 **Senator West****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 18 **Senators Augustine and Lam****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES**

Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals at least 5 years old; and altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 19 **Senator Sydnor****FAILURE TO PAY RENT PROCEEDINGS – PROHIBITION ON RENT INCREASES AND SHIELDING OF COURT RECORDS**

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing a tenant's rent because a judgment was entered against the tenant in a failure to pay rent action; requiring the District Court to shield all court records within 60 days after the final resolution of a failure to pay rent proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring the District Court to shield all court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding, on motion by a tenant, under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to publish a certain form; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

RP, §§ 8-119 and 8-503 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 20 **Senator Simonaire****ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 5-1102.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 21 **Senator A. Washington****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL STADIUM GRANT PROGRAM AND STUDY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Public School Stadium Grant Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to conduct a comprehensive study analyzing the current condition of public high school athletic and physical education facilities in the State; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual operating or capital budget an appropriation of \$60,000,000 for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, § 5-330 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 22 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Requiring the Governor, rather than the Mayor and the President of the City Council of Baltimore City, to appoint the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City with the advice and consent of the Senate; authorizing the Governor, rather than the Mayor and the President of the City Council of Baltimore City, to remove a member of the Board for certain infractions; clarifying that the Board and employees of the Board must comply with State ethics requirements, rather than Baltimore City ethics requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 12-202 and 12-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 23 **Senator West****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 24 **Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES – RETURN AND EXCHANGE POLICY (RIGHT TO REFUND INFORMATION ACT)**

Requiring, before the completion of certain retail sales transactions, that merchants provide to consumers notice of the merchants' refund and exchange policies or policies of no refunds or exchanges by conspicuously displaying a certain notice; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-321 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 25 **Senator Klausmeier****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR RESCUE WORKER – ALTERATIONS**

Altering, for purposes of a certain property tax credit, the definition of “fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker” to include disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who have died regardless of the cause of death; requiring, under certain circumstances, the amount of the credit for a certain dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker or the surviving spouse or cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted for the dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 26 **Senator Bailey****CRIMINAL LAW – MANSLAUGHTER BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL – INCREASED PENALTIES (JAMARI’S LAW)**

Increasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 2-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 27 **Senator Gile, et al****COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an individual practicing cosmetology to practice in a party state under certain circumstances; establishing the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission and its duties and powers; and providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 5-6A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 28 **Senator Folden, et al****CRIMES AND CORRECTIONS – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES
(VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, § 5-134(c) and (d) - renumbered, CS and PS, Various Sections - amended and added, and CR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 29 **Senator Kagan****SPECIAL ELECTIONS – PROCEDURES AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VACANCIES AND TIES**

Requiring that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of or resolve a tie for election as Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly unless the vacancy occurs during the year in which the General Assembly is elected; requiring that a special election to fill a vacancy or resolve a tie be conducted by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections and the local board of elections to each pay 50% of the cost of postage-paid envelopes for a special election; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended and EL, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 30 **Senator Ellis****MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY
AND FUND – HIGH IMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROGRAM**

Establishing the High Impact Development Project Program within the Department of Commerce to provide financial assistance to industrial development agencies or enterprises undertaking high impact, placemaking projects that will support manufacturing activities; requiring the Department to award financial assistance to entities carrying out high impact development projects under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-301(o) through (w) - renumbered and Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 31 **Senator West****COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY
AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that requires the promisor to defend a promisee against claims brought by a third party.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 32 **Senator Bailey****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WATERMEN’S
MICROLOAN PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program within the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, § 10-526 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 33 **Senator Rosapepe****MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER-FOCUSED STUDENTS ACT OF 2024**

Requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education and provide a method for a student or a student's parent or guardian to authorize the release of the student's personal information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring each public high school to inform students of certain employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added and § 7-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 34 **Senator Carter****COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION**

Providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 35 **Senator McCray****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 36 **Senator Benson****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 37 **Senator Waldstreicher****PUBLIC UTILITIES – STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT – ACQUISITIONS AND REPORTING (COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING INVESTMENT ACT)**

Finding that local governments pay electric companies large sums to light streets and are limited in how this public safety resource can be managed, the Act authorizes certain counties or municipalities to acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and contract with an electric company for the maintenance of the street lighting equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 1-1309 - amended and PU, § 4-212 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 38 **Senator A. Washington****WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION – PAY STUBS AND PAY STATEMENTS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include the employer's name, the dates of work covered by the pay period, the number of hours worked, the rates of pay, the gross and net pay earned, the amount and purpose of all deductions, a description of the information used by the employer to calculate the employee's gross and net pay, and for each employee paid at a piece rate, the applicable rate and number of pieces; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-504 - amended and § 3-507.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 39 **Senator Ready, et al**

GUN THEFT FELONY ACT OF 2024

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 40 **Senator Watson**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DRIVER EDUCATION AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – FUNDING (DRIVER EDUCATION AND CAREER EDUCATION ACT OF 2024)

Requiring, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations to the State Department of Education for the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc., in Prince George’s County for certain purposes related to driver education and career and technical education; and requiring the Department to hire an independent contractor to conduct an annual evaluation of the impact of the funding provided by the Act on increasing the number of career-ready students. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 41 **Senator Lam**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – INFORMATION IN CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 14-1203 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 42 **Senator Kelly**

VEHICLE LAWS – HORSE RIDING – HELMET REQUIREMENT FOR MINORS

Prohibiting an adult from allowing certain minors to ride a horse, donkey, mule, or pony on a highway, a public horse-riding path, or the grounds of a facility for which the primary purpose is recreational, educational, or competitive equestrian activities unless the minor is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials for protective headgear used in equestrian riding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 43 **Senator Hayes**

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – ARBITRATION

Authorizing arbitration for disputes regarding certain applications for a certain permit, grant, tax credit, or authorization for a change or alteration of property subject to a certain historic easement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 5A-321 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 44 **Senator Folden, et al**

SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, §§ 3-702, 3-708, and 11-502 and CP, § 5-202 - amended and CS, § 11-507.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 45 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – B–D–7 LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE**

Altering a geographic boundary in the 45th alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City within which a holder of a B–D–7 alcoholic beverages license must operate in accordance with certain hours.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, §§ 12-2004(c) and 12-2005(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 46 **Senator Waldstreicher****CONDOMINIUMS – SALES CONTRACTS – ASBESTOS DISCLOSURE**

Establishing the unenforceability of contracts for the sale of condominium units that do not contain certain notice relating to the presence of asbestos.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11-126(a) and 11-135(a)(4)(x) and (xi) and (5) and (g)(1) - amended and § 11-135(a)(4)(xii) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 47 **Senator Benson****PUBLIC HEALTH – SALE OF DIET PILLS TO MINORS – PROHIBITION (PROTECTING TEENAGERS FROM UNREGULATED DIET PILLS)**

Establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding the sale of diet pills to individuals under the age of 18 years; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a notice with information about the potential health risks of diet pills; and authorizing the Department to establish limitations on which diet pills are subject to the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 21-259.4 - added and § 21-1215 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 48 **Senator Kagan**MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION –
POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to remove certain citizenship requirements for an individual who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran; and providing that an individual who is a permanent legal resident and honorably discharged veteran or current member of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, or a reserve component is eligible to be certified as a police officer.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 49 **Senator Elfreth**RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS –
ALTERATION

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 50 **Senator Lam, et al**HUMAN RELATIONS – COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – APPEAL OF
FINAL ORDERS

Providing that a certain final order of the Commission on Civil Rights on a complaint alleging a discriminatory act is appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 20-1005(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 51 **Senator Rosapepe****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE RENEWAL**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to extend the deadline by which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license must file an application for renewal; and extending the expiration date for certain licenses issued by the Board to July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 52 **Senator Folden, et al****JUVENILE JUSTICE RESTORATION ACT OF 2024**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed a crime involving the use or possession of a firearm; and altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child’s consultation with an attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-8A-03 and 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 53 **Senator Kelly****REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO HEIR – EXEMPTION FROM PREPAYMENT**

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 3-104(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 54 **Senator Carter****OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – CRIMINAL HISTORY – PROHIBITED DISCLOSURES AND PREDETERMINATION REVIEW PROCESS**

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 1-209 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 55 **Senator Smith****VEHICLE LAWS – DISABLED VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATES – ISSUANCE**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain special disabled veteran registration plates to disabled veterans who are between 50% and 99%, inclusive, service-connected disabled as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the Administration from charging certain persons the fee required for replacement registration plates under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-619.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 56 **Senator Hester****FOOD WASTE AND SOLID WASTE REDUCTION – GRANTS, FUND, AND SURCHARGE**

Establishing the On–Farm Organic Diversion and Composting Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to assist with the costs of developing and implementing on–farm composting and compost use, food waste prevention, and food rescue projects; requiring the Department of the Environment to use funds from the Reduce, Recycle, Remanufacture Fund to support the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste; authorizing the Department to establish a statewide solid waste disposal surcharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 57 **Senator Sydnor****EVIDENCE – WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – FAIR HOUSING TESTING**

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 10-401(13) and 10-402(c)(12) - added and § 10-401(13) through (18) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 58 **Senator Brooks****INCOME TAX – SENIOR CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering, under certain circumstances, eligibility for and the value of a credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-754 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 59 **Senator Ellis****SAFE SLEEP FOR INFANTS – AWARENESS AND CERTIFICATION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to promote education regarding safe sleep for infants; establishing the Maryland Safe Sleep Certification Program and requiring child care centers to be certified by the Program; and requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to be certified by the Cribs for Kids' National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification program.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5203, 19-310.4, 19-3B-03.1, and 20-2401 and ED, § 9.5-405(g) - added and ED, § 9.5-418 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 60 **Senator Carozza****WORCESTER COUNTY – MOTOR HOME AND RECREATIONAL TRAILER SHOWS – OUT-OF-STATE DEALERS**

Authorizing out-of-state motor home or recreational trailer dealers that are licensed by the licensing authority of another state to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 15-304(g) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 61 **Senator A. Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – DISCIPLINARY RECORDS – USE IN ADMISSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from using an admissions application that contains questions about an applicant's disciplinary record, subject to certain exceptions; and authorizing an institution of higher education to make inquiries into and consider information about a student's disciplinary record for discipline related to academic dishonesty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 26-501, 26-503, and 26-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 62 **Senator Ellis****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES – PREVIOUS CESAREAN SECTION**

Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a client who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken; altering the required contents of a certain informed consent agreement; and requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop a transport protocol for clients who had a previous cesarean section.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, §§ 8-6C-03(11), 8-6C-04(a)(20) and (21), and 8-6C-09 - amended and § 8-6C-04(a)(22) and (e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 63 **Senator Bailey****MOTOR VEHICLES – SCHOOL VEHICLE DRIVERS – MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Requiring a school vehicle driver to pass an appropriate medical examination before employment and once during each 2 years of employment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 16-816(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 64 **Senator Benson****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT LEAVE**

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; requiring a certain qualified employee to obtain the signatures of a certain county board member and certain school personnel under certain circumstances; and making the credit refundable under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 65 **Senator James****CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from a minor under 13 years of age.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-208.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 66 **Senator Rosapepe****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NEAR A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or 1,000 feet of a school building if a license of the same class had been issued and was in effect for the establishment before the place of worship or school building was built.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1604 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 67 **Senator Brooks****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION CONVERSIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act an amount equal to a 50% of forgone revenue.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-268 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 68 **Senator Carozza, et al****RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST-APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY’S AND CHRISTIAN’S LAW)**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 69 **Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Increasing by two members the membership of the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County; and requiring the Governor to consider the geographic and ethnic representation of Anne Arundel County when making appointments to the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 16-401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 70 **Senator McCray****TRANSPORTATION – CHANGE IN BUS SERVICE – IMPACTS REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, before announcing any reduction or cancellation of an existing bus route or line, to compile a report on the impacts of the proposed service reduction or cancellation; requiring the Administration to publish the report on its website at least 30 days before the required public hearing on the proposed service change; and requiring the Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 7-508 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 71 **Senator Carter****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM SUPPORT (PREVENTION OF FORCED INFANT SEPARATION ACT)**

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for up to 1 year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, §§ 3-901 through 3-903 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 13-901(h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 73 **Senator Watson, et al****DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – FIREARM OFFENSES – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly, by January 1 each year, on the number of assessments completed during the intake process involving children who commit firearm offenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 74 **Senator Ellis**

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE FRUIT – PERSIMMON

Designating persimmon as the State fruit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 7-316 through 7-319 - renumbered and § 7-316 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 75 **Senator West**

MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – TRANSFERS AS CUSTODIAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MINOR – AUTHORIZATION OF COURT

Increasing, from in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$50,000, the threshold amount for certain transfers by a personal representative, trustee, or conservator as a custodian for the benefit of a minor to require authorization by a court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 13-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 76 **Senators Lam and Hettleman**

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – GOVERNING BODIES, GRIEVANCES, AND ENTRANCE FEES

Altering the membership of governing bodies of continuing care retirement communities by increasing the number of subscribers; altering the number of times select committees of providers without a governing body are required to meet with subscribers each year; requiring the Department of Aging to collect certain information about internal grievances; altering the processes for the termination of a continuing care agreement; and altering the process for refunding certain entrance fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 10-401(v) - added and §§ 10-401(v) and (w), 10-408(b)(3), 10-427, 10-428, and 10-449 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 77 **Senator Waldstreicher****BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 21-1103(b) and 21-1202(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 78 **Senator Sydnor****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 79 **Senator A. Washington****STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to expenditures for the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for a magnetic levitation transportation system.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 80 **Senator West**

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE – OBJECTIONS

Authorizing only an interested person or unpaid claimant, rather than any person, to file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative of an estate of a decedent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 81 **Senator Ellis**

HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – BUDGET

Altering the information shown in the budget of the College of Southern Maryland; requiring certain county commissioners to review and approve the budget of the resident campus in certain counties; and authorizing the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland to approve certain transfers of appropriations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 16-610 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 82 **Senator McCray**

BALTIMORE CITY – ARREST WARRANTS FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION – TIME FRAME

Requiring a circuit court or District Court judge sitting in Baltimore City to respond to a certain request for an arrest warrant within 7 days after receiving written charges, filed under oath, that a probationer or defendant violated a condition of probation.

EMERGENCY BILL

CP, § 6-223 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 83 **Senator Muse****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 9-1A-31(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 84 **Senator Rosapepe****TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP**

Establishing the Teacher Apprenticeship Startup Grant Program in the Department of Labor to provide high school and college students, and career changers opportunities to begin a career in education; requiring the establishment of apprenticeships that develop career paths and to pay apprentices certain compensation; authorizing the Department of Labor to award up to \$500,000 to develop and launch a teacher apprenticeship program; requiring a sponsor to coordinate with the CTE Committee to develop a high school-level program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 11-607 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 85 **Senator M. Washington****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS – AUTHORIZATION (MARYLAND LIMITED COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT)**

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 1-502(g) and 4A-12A-01 through 4A-12A-21 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 86 **Senator Klausmeier****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS (LONG–TERM CARE RELIEF ACT OF 2024)**

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long–term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long–term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 87 **Senator Carozza, et al****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 88 **Senator Gile, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 89 **Senator James****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTS AND RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 90 **Senator Hayes****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 91 **Senator McCray****WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING – LEASING TRAINING PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Leasing Training Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to train, prepare, and connect job seekers with careers in the residential rental housing industry; requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to administer the Program and award grants of \$250,000 annually to eligible designated partnerships; requiring the Governor to include \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for the Program; requiring a certain report by January 1 each year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 11-1601 through 11-1606 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 92 **Senator Brooks****PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING**

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 93 **Senator Augustine****HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – PRIVATE REVIEW AGENTS**

Requiring that certain criteria and standards used by private review agents for health insurance utilization review relating to mental health and substance use disorder benefits meet certain requirements; requiring a private review agent to take certain actions before issuing an adverse decision; and specifying the procedure for private review agents to follow when making decisions related to mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-10B-02, 15-10B-05, and 15-10B-06 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 94 **Senator Watson, et al**

JUVENILE LAW – INTAKE AND PROBATION

Altering provisions of law relating to the juvenile intake process such that certain complaints and case files are required to be forwarded to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances; and altering provisions of law relating to the length of juvenile probationary periods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-8A-10(c)(4) and 3-8A-19.6 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 95 **Senator Carozza**

EASTERN SHORE CODE COUNTIES – MAXIMUM HOTEL RENTAL TAX RATE – ALTERATION

Increasing, from 5% to 6%, the maximum hotel rental tax rate that counties in the Eastern Shore class of code counties may impose.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 20-405 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 96 **Senator Jackson**

ENVIRONMENT – IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AND STATE AGENCY ACTIONS

Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a climate and environmental equity evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for residents of the State to opt in to text, phone, e-mail, or regular mail notifications regarding any facility with a pending or final permit approval in or adjacent to the resident's census tract; altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 1-7A-01 through 1-7A-05 - added and §§ 1-702(a), 2-107(b), 2-1305, 7-219, and 9-320(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 97 **Senator Hester**

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a specially designed registration plate honoring the Maryland horse industry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-619.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 98 **Senator Salling**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FOOD DESERT STUDY

Requiring, on or before November 30, 2024, the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study and make recommendations on reducing food deserts in the State and submit its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and Environment and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 99 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY AND VOTING – UNAFFILIATED VOTERS

Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-303, 3-305(a) and (e), 9-404(b), and 11-303(d)(4) - amended and § 3-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 100 **Senator Watson, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any of the thefts occurred; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over the course of 90 days with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; providing that a person who commits organized retail theft is guilty of a felony; and providing that a conviction under the Act merges with a certain other conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-103(b) and (f) - amended and § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 101 **Senator McCray**

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE – SCHAEFER CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include an appropriation of \$1,900,000 in the annual budget bill for the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 12-124 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 102 **Senators Carozza and Jackson**

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 103 Senator Jackson**OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

GP, §§ 7-416 through 7-420 - renumbered and § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 104 Senator A. Washington**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024**

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner beginning in calendar year 2027 and each calendar year thereafter; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LE, §§ 8-607(b), (c), and (d)(1), 8-610(a) and (c), 8-612, 8-802, and 8-804 - amended and § 8-803 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 105 Senator Ellis**BURIAL SITES OF ENSLAVED PERSONS – PROTECTION AND ACCESS (EMANCIPATION FOR THE MARYLAND DECEASED ENSLAVED ACT)**

Requiring an owner of land that encompasses any part of a former plantation to identify and allow visitation to certain burial sites of enslaved persons, under certain circumstances; prohibiting construction of any structure on certain burial sites; establishing the Office of Burial Sites of the Maryland Enslaved; and requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the Office.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-121 - amended and SG, §§ 9-3801 through 9-3804 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 106 **Senator Kelly**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – BOARD
MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSES

Altering the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; and
repealing obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HO, §§ 19-202(a), 19-302.1, and 19-309(d)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 107 **Senator James**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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 108 **Senator Bailey**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: Budget and Taxation

SB 109 **Senator Gile**

STATE EMPLOYEES – PARENTAL BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Providing that certain State employees are entitled to use up to 10 days of parental bereavement leave with pay within 60 days after the death of the employee's child or the employee experiences a stillbirth; and prohibiting certain State entities from requiring State employees entitled to parental bereavement leave under the Act to use any other paid leave available to the employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 9-1109 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 110 **Senator Hershey**

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – LOCAL COST–SHARE – ALTERATIONS

Adding an adjustment for the local cost–share for school construction projections for certain counties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-303(k) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 111 **Senator Sydnor**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF MINOR VICTIM

Requiring, with a certain exception, a party or nonparty making a certain filing in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case to redact certain identifying information relating to a minor victim that appears in the filing; and authorizing the Supreme Court of Maryland to adopt rules to require or authorize a person making a redacted filing under the Act to also file an unredacted copy under seal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 112 **Senator Salling****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR PHONE USE – POLICY REQUIRED**

Requiring county boards of education to develop and adopt a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular phone during instructional time unless a teacher expressly directs the student to use a cellular phone for educational purposes; and exempting a county board that has an existing policy on the student use of cellular phones during school hours from the requirement to develop and adopt a new policy.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 113 **Senator Kelly****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR THROUGH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-324 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 114 **Senator Jackson****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 115 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – RECOUNTS – PROCEDURES

Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 12-108 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 116 **Senator West**

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 117 **Senator Bailey**

HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – KRABBE LEUKODYSTROPHY

Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health's newborn screening system include screening for Krabbe leukodystrophy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 13-111 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 118 **Senators Muse and Hettleman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT AND SHIELDING –
PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT FOR DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED
OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 119 **Senator Lam, 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: Finance

SB 120 **Senator Watson, et al****JUVENILE LAW – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION – PARENTAL
CONSULTATION**

Authorizing a child to consult with the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian instead of an attorney before a law enforcement officer may conduct a custodial interrogation of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-8A-14(e) and 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 121 **Senator Ellis**

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – FUNDING AND RESPONSIBILITIES – LA PLATA POOL

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland to include funding in the annual budget of the College to reopen the pool on the College's La Plata Campus by December 31, 2024.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 16-611 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 122 **Senator Augustine**

EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION

Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-431 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 123 **Senator Carter**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO REDUCE SENTENCE

Authorizing an individual who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to reduce the sentence if the individual has served at least 20 years of the individual's term of confinement and at least 3 years have passed since the court decided any petition previously filed by the individual for a reduced sentence; and establishing procedures for a proceeding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 8-501 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 124 Senator Augustine**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – ANNUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELLNESS VISITS – COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxiv) and IN, § 15-861 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and (xxiii) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 125 Senators Lewis Young and Folden**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES – CONTRACT DISCLOSURES – SUPERFUND SITES**

Requiring the seller of any residential real property located within 0.5 miles of a National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund site to provide the buyer with an addendum to the contract for the sale of the property that contains the identification of the Superfund site, the definition of an NPL Superfund site, web addresses for certain websites, and a notice that the buyer may void the contract of sale within 5 days after signing and dating the contract of sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 10-714 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 126 Senators Augustine and Feldman**TRANSPORTATION – WMATA OPERATING ASSISTANCE – ALTERATION (MARYLAND METRO FUNDING ACT OF 2024)**

Repealing for fiscal year 2025 only the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State's share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State's operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 10-205(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 127 **Senator Watson, et al****MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – FIREARM DETECTION PLATFORMS – EVALUATION (MARYLAND FIREARM DETECTION PLATFORM ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety, in collaboration with in collaboration with public safety agencies, the State Department of Education, local school systems, the University System of Maryland, and other public institutions of higher education in the State, to conduct an evaluation of firearm detection platforms; and authorizing funds from the Safe Schools Fund to be used to assist local school systems in the procurement and maintenance of firearm detection platforms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-1501 and 7-1512(f)(9) and (10) - amended and § 7-1512(f)(11) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Judicial Proceedings

SB 128 **Senator Hettleman****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 129 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – ELECTION COSTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

Requiring that each member of the State Board of Elections receive a stipend as provided in the State budget; requiring the State Administrator of Elections or the procurement officer for the State Board to disclose requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and proposed procurement contracts to the State Board; establishing requirements for invoices for payment sent by the State Board to a local board of elections and payments by a local board to the State Board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 2-101(i), 2-203, 2-305, 9-106, and 10-205 - amended and §§ 2-110, 2-111, 2-112, and 10-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 130 **Senator Bailey****CRIMINAL LAW – INDECENT EXPOSURE WITHIN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR**

Prohibiting a person from committing the common law crime of indecent exposure; prohibiting a person from, with prurient intent, committing the common law crime of indecent exposure when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present and the minor is at least 2 years old and is more than 4 years younger than the person; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both on a conviction for a crime of indecent exposure in the presence of a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 131 **Senator Ellis****TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – CATEGORIZATION AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to categorize the major transportation projects being considered for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program into four project categories; requiring the Department to rank each project under the appropriate category using the project-based scoring system; and requiring the Department to increase a certain weighting metric by 45% for a project located in a minority, rural, or underserved community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 2-103.7(a), (b), and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 132 **Senator Carter****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 7-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 133 **Senator Klausmeier****STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS**

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the time period during which an investigation must be conducted and a written decision must be issued regarding a complaint filed by an applicant or employee alleging discrimination or harassment by an employer; and authorizing certain applicants and employees to provide written authorization to increase by an additional 30 days the time period during which an investigation of a complaint and a written decision must be completed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 5-212 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 134 **Senator Hettleman**

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN UNIT

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Unit in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Unit to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Unit to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings as appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 6-901 through 6-907 - added and SP, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 135 **Senators Ellis and McKay**

WORKGROUP TO STUDY FUNDING FOR THE WESTERNPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before December 1, 2024, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 136 **Senator Jackson**

FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE CEREMONY – DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY CLERK

Transferring, from the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 2-406(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 137 **Senator Rosapepe****REGISTERED NURSE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup to study the feasibility of developing and implementing a registered nurse degree apprenticeship program in the State; and requiring the Workgroup, on or before April 1, 2025, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 138 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY TO SET A SPECIAL RATE FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set a special property tax rate for a vacant or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 139 **Senator Watson****DRIVER'S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – EXCEPTION**

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive if the obligor's income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203(b), (e), and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 140 **Senator Lam****GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – PROCEDURES**

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EL, § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 141 **Senator A. Washington****MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS – SMOKING POLICIES**

Requiring the governing body of a common ownership community to develop a smoking policy if the property subject to the control of the governing body is a multifamily dwelling.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 142 **Senator Klausmeier****GENETIC TESTING – PROHIBITIONS ON DISABILITY, LIFE, AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 27-909.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 143 **Senator Gallion****TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT**

Clarifying a certain exemption from a certain reemployment offset for retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System and Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by a local school system under certain conditions; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(8)(i) and 23-407(c)(8)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 144 **Senators Hettleman and Gile****MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES – ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING PATIENTS**

Adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 4-304(c)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 145 **Senator Benson****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO MODIFY OR REDUCE SENTENCE (MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT)**

Authorizing an individual serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; providing that a certain petitioner is entitled to assistance of counsel and, if indigent, representation by the Office of the Public Defender; and authorizing a certain person to apply to the Appellate Court of Maryland for leave to appeal a certain order in a certain manner and within a certain period of time after the court passes a certain order in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 8-501 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 146 Senator Lewis Young, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – ALTERATIONS (RECLAIM RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2024)**

Altering the definition of “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of excluding energy derived from waste and refuse from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-701(s) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 147 Senator West**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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 148 Senator A. Washington**COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING FOR UNDERSERVED AND OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES**

Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, § 5-803(h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 149 **Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – INSURER OF RECORD –
ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION**

Authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-10A-04(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 150 **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee****STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS –
PERFORMANCE AUDITS**

Altering the frequency of certain performance audits of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to once every 6 years instead of 4 years, and the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to at least once every 6 years instead of 3 years that are required to be conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 2-1220(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 151 **Senator Muse****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH AND
WELLNESS**

Establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George’s County to review and evaluate health and wellness practices, programs, services, and resources in Prince George’s County and make recommendations regarding best practices in health and wellness community programming in the County; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George’s County Council, the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 152 Senator Bailey**FISHING LICENSES AND STAMPS – FEE EXEMPTIONS – RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Exempting residents who are eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or Medicaid from the annual fee for angler’s licenses, trout stamps, and Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-604(b) and (f), 4-614(c), and 4-745(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 153 Senator Jackson**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – CHILD EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop and implement a certain training program for certain transportation–sector employees, taxicab drivers, and transportation network operators on the identification and reporting of suspected child exploitation and human trafficking; requiring certain transportation–sector employers to establish procedures for reporting suspected child exploitation and human trafficking to certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 10-208.1 and TR, § 2-113 - added and PU, § 10-404(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 154 Senator Salling**STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE BUSINESSES**

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to meet federal procurement standards and to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit’s total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; establishing a certain percentage price preference; and establishing certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 14-501 - amended and §§ 14-801 through 14-805 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 155 **Senator A. Washington**

VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10-311 - amended and TR, § 22-612 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 156 **Senator Salling**

PORT OF BALTIMORE – RENAMING

Renaming the Port of Baltimore to be the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 6-102.1(a)(5), 6-403(a), 6-405(a), 24-106.1(e)(1)(vi), and 24-113.1(c) and BOP, § 11-202(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 157 **Senator Ellis**

DOMESTIC ANIMALS – PENALTIES FOR ABANDONMENT AND MICROCHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS

Increasing the penalties by including a term of imprisonment of up to 90 days and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or both for abandoning a domestic animal in certain locations; establishing requirements for the microchipping of dogs on a transfer of ownership and for the management of information relating to dogs with implanted microchips; authorizing the governing body of a county to establish reasonable penalties for a violation of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 10-612 - amended and LG, § 13-108.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 158 **Senator Bailey**

CANNABIS LICENSING – ZONING REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATION

Repealing a provision of law that exempts the use of a facility by a cannabis licensee from certain county or municipal zoning requirements if the facility is used by a grower, processor, or dispensary that held a certain Stage One Preapproval for a license before October 1, 2022, and was not operational before October 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 36-405 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 159 **Senator Gile, et al**

COURTS – MILITARY RECORDS – RECORDATION AND INSPECTION

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the recordation and inspection of certain military records kept by the clerk of a circuit court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 2-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 160 **Senators Ellis and McCray**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAYMENT OF MINIMUM WAGE – TIPPED EMPLOYEES

Specifying a certain tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting certain employers of tipped employees, beginning July 1, 2027, from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages and requiring the employer to pay an employee at least the State minimum wage; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish the High Road Kitchen Program as a recognition program for restaurants that do not include the tip credit as part of certain employees' wages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-419 - amended and § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 161 **Senator A. Washington**

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing each county board of education that has fewer than 40 community schools and that receives funding from the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for the personnel grant and the per pupil grant to expend no more than 10% of the funds distributed by the State under certain circumstances; providing that the per pupil grant portion of the Program prioritize funding for areas of greatest need according to the needs assessment plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-223(c) and (f), 9.9-101 through 9.9-104, and 9.9-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 162 **Senator Waldstreicher**LANDLORD AND TENANT – TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL LEASE
– LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR RENT

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent under a residential lease if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder and the tenant vacates the leased premises, the management of which is extremely limited by the leased premises.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-212.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 163 **Senator Ellis**CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – IMAGINATION LIBRARY
PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing the Charles County Public Library to partner with an Imagination Library Program to provide free books to children up to 5 years of age; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2026 through 2035 an appropriation of \$2.10 for each child registered in the Program for each month that the child is registered in the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 23-510 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 164 **Senator West**

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – INTERESTED PERSON – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “interested person” for purposes of provisions of law governing the estates of decedents, guardians of persons and property, trusts, and powers of attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 1-101(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 165 **Senator Hettleman, et al**

EDUCATION – COACHES – MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide a certain training to coaches; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-452 and 15-130.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 166 **Senator Bailey**WATERWAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS)
WORKGROUP

Establishing the Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) Workgroup to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of certain waterway emergencies; and requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024, and a final report on or before September 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 167 **Senator Carozza****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration agreement, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; and authorizing physician assistants who are employees of the federal government to perform acts, tasks, or functions as a physician assistant during a certain disaster.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, ED, HG, HO, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed
Assigned to: Finance

SB 168 **Senator Sydnor****TASK FORCE TO STUDY AGGRESSIVE AND RECKLESS DRIVING**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Aggressive and Reckless Driving to study data, research, initiatives, and policies regarding aggressive and reckless driving; and requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by December 1, 2024 and a final report by December 1, 2025, on its recommendations on actions, interventions, and policies that could reduce aggressive and reckless driving including legislation to be introduced in the 2026 legislative session.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 169 **Senator Kagan****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 170 Senator Gallion**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – HEARING NOTICES AND BID ADVERTISEMENTS – ELECTRONIC POSTING**

Authorizing county boards of education to post on the websites of certain local school systems hearing notices related to preliminary approval of a school site and advertisements for bids for school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that exceed \$25,000; and updating the reference to the State's centralized procurement platform on which county boards may advertise for bids for school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that exceed \$25,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 4-116(b) and 5-112(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 171 Senator Augustine**LANDLORD AND TENANT – OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Requiring a landlord to accept financial assistance from the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Services for the cost of utility services that a tenant is required to pay; requiring a landlord, under certain circumstances, to provide a tenant with utility service documentation that is necessary for the Office to determine the eligibility of the tenant for financial assistance; and authorizing the Department to impose on a landlord in violation of the Act certain administrative penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 8-220 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 172 Senator Bailey**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PREMIUM INCREASES – COLLISIONS WITH WILD ANIMALS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 27-501(k) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 173 **Senator Ellis****CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY – CONVERSION INTO LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY**

Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to include sufficient funds in the Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal year 2025 and beyond for the planning, design, and reconstruction necessary for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County into a limited access highway; and requiring, by December 31, 2024, a report to the General Assembly on a timeline and the estimated costs for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) into a limited access highway.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 174 **Senator Muse****CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES**

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 175 **Senator Augustine****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Requiring an applicant for a license to practice optometry or the renewal of a license to submit to a criminal history records check obtained from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and providing that information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential, may not be disseminated, and is to be used only for licensing purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, §§ 11-302, 11-303, 11-306, 11-307.1, and 11-308 - amended and § 11-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 176 Senator Brooks**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE DAY – VETERANS’ DAY**

Establishing November 11 as a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans; requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption; and providing that evidence of eligibility may consist of a valid driver’s license or government-issued identification card that includes a notation indicating that the individual is a veteran.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-246 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 177 Senator Muse**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES, AND COURT-ORDERED SERVICES PROVIDERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY – PENALTIES AND REGISTRY**

Altering penalties relating to sexual contact between a law enforcement officer, correctional employee, or court-ordered services provider and certain individuals under certain circumstances; and requiring a person convicted of a certain offense to register on a certain sex offender registry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-314 and CP, § 11-701(o)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 178 Senator Klausmeier**AGRICULTURE – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

Requiring the State Highway Administration’s pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AG, § 2-1801 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 179 **Senator Watson, et al****CRIMES AND CORRECTIONS – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES
(VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 6-101(m), CR, §§ 4-204, 4-306(b), 4-404, and 14-101(a), and PS, § 5-133(b) and (b-1) - amended and CS, § 9-609.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 180 **Senator Hester****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – AUTO-INJECTABLE
EPINEPHRINE AND BRONCHODILATORS – USE, AVAILABILITY,
TRAINING, AND POLICIES**

Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools to update their policies to require school nurses and school personnel to complete certain training before they are authorized to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to certain students and to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train school personnel to administer bronchodilators to certain students; and requiring the State Department of Education to develop training for school personnel in identification of respiratory distress in students.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-426.2 and 7-426.3 - amended and §§ 7-426.6 and 7-426.7 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 181 **Senator McCray****QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRAINING AND REENTRY SERVICES – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include a certain \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2026 through 2028 to provide grants to certain qualifying nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing training in automotive repair to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the funds.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PS, § 4-1013 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 182 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and administer a training program regarding the use of facial recognition technology in the course of criminal investigations by June 30, 2026; requiring a law enforcement agency using or contracting to use facial recognition technology to prepare and publish a certain annual report by February 1; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 2-501 through 2-510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 183 **Senator Bailey****STATE PROCUREMENT – PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS**

Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor or subcontractor to a supplier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 15-226 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 184 Senator Klausmeier**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Adding Baltimore County and municipal corporations in the county to the jurisdictions subject to certain provisions of law relating to abandoned vehicles, including provisions governing the time period for reclamation by an owner or a secured party, cost recovery by a police department for impoundment, storage, and sale of an abandoned vehicle and certain other vehicles, failure of the owner or secured party to reclaim an abandoned vehicle within the required time period, and registration renewal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 25-201(e), 25-204, 25-206, 25-206.1, and 25-206.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 185 Senator M. Washington**OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – DEAFBLIND CO-NAVIGATION SERVICES PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Deafblind Co-Navigation Services Program in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide co-navigation services at no cost to deafblind individuals in the State; and defining “co-navigation services” as services providing visual and environmental information or sighted services to assist with communication accessibility in an individual’s preferred language and communication mode and to assist with accessing an individual’s physical surroundings and making informed decisions about those surrounding.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-2438 through 9-2443 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 186 Senator Watson**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CIGAR LOUNGE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class B-CL (cigar lounge) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County; excluding the license from certain distance restrictions; excluding a certain business that operates in the county under the license from the requirements of the Clean Indoor Air Act; and providing an annual license fee of \$900.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1001.1 - added and § 26-1604 - amended and HG, § 24-505(3) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 187 **Senator Sydnor**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE EMPLOYMENT –
AGRICULTURAL WORK

Repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by the State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne’s County or any other county with a similar camp.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CS, § 9-515 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 188 **Senator McCray**

ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2024

Altering the collective bargaining process for State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are advisory; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS
EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 7-108, SP, §§ 3-103, 3-501, 3-502, and 3-603, and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended and SP, § 3-503 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 189 **Senator Ellis****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – DEVELOPMENT OF CONTENT STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop content standards for inclusive and diverse English language arts to be included in certain State standards for English language arts by December 1, 2025; requiring each county board of education to develop and implement certain curriculum guides for inclusive and diverse English language arts; and requiring each public school to include inclusive and diverse English language arts in the English language arts curriculum beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 190 **Senator Muse****LAW ENFORCEMENT – WELLNESS CHECKS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-531 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 191 **Senator A. Washington****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PG 503–24**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on dwellings that are owned by certain eligible employees of the Prince George’s County Public School System; providing for the maximum amount of the credit; requiring the Prince George’s County government to submit a certain report concerning the credit to certain persons on or before a certain date; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-318(j) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 192 Senator Kramer**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees who are not confidential employees have separate bargaining units.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 193 Senator Lewis Young**AGRICULTURE – CONFINEMENT OF EGG-LAYING HENS IN COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCTION – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a certain farm owner or operator from knowingly confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure in a certain manner, subject to certain exceptions, on and after January 1, 2026; prohibiting a business owner or operator or a farm owner or operator from selling shell eggs or egg products under certain circumstances on and after January 1, 2026; and specifying that a certain certification verifying that the shell eggs and egg products are produced in a certain manner must be obtained before selling shell eggs and egg products.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, §§ 3-1101 through 3-1107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 194 Senators Hayes and M. Washington**STATE PROCUREMENT – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – WAIVER**

Requiring the Department of General Services to grant a waiver from a certain requirement to use a certain preferred provider for the procurement of supplies and services under certain circumstances; and requiring Maryland Correctional Enterprises to annually report the length of time between each order and delivery of supplies for the preceding fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-103 and 14-110(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 195 **Senator Watson, et al**

JUVENILES – ARREST BY LAW ENFORCEMENT – REPORT TO LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Requiring a law enforcement officer to make a certain report to a local department of social services after a certain arrest of a certain child under the age of 13 for purposes of a neglect investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-14 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 196 **Senator Gallion**

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS – SMALL PONDS – PLAN REVIEW FEES

Authorizing a soil conservation district to recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing plans for small ponds; establishing that any fees collected under the Act shall be supplemental to county and State funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, §§ 8-101, 8-306, and 8-311 and EN, § 5-503(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 197 **Senator Ellis**

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – REIMBURSEMENT – PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-4A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 198 Senator Benson**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PARENT AND GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Allowing certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in a certain elementary and secondary school a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$20 for each volunteer hour, not to exceed \$500; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain application and tax credit certificate; requiring a certain county board member or school administrator to issue tax credit certificates in a certain manner; making the credit refundable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 199 Senator Waldstreicher**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUSTS – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CONDOMINIUM REGIMES**

Authorizing a condominium regime to be established on certain land owned by an affordable housing land trust.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 11-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 200 Senator Ellis**COUNTIES – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS – SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post to the county's website a report that identifies pathways that public school students may use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a county each year to review a certain report and construct any sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes for public school students under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-801(e) and LG, § 12-506.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 201 Senator Watson**PUBLIC HEALTH – CHILDBIRTH – PATERNITY TEST**

Requiring, when a child is born at a health care facility, the attending physician to offer to the presumed father of the child the option to take a paternity test; requiring that the offer to take a paternity test be made orally and in writing and before a birth certificate form for the child is completed; allowing the presumed father the option to waive the right to take a paternity test or elect to take a paternity test at any time before completion of the child's birth certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 20-2401 through 20-2403 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 202 Senator Benson**INCOME TAX – CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax equal to 30% of certain qualified expenses paid or incurred to provide care or support to certain qualifying family members; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 203 Senator Waldstreicher**HOUSING INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM AND HOUSING INNOVATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (HOUSING INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for certain mixed-income, cross-subsidized housing; establishing the Housing Innovation Fund; requiring a local housing authority to provide a dollar-for-dollar match for Program funds awarded to housing innovation projects that are part of the Program; requiring the Department to prioritize projects that do not use low-income housing tax credit equity or tax-exempt volume cap; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 4-512 and 4-3001 through 4-3007 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 204 Senator Benson**INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold interstate compact licenses to practice social work in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; and providing for withdrawal from the Compact.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 19-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 205 Senator Hayes**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring that certain appointing officials in making appointments to the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland ensure that one member of the Board is a graduate of a historically black college or university in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 12-102(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 206 Senator Smith**CONDOMINIUMS – COMMON ELEMENTS – CLEAN ENERGY EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing certain governing bodies of a condominium to grant certain interests affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 11-125 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 207 Senator Bailey**NATURAL RESOURCES – NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD – COMMON NAME**

Establishing the common name of the northern snakehead as the “Patuxent Fish”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-701.1 and 4-714(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 208 **Senator Benson****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PROVIDER AGENCIES AND PERSONAL CARE AIDES – REIMBURSEMENT AND WAGES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for certain personal assistance services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to a minimum of \$25 per hour; requiring provider agencies to pay the greater of \$16 per hour or 64% of the hourly reimbursement rate to personal care aides and to provide a written notice regarding the wage to personal care aides; requiring provider agencies to submit annual cost reports to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 15-155 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 209 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain requirements relating to industry representation on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the purpose of the Commission; repealing a requirement that the Office of International Trade make a certain report to the Commission; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Tourism Development Board submit certain plans to the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 2.5-203, 2.5-206, 4-211, and 4-212(a) - amended and § 3-309 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 210 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)****EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE DATE**

Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2030, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021, § 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 211 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**PUBLIC HEALTH – GIVING INFANTS A FUTURE WITHOUT TRANSMISSION (GIFT) ACT**

Altering certain HIV and syphilis reporting and testing requirements for hospitals and health care providers for pregnant women and newborns, including by requiring that the pregnancy status of certain individuals be included in certain reports and that certain health care providers submit certain blood samples to medical laboratories.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 18-201.1, 18-202.1, 18-307, and 18-336 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 212 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT AND ACCESS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership and terms of members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council; requiring the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to meet jointly with the Council; and requiring the Commission, in coordination with the Council, to make recommendations regarding the financing structure and quality oversight necessary to integrate somatic and behavioral health services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, §§ 7.5-303, 7.5-305, 13-4802, 13-4803(f), 13-4805, 13-4806, and 13-4807 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 213 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**HUMAN SERVICES – FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (SUMMER SNAP FOR CHILDREN ACT)**

Making technical and clarifying changes to the administration of certain food supplement benefits for children; and increasing the amount the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for certain food supplement benefits for children.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 5-501.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 214 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council to include the Maryland Secretary of Labor or a designee, the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee, and the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County; and increasing the number of members selected by the Governor from 5 to 6 and requiring that at least one is a spouse of a service member.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 215 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-1501 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 216 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO INSURE – PENALTIES**

Increasing, from a penalty not to exceed \$10,000 to a penalty of \$25,000, the penalties for an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance or comply with an order of the State Workers' Compensation Commission regarding an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 9-407 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 217 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-701(e) - repealed, HG, § 19-701(e) and (e-1) and IN, § 15-1208.2(d)(11) - added, and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 218 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS – REORGANIZATION AND REVISIONS

Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and reorganizing certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professions; altering physician, physician assistant, and allied health professional licensure exceptions for individuals in the service of the federal government; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, CS, CJ, HG, HO, TG, and TR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 219 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending to December 31, 2030, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2002, § 13, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 220 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTIONS
– REVISIONS**

Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-1013(d) and 13-2205 - repealed and § 13-1108(f) - added and BR, CR, FL, HG, and LG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 221 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE AND
CERTIFICATION**

Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state or jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 1-229 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 222 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
QUORUM, EXAMINATION, AND APPRENTICESHIPS**

Clarifying that a quorum of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists consists of a majority of appointed members; altering the circumstances under which an applicant for licensure is qualified to take the examination by adding completion of an apprenticeship approved by the Board as an alternative to obtaining experience in an environmental health specialist–in–training program; and authorizing the Board to approve an examination provider to administer the examination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 21-101(a-1) - added and §§ 21-204(a), 21-301(b)(1), 21-304, and 21-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 223 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON AGING SERVICES – REPEAL**

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HU, §§ 10-301 through 10-310 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 224 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**CEMETERIES – BURIAL–TRANSIT PERMITS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring a person in charge of a cemetery to write on a burial–transit permit, the date of final disposition, the name and physical address of the cemetery, the burial, inurnment or scattering section and the lot and space number, or if the body or fetus was cremated and a certain authorizing agent takes control of the cremains, the name and address of the authorizing agent and the authorizing agent’s relationship to the deceased or fetus.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 4-215 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 225 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

LE, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 226 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**HUMAN SERVICES – ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM – ONGOING ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS**

Altering the purpose of the Attendant Care Program to include the provision of financial assistance for ongoing additional supports that increase an eligible individual's independent performance of essential daily living activities and is requested by an eligible individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, §§ 7-401, 7-402, and 7-404 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 227 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**HEALTH INSURANCE – CANCELLATION OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – RESTRICTION**

Prohibiting a carrier from canceling an individual health benefit plan if a policyholder has made a premium payment before the end of the grace period, the amount of the premium payment made is less than the aggregate amount of the net monthly premium due as of the date of the payment, the amount of the deficiency is \$10 or less, and the policyholder pays the remainder of the net monthly premium due within 30 days after a written notice of the deficiency is sent by the carrier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 15-1309(a) and (f) - amended and § 15-1309(j) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 228 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS – DENTAL COVERAGE**

Repealing a certain provision of law providing that a qualified health plan is not required under certain circumstances to provide essential benefits that duplicate the minimum benefits of qualified dental plans; and repealing the authority of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to require children enrolling in a qualified health plan to have essential pediatric dental benefits required by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, §§ 31-113(p)(7)(ii), 31-115, and 31-116(a)(2)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 229 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PENALTIES – UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS, INSURANCE PRODUCERS, AND PUBLIC ADJUSTERS

Altering the maximum civil penalty to which an unauthorized insurer or person that violates certain provisions of State insurance law is subject for each violation; and altering the maximum civil penalty that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may impose, in addition to suspending or revoking the license, on the holder of an insurance producer license or a public adjuster licensee for each violation of State insurance law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 4-212, 10-126, and 10-410 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 230 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – HEARING REPRESENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 2-213 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 231 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PROTECTIONS AFTER LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Prohibiting a public adjuster, or anyone acting on behalf of a public adjuster, from soliciting or attempting to solicit a client within 24 hours after a loss or damage as covered by an insurance contract or between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.; altering the statements that are required to be included in a public adjuster contract; and altering the services with respect to which it is a fraudulent insurance act for a contractor to take certain actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 10-411(h), 10-414, and 27-407.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 232 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 22-101, 22-207(c), 22-305, 22-306(b), and 22-307(a) and (f) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 233 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS, PREVAILING WAGE, AND LIVING WAGE – EMPLOYER ADVERSE ACTIONS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or hearings under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 3-105 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 234 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DURING A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work-attached.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 8-903(d) - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 235 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – DISPENSERS – VETERINARIANS**

Altering the definition of “dispenser” for purposes of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include certain licensed veterinarians when dispensing controlled substances for animals in the usual course of providing professional services; and providing that the Program is not required to disclose prescription drug monitoring data to veterinarians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 21-2A-01 and 21-2A-06(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 236 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Acupuncture Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 1A-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 237 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 20-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 238 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Dietetic Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 5-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 239 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 10-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 240 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners in Optometry in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 11-602 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 241 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 18-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 242 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 19-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HO, § 17-6A-31 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 244 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**PUBLIC HEALTH – CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT – REVISIONS**

Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and certain mass transportation; and requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in each indoor area open to the public and each public entrance to an indoor area where smoking or vaping is prohibited under the Clean Indoor Air Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, §§ 24-501, 24-504, 24-505, 24-506, and 24-508(c)(2) - amended, § 24-509 - repealed, and §§ 24-510 and 24-511 - renumbered

Assigned to: Finance

SB 245 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Adding the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to the governmental activities and units subject to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; extending the termination date for certain provisions of law related to the Commission; and stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services conduct an evaluation of the Commission on or before January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 8-403(37) through (64) - renumbered and § 8-403(37) - added and Chapter 280 of the Acts of 2005, § 14, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 246 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**PUBLIC HEALTH – NONOCCUPATIONAL POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (NPEP) STANDING ORDER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program to authorize pharmacists and health care providers to prescribe or dispense nPEP under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Program, collect fees necessary for the administration of the Program, and establish guidelines for training related to the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5205 - added and HO, § 12-101(x) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 247 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MODERNIZE MARYLAND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND STAFFING

Altering the membership and responsibilities of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide staff for the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 3.5-316 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 248 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Library)

LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Increasing, from one member to two members, the number of public members from each area served by the participating library systems on the governing board for each regional resource center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 23-202.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 249 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

ENVIRONMENT – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the composition of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee; and requiring the Committee to monitor the management of certain dredged material, provide input and feedback to the Maryland Port Administration regarding the management of certain dredged material, make recommendations on the potential impacts of management activity on nearby communities and natural resources, and appoint a member of the Committee to serve as liaison to the Innovative Reuse Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, § 5-1102.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 250 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Library)**

COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES – OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS – MINORS

Prohibiting a county public library from charging a minor a fine for overdue library materials; prohibiting a county public library from charging a minor a replacement fee for overdue library materials until 21 days after the date on which the library materials were due; and providing that a public library is not required to refund a replacement fee for overdue library materials returned after a replacement fee has been paid.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 23-409 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 251 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES – FACILITIES

Altering the composition and authority of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; altering the authority of the Commissioner of the Division; establishing the Youth Detention Center in the Division; establishing the facility administrator and authorizing assistant facility administrators for the Youth Detention Center; and repealing authorization for the Baltimore City Detention Center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, §§ 5-201, 5-202, and 5-401 through 5-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 252 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Emergency Management Agency)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to authorize the use of certain allocated funds for the payment of the salary of certain personnel.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 1-308 and 1-309 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 253 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PAY-FOR-SUCCESS CONTRACTS – PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION

Exempting pay-for-success contracts negotiated or entered into by the Department of Natural Resources from certain provisions of the General Procurement Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 11-203(a)(1)(xviii) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 254 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COMPANIES – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in the Administration's online verification program for vehicle insurance policies for law enforcement and administrative purposes; and requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 17-104(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 255 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Department of Emergency Management)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – ALTERATIONS

Transferring certain duties relating to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund from the Military Department to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 8-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 256 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – REVISIONS

Altering the membership and duties of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a certain period only if the individual is certified or provisionally certified by the Commission; and altering provisions of law relating to the certification and recertification of police officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 257 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 13-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 258 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES – ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Altering the State’s goals for reducing energy consumption in State buildings; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to update the High Performance Green Building Program to ensure that the Program aligns with certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; requiring the Department of General Services to identify State-owned facilities that are potential candidates for energy performance contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 4-806 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 259 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND STATE PARKS – FUNDS AND PLAN ALTERATIONS

Extending the date by which the Park System Critical Maintenance Fund must be expended to July 1, 2029; authorizing the Park System Capital Improvements and Acquisition Fund to be used for State projects on lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources for public purposes; altering the allowable uses of funds for the initial allocation to the Park System Capital Improvements and Acquisition Fund; authorizing the Great Maryland Outdoors Fund to be used for promoting outdoor environmental education in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 5-220(k), 5-221(c),(g),(j), and (l), 5-222(c),(g), and (k), and 5-2A-05(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 260 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – CRITERIA FOR EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT – EXCEPTION FOR SUPERVISION FEES

Altering a certain condition regarding the payment of certain restitution, fines, and fees that a certain supervised individual must satisfy to accrue certain earned compliance credit while under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 6-117(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Barbers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BOP, § 4-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 262 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – LATE FEES AND REGISTRATION – SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BR, § 6-407 - amended and § 6-418 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 263 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS – REVALUATION OF PROPERTY ON TRANSFER AFTER APPEAL

Requiring that real property be revalued during a 3-year assessment cycle if, within 1 year after the assessment of a property is reduced due to an appeal, the property transfers for consideration that exceeds the value of the property before the reduction of the assessment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TP, § 8-104(c)(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Cosmetologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BOP, § 5-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 265 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

HUMAN SERVICES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PA2E) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E) Program in the Department of Human Services to train participants on how to establish and run a small business; requiring the Department to establish eligibility criteria and a process for enrolling eligible individuals; and authorizing the Department to provide up to \$10,000 in business start-up funding to each participant who successfully completes the PA2E Program and develops a viable business plan.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 5-507 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMMEDIATE VESTING

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SP, § 29-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 267 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DEATH CERTIFICATES – ISSUANCE OF COPIES

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to access electronically from the Maryland Department of Health a copy of a death certificate and, on request, provide any person authorized by regulations with a certified or abridged copy of a death certificate; and authorizing the Administration to set and collect a fee for processing and issuing death certificates, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 4-217(a), (c), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 268 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Critical Area Commission)**

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM – ENFORCEMENT

Altering the enforcement and after-the-fact application approval procedures required as minimum elements of a local jurisdiction's Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Program to apply to all critical area violations; repealing the 30-day waiting period with which the Chair of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays must comply before referring certain enforcement matters to the Attorney General; and expanding the authority of the Attorney General to take certain equitable actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 8-1808(c)(1)(iii)15. and (4)(i) and (d)(7)(ii) and 8-1815(a)(2)(i) and (3), (b), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 269 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING – ESTABLISHED

Establishing a property tax credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation real property tax on certain properties that provide permanent supportive housing; providing for the calculation of the tax credit; providing for the recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring a certain reimbursement by the State to a county or municipal corporation for a certain percentage of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-112 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 270 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – REVIEW BOARDS – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

Altering provisions relating to the membership of, and the terms of members appointed to, adult public guardianship review boards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 14-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 271 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – REVISIONS

Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names of persons convicted of a felony and currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-504(a)(1)(iii) and (2), 10-301.1(e), and 13-215(b)(2)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 272 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

SPORTS WAGERING – SPORTS WAGERING ASSISTANCE FUND – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law establishing the Small, Minority-Owned, and Women-Owned Business Sports Wagering Assistance Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 9-1E-07(d) - amended and § 9-1E-16 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 273 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT – IMAGE RECORDING AND DELIVERY OF CONTRABAND

Prohibiting a person from intentionally using an unmanned aircraft to record images of a State or local correctional facility without the authorization of the managing official of the correctional facility or the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and prohibiting a person from using an unmanned aircraft to deliver contraband to a person detained or confined in a place of confinement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 8-804 and CR, § 9-417.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 274 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

CHARTER COUNTIES – COMPREHENSIVE PLANS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Altering requirements for the housing element of a charter county's comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025 to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, § 1-407.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 275 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – GOLD STAR AND NEXT OF KIN FAMILIES

Authorizing the recipient of a U.S. Department of Defense Next of Kin lapel button to apply for special registration plates; and waiving the initial vehicle registration fee associated with, and requiring the name and rank of the deceased service member to be included on, special registration plates issued to the recipient of a Gold Star or a Next of Kin lapel button.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-619.1(a)(4), (b), and (c)(2)(iii) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 276 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

PROPERTY TAX – SUBMISSION OF BUILDING PERMITS TO SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS – ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST

Requiring local permit offices to include a construction cost estimate when submitting a copy of a building permit to the supervisor of assessments of the county where the building is located.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TP, § 5-103 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 277 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER'S LICENSES, LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Exempting certain applicants for identification cards who present certain documentation from the issuance fee for the identification card; extending the term of certain learner's instructional permits from 180 days to 1 year after the date of issuance; and establishing that certain driver's licenses issued to certain holders by the Motor Vehicle Administration remain in full force and effect during an absence from the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 12-301(b), 16-105(e), and 16-115(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 278 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – LICENSING, REGISTRATION, FEES AND PENALTIES, AND REGULATION

Altering and establishing renewal and reinstatement processes for horse establishment licenses; establishing certain duties and administrative penalties with respect to beekeeping activities; altering the administrative penalty structure for certain violations related to nutrient management plans; and altering the renewal process and fee structure for the registration of weights and measures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, §§ 2-712, 5-503, 5-506, 8-801.1, 11-204.4, and 11-204.7 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 279 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT – APPEALS TO MARYLAND TAX COURT – FILING FEE

Requiring a taxpayer, when filing an appeal to the Maryland Tax Court of a property tax assessment for income-producing property valued greater than \$5,000,000, to pay a \$100 nonrefundable fee to the Maryland Tax Court.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TP, § 14-512(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 280 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

NOTARIAL ACTS – PROTEST FORM REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that a notary public use a certain protest form.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 18-106 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 281 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – ALTERATION OR REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing certain persons to alter certain submerged aquatic vegetation in a certain manner and in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing a public utility company or telecommunications carrier to alter certain submerged aquatic vegetation in a certain manner and in accordance with certain requirements; and altering certain requirements related to the alteration or removal of certain submerged aquatic vegetation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 4-213 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 282 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services)**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – LOCAL DETENTION CENTERS – REPORTING ON OPIOID USE DISORDER

Altering a certain requirement that the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services annually report to the General Assembly about opioid use disorder among incarcerated individuals in local correctional facilities by repealing certain reporting requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-104(l), (m), and (u) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 284 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – SALE, BARTER, OR EXCHANGE OF MOUNTED SPECIMENS FROM DECEDENT’S ESTATE

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal from a decedent’s estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 10-404(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 285 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE DUE TO OUTSTANDING WARRANT – REPEAL

Repealing the fee required to be assessed by the Motor Vehicle Administration against an applicant for registration of a motor vehicle who had previously been refused due to an outstanding warrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-406.1(i) - repealed and § 13-406.1(j) and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 286 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE – EXTENSION FOR HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM ENROLLEES

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners’ property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within 3 years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-104(u) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS
– APPLICATION PROCESS

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to determine the manner and format for applications for certification as a private detective and security guard and for a license to provide security guard services; altering the application requirements related to security guard agency licenses and commercial general liability insurance; and requiring an applicant for a special police commission to submit two sets of fingerprints in a format approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BOP, §§ 13-403, 13-404.1, 19-304, 19-308, 19-402, and 19-404.1 and PS, § 3-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 288 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – SUNSET
EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2036, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BOP, § 21-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 289 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – OFFICE
OF THE DIRECTOR – ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Increasing from 5% to 15% the percentage of the administrative expenses of the Office of the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the Department may pay from a certain fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CA, § 1-203.3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 290 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ANNUAL WAIVER REPORTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the annual deadline, from July 31 to December 31, for the Office for the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program to submit to the Board of Public Works a report of waivers requested and waivers granted under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; and altering the annual deadline, from October 1 to February 1, for the Board of Public Works to submit to certain standing committees a copy of a record of information regarding any waivers requested under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 14-703(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 291 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EL, §§ 14-101(b-1) and 14-103.1 - added and §§ 14-104(b)(1), 14-107, and 14-110(a) - amended and SF, § 13-221 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE – TITLE

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 3-313(b)(2) and SG, §§ 7-102 and 18-104(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 293 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – GOVERNANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

Altering the quorum threshold for the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service; authorizing the Secretary of the Board to delegate certain responsibilities to an employee of the Service; altering the obligations of the Service after receiving a request for services and after entering into a contract; altering the deadlines for certain audits and reports; and repealing a certain audit requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 3-101(j), 3-103(b)(5) and (d), 3-107(b), and 3-126(d) and (h) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 294 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Altering the definitions of “information technology” and “major information technology development project” for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing information processing and security; requiring a unit of State government to submit certain information to the Secretary of Information Technology relating to a major information technology development project; altering certain responsibilities of the Secretary relating to major information technology development projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 3.5-301 and 3.5-307 through 3.5-309 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 295 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – INVENTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning prepare and periodically revise inventory lists of the natural resources of the State and certain public works and facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 5-504 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Board for Professional Land Surveyors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034 the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BOP, § 15-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 297 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – ENGINEER MEMBERS – QUALIFICATIONS

Reducing from 12 to 5 the number of years that an engineer member of the State Board for Professional Engineers must have practiced engineering.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 14-202(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 298 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – LICENSING – PENALTIES

Authorizing the State Board of Electricians to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 instead of or in addition to reprimanding a licensee or suspending or revoking a license for certain violations; requiring the Board to consider certain factors to determine the amount of a penalty imposed under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 6-316 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 299 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

COAST SMART COUNCIL – DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

Altering the duties of the Coast Smart Council to include the development of eligibility criteria, standards, and procedures for categorical exemptions from the application of the Coast Smart requirements for proposed capital projects that have been designed to include adaptation and resiliency features to prevent or mitigate damage to the maximum extent practicable; and authorizing the Council to recommend certain regulations for adoption by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 3-1006 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 300 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – BELT WOODS WILDLAND

Authorizing, with prior approval of the Maryland Historical Trust and after an internal departmental review, certain archaeological, salvage, excavation, stabilization, and restoration activities of historic structures existing as of December 1, 1985, within the Belt Woods Wildland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 5-1203(a) and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

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

Extending to June 30, 2027, the authorization of a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases to, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2019, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 302 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD LICENSE – GEAR

Repealing certain buffer zones within which a commercial northern snakehead licensee may not fish using bowfishing gear; and requiring a licensee who fishes for northern snakehead to comply with Department of Natural Resources regulations governing the use of gear.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 4-701.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 303 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AQUACULTURE – DEFINITION OF SHELLFISH – ALTERATION

Altering the definition of “shellfish” as it relates to certain provisions of law governing aquaculture to include live mollusks and molluscan shells.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 4-11A-13 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 304 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering and repealing certain definitions for purposes of the State Boat Act; repealing certain advertising and public hearing requirements for proposed regulations implementing provisions of the State Boat Act; altering the fees for manufacturer and dealer licenses, certificates of number, Maryland use stickers, and the issuance of certificates of title, transfers of title, or duplicate or corrected certificates of title; requiring that certain vessels equipped with a sail be numbered for identification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

NR, Various Sections - amended, § 8-704(e) - repealed, §§ 8-712.4 and 8-725.9 - added, and § 8-704(f) through (i) - renumbered

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 305 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Geological Survey Fund to finance certain direct and indirect costs, including long-term budgeting and planning for survey projects, procurements, and equipment purchases; establishing the Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Natural Resources; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 2-101 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and NR, § 2-205 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 306 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Critical Area Commission)

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA
PROTECTION PROGRAM – CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Authorizing the Critical Area Commission to adopt regulations governing the transfer of development rights, fee in lieu payments, the assessment of and adaption to climate change relevant to the critical area, enhancing resilience in the critical area, and environmental justice and equity initiatives; establishing certain considerations of climate change, resiliency, and equity as general principles and minimum elements of local programs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – BOARD OF BOILER RULES – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date for the Board of Boiler Rules to July 1, 2034.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 12-919 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 308 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – JUST COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Authorizing the Governor, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, to designate certain areas as Just Communities based on certain criteria; and providing for the prioritization of State funding for Just Communities to increase racial, economic, and health equity in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 6-1201 through 6-1203 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 309 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SUBCABINET AND REPEAL OF THE OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

Repealing the Office of Smart Growth; repealing the position of Special Secretary of Smart Growth; renaming the Smart Growth Subcabinet to be the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet; and altering the membership and duties of the Subcabinet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-1401, 9-1402, 9-1405, and 9-1406 - amended and §§ 9-1403 and 9-1404 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 310 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Planning)**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – STATE REPOSITORY AND
CLEARINGHOUSE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning serve as a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt certain regulations and publish certain information in the Maryland Register; and altering a requirement that the Department publish certain information concerning State financial and technical assistance offered through State assistance programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 5-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment