



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 25, 2024
Schedule 11

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5.

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

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 25, 2024

SB 542 **Senator Brooks**

REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BROKERAGE AGREEMENTS –
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring items to be included in a brokerage agreement between a real estate broker and a seller or lessor or a buyer or lessee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 17-534 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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SB 543 **Senator Brooks****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – ADMISSIONS STANDARDS – PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF LEGACY PREFERENCE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 26-901 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 544 **Senators Waldstreicher and West****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS – ALTERATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 2-701 through 2-707 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 545 **Senator Elfreth, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – SALARIES**

Altering, beginning July 1, 2026, the minimum salary for all public school employees to be \$60,000; and establishing, subject to certain conditions, certain salary increases for certain public school employees.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-412 - added

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

SB 546 **Senator Elfreth, et al****ENVIRONMENT – STATE WETLANDS – SHORELINE STABILIZATION MEASURES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 16-201 and 16-205(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 547 **Senator Elfreth, et al****WILDLIFE – TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from allowing for the participation of a bear, a cougar, an elephant, a jaguar, a leopard, excluding a clouded leopard, a lion, a nonhuman primate, a tiger, or a hybrid of any of these animals in a traveling animal act; and providing a civil penalty of \$2,000 per violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 10-2C-01 and 10-2C-02 - added and § 10-1101(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 548 **Senator Sydnor****NATURAL GAS – STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the required contents of a certain plan that a gas company may file with the Public Service Commission for proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects to include certain descriptions, demonstrations, analyses, and notifications; and altering the required findings of the Commission in considering whether to approve a certain infrastructure replacement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 4-210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 549 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH – APPLICABILITY FOR DECEASED AND MISSING CHILDREN**

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding the use of a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS) do not apply when the FGGS is conducted solely for the purpose of identifying an individual under the age of 18 years who is deceased or the subject of a certain missing person report and whose whereabouts are unknown.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 17-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 550 **Senator Sydnor****CHILDREN – LABOR TRAFFICKING**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 551 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Rules relating to discovery apply in a certain administrative proceeding; requiring a court that receives a certain report to promptly notify counsel of record for the committed person; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to notify the court and certain persons if the Department receives a certain report; requiring a court to hold a hearing on request by any party after a certain application is made; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 3-119, 3-121(b), and 3-122 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 552 **Senator Corderman, et al**OPERATING BUDGET – FUNDING – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill General Fund appropriations of certain amounts for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 553 **Senator Corderman**MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE
INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the composition of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to include a representative of an electric vehicle driver advocacy organization, a light-duty plug-in electric drive vehicle manufacturer, a heavy-duty plug-in electric drive vehicle manufacturer, a new vehicle dealer association in the State, the Secretary of General Services, and one additional member of the environmental community.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapters 400 and 401 of the Acts of 2011, § 1, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 554 **Senator Corderman**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE
VERDICT – TERM OF COMMITMENT

Requiring the court, after a verdict of not criminally responsible for murder in the first degree to commit a defendant to a designated health care facility for life; and requiring a court, after a verdict of not criminally responsible for murder in the second degree to commit the defendant to a designated health care facility for a term of up to 40 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 3-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 555 **Senators Waldstreicher and Folden****CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT
– PRIVATE PLACE AND MINOR VICTIM**

Prohibiting a person from conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual located in a residence or place of private use or accommodation without the consent of the individual; altering the penalties for the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent by use of a camera if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offender is at least 4 years older than the victim; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 556 **Senator Salling****PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FUND AND
CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

Requiring a procurement contract for construction to include a clause providing for contract modification when there is a substantial increase or decrease in the price of materials required to complete the contract, according to prevailing average market prices and as determined by the unit, due to certain factors; altering the circumstances for requesting Board of Public Works authorization for a certain expenditure from the Construction Contingency Fund for a certain purpose; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 3-609(e), 13-201, and 13-218 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 557 **Senator Augustine****ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACE PROCEDURES – INDIVIDUAL
ASSISTING A VOTER**

Prohibiting an individual assisting a voter in marking or preparing a ballot at a polling place from assisting more than three unrelated voters during an election or from receiving compensation for assisting a voter in marking or preparing the ballot.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 10-310(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 558 **Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 559 **Senator Beidle****BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS – SPECIAL FUND AND FEES**

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing by more than a certain amount each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BR, §§ 2-106.15, 2-106.16, and 8.5-105.1 - added and §§ 8.5-103 and 8.5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 560 **Frederick County Senators****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LICENSE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1009.3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 561 **Frederick County Senators**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MANUFACTURER’S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 562 **Frederick County Senators**

SHERIFF OF FREDERICK COUNTY – SALARY – WORKGROUP

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to study the salaries of the sheriff in each county in the State and any other law enforcement position with similar responsibilities and preparation requirements as a sheriff and make recommendations regarding the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Frederick County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 563 **Frederick County Senators**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WEINBERG
CENTER/NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
LICENSE

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1015 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 564 **Senator Watson****REAL ESTATE BROKERS – LICENSING – LICENSE RENEWALS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, §§ 17-314 and 17-315 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 565 **Senator Watson****EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL GAMING – INTERNET GAMING REFERENDUM**

Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain Internet gaming licenses; requiring certain implementation legislation to include certain criteria and specifications; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the State's share of revenues generated by Internet gaming be used for the funding of public education; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 566 **Senator Watson****EDUCATION – TRANSPORTING STUDENTS AND JOBS THAT REQUIRE DRIVING – AUTHORIZATION AND REQUIREMENTS (DRIVERS EDUCATION FOR GOOD JOBS ACT OF 2024)**

Authorizing a county board of education to authorize a certain employee to transport a public school student in a vehicle if the driver meets certain requirements; and requiring, on or before December 31, 2024, the Career and Technical Education Committee to establish a certain pathway for students to prepare for a career that requires driving skills and a driver's license and establish an annual goal for the number of students who obtain certain licenses before they graduate high school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 6-129 and 21-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 567 **Senator Muse****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2024)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 568 **Senator Hettleman****COURTS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; establishing certain standards and requirements relating to a motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 569 **Senator Hettleman****STATE EMPLOYEES – FOUR–DAY WORKWEEK – IMPLEMENTATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 2-313 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 570 **Senator Hester****PUBLIC UTILITIES – THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT (WORKING FOR ACCESSIBLE RENEWABLE MARYLAND THERMAL HEAT (WARMTH) ACT)**

Requiring each gas company to develop a plan for a pilot thermal energy network system or systems on or before October 1, 2024; requiring each gas company to submit a certain proposal or proposals to the Public Service Commission for approval on or before July 1, 2025; authorizing a municipal corporation, county, or community organization to submit neighborhoods to gas companies for consideration as part of a pilot system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-1001 through 7-1006 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 571 **Senator Kramer, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – DATA OF CHILDREN (MARYLAND KIDS CODE)**

Requiring a certain entity that offers an online product reasonably likely to be accessed by children to complete a certain data protection impact assessment by April 1, 2026; requiring a covered entity to complete a data protection impact assessment within 90 days after the product is offered to the public; requiring businesses to document certain risks associated with certain online products; requiring certain privacy protections for certain online products; prohibiting certain data collection and sharing practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 572 **Senator M. Washington****ENVIRONMENT – COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND INFORMATION – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a water utility operating in the State to post on its website or provide to the Department of the Environment documents, data, and information required as part of the water utility's annual water quality consumer confidence report; requiring a certain local government to provide or post on its website certain data and information to a certain water utility; prohibiting the Department from imposing more than a certain amount in fines on certain water utilities for each reporting year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 9-1201 through 9-1204 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 573 **Senator Corderman****GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE FLAG – CASKET OF AN ELIGIBLE DECEDENT**

Requiring the Secretary of State to furnish a State flag to drape the casket of an eligible decedent; establishing the process for a State flag to be claimed after burial; and prohibiting the Secretary of State from procuring a flag that is not wholly produced in the United States.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 7-207 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 574 **Senator Corderman****SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND SUNSET**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 **Senator Corderman (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al****COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL SECURITY ACT)**

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 576 **Senator King****PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARDS AND SUPERVISORS – REGIONAL ORGANIZATION**

Establishing certain regions for supervisors of real property assessments offices; altering the geographic jurisdiction of property tax assessment appeal boards from county to regional; establishing the membership of the regional boards; and prohibiting an employee of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from concurrently being a member of a regional board, serving as the Administrator of the regional boards, or being employed as staff for a regional board.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

TP, §§ 1-101(mm), 2-105, 2-106, 2-216, 3-102, 3-103, 3-105(d), 3-107, 3-108(a), 7-106, 7-241, and 8-421 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 577 **Senator King****MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT – DONORS – REGISTRATION BY TAX RETURN CHECKOFF**

Authorizing an individual to make an anatomical gift in accordance with the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by indication on the individual's State income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to cooperate with the State's designated organ registry organization for certain purposes; requiring the Comptroller to include a certain checkoff and certain information on a certain State income tax return form; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

ET, §§ 4-503(b) and 4-516(c) - amended and TG, § 2-118 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 578 **Senator Guzzone****PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include at least \$500,000 in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 13-4006 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 579 **Senator Guzzone****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS – UNIVERSAL EXPANSION**

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

SB 580 **Senator Guzzone**SALES AND USE TAX – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
MAINTAINING MEMORIALS – EXEMPTION

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a sale by a nonprofit organization that maintains a memorial on property that is owned by the State if the proceeds of the sale are used to maintain a memorial on property that is owned by the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 11-204(b)(6) and (7) - amended and § 11-204(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 581 **Senator Guzzone**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REVOLVING LOAN FUND – MARYLAND
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – ELIGIBILITY

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-315 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 582 **Senator Gile**BUSINESS REGULATION – CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO
PRODUCT, AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE RETAILERS –
NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY PRODUCTS (MAKING
QUITTING CONVENIENT ACT)

Requiring licensees that sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices at retail to keep in stock and offer for sale at retail at least one kind of nicotine replacement therapy product and to post certain signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, §§ 16-209, 16.5-214.1, and 16.7-204.1 - amended and §§ 16-209.1, 16.5-214.2, and 16.7-204.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 583 **Senator Gile****PUBLIC UTILITIES – INVESTOR–OWNED UTILITIES – PREVAILING WAGE**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 584 **Senator Simonaire, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – PARKING – ARMED FORCES SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES**

Prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor vehicle in a parking space served by a parking meter if the motor vehicle has an individually–earned, combat–related armed forces special registration plate or a U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star recipient special registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 26-301(b) - amended and § 26-301(c-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 585 **Senator Simonaire, et al****BOATING ACCIDENTS – DUTY TO REMAIN AT THE SCENE, RENDER ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION – PENALTIES**

Requiring the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty to return to and remain at the scene until the operator has rendered certain assistance and provided certain information; establishing certain criminal penalties for the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty who does not return to and remain at the scene of the collision, accident, or other casualty or render certain assistance and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 8-724 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 586 **Senator Brooks, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING FOR FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 587 **Senator McCray****PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION – REAL PROPERTY TITLE SERVICES REPORTING**

Requiring certain reporting relating to minority business participation in State procurement by industry type to include real property title services; and prohibiting the Special Secretary for the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs from waiving a certain reporting requirement related to real property title services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-301(e-1) and 14-305 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 588 **Senators Bailey and Jackson****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing, from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual’s employment as a public safety employee; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 589 **Senator Bailey, et al****TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – FUNDING**

Increasing, from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EC, § 13-611(b)(3) and Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 24, 2024**SB 477** **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 9-1102 and 9-1104 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance