



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 1, 2024
Schedule 16

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 February 1, 2024

SB 745 **Senator Jennings**

VIRGINIA-MARYLAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE – FUNDING

Increasing the number of Maryland residents from 30 to 42 in the student body of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, contingent on certain agreements.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

ED, §§ 13-801 through 13-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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SB 746 **Senator Guzzone****WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-2003(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 747 **Senators Guzzone and Benson****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring 20% of certain State aid to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 1 calendar year after the deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 16-306 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 748 **Senator Corderman, et al****INCOME TAX – ALTERATION OF BRACKETS AND RATES (ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ACT OF 2024)**

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 749 **Senator Corderman**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS – ALTERATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 750 **Senator Corderman**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – EXCEPTIONS TO EXCLUSIVITY OF LIABILITY

Altering the exception to the exclusivity of an employer’s liability under workers’ compensation law for covered employees who are injured or killed as the result of the deliberate intent of the employer to injure or kill the covered employee; deeming an employer to have acted with deliberate intent under certain circumstances; establishing an exception to exclusivity of liability of an employer under workers’ compensation law for a covered employee who is killed by another employee; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-509 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 751 **Senator Klausmeier**

PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FUND – REVISIONS

Requiring the Secretary of Health to present decisions for the allocations of money from the Opioid Restitution Fund to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to post on the Department’s website certain information regarding allocations of money from the Fund; requiring in each fiscal year, that at least 25% of the money in the Fund be used to support community–based recovery organizations in the State; establishing certain reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 7.5-903(a)(6), 7.5-904(b), and 7.5-905 and SF, § 7-331(f) - amended and SF, § 7-331(k) and (l) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 752 **Senator Hettleman, et al****REGULATED FIREARMS – MARYLAND VOLUNTARY DO NOT SELL FIREARM PROCESS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to create and maintain a Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry in which a person may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a regulated firearm by December 31, 2024; prohibiting a dealer or other person from selling, renting, loaning, or transferring a regulated firearm to a purchaser, lessee, borrower, or transferee who the dealer or other person knows or has reason to believe is registered on the registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 5-134(b) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-906 - added, GP, § 4-325.1 - added, and TG, § 13-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 753 **Senator Hettleman****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECKS, VICTIM NOTIFICATION, AND THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a prohibited person failing a background check to immediately notify certain victims; requiring the Secretary of State Police to notify the Maryland State Police Gun Center of certain information if the Secretary disapproves a firearm application because a prospective purchaser, lessee, or transferee failed a background check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-531 - added and §§ 5-122, 5-123, and 5-801 through 5-804 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 754 **Senator Hettleman****HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLINICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS AND RELATED SERVICES**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 755 **Senator Hettleman, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM RESPONSE**

Establishing the Office of Domestic Terrorism Response within the Maryland Department of Emergency Management for the purpose of implementing measures to prepare for, prevent, and recover from domestic terrorism and hate crimes; requiring the Maryland Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic Terrorism to serve in an advisory role for the Office; and requiring the Department to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Office's activities, proposed legislation, and required resources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 14-104.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 756 **Senator Hester****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – SCHOOL SAFETY AND
STUDENT WELL-BEING – EXAMINATION OF POLICIES AND
FUNDING**

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety, the State Department of Education, and the Interagency Commission on School Construction by July 1, 2025, and every 2 years thereafter, to review and promulgate guidelines on the state of physical security in schools; altering the amount and uses of annual funding relating to school safety; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to the Safe Schools Fund to provide grants to local school systems to enhance school safety; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-1508(g), 7-1510, and 7-1512 - amended

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

SB 757 **Senator Carozza, et al**

STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PROHIBITED APPLICATIONS AND WEBSITES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 3.5-801 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 758 **Senator Kelly, et al**

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 759 **Senators Kelly and Beidle**

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED PERSON – EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS

Requiring a court to rule on petitions to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled person in order to seek transfer or discharge of a disabled person from a hospital within 10 days; and requiring that hearings to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled person be held virtually unless the party seeking appointment requests that the hearing be held in person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 13-705 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 760 **Senator Kramer****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES OF GIFT CARDS (GIFT CARD SCAMS PREVENTION ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring a merchant that conducts an online sale of a certain gift card to register with the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General as an online seller of gift cards; prohibiting a merchant from selling a gift card to a consumer unless the merchant meets certain requirements; requiring a merchant to provide to the employees of the merchant training on identification of gift card fraud; requiring the Division to create a certain notice and issue certain guidelines regarding gift card fraud; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-4601 through 14-4606 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 761 **Senator Kramer, et al****TESTING FACILITIES THAT USE ANIMALS – LICENSING AND REGULATION**

Requiring each testing facility in the State to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture to use animals in research, education, or testing; establishing requirements for the use and treatment of dogs or cats by a testing facility; prohibiting a testing facility from using certain dogs and cats for research or testing purposes and performing certain procedures on dogs or cats; prohibiting a testing facility from using traditional animal test methods under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, §§ 15-101 through 15-104 and 15-106 through 15-111 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and AG and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 762 **Senators Kagan and Ready****EDUCATION – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; and requiring by July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter, each participating local school system to submit to the Department a report on the Program in the most recent school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 763 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 12-411 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 764 **Senator Hayes****ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 765 Senator Hayes**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS DIVERSITY INCUBATOR PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Business Diversity Incubator Program and Fund in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain business entities to establish diverse and effective business incubators in the State; authorizing the Governor in each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Business Diversity Incubator Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 5-2501 through 5-2506 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 766 Senator Hettleman, et al**FAIR SHARE FOR MARYLAND ACT OF 2024**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be included in the numerator of the sales factor used for apportioning a corporation's income to the State under certain circumstances; altering the State income tax rate on Maryland taxable income of certain individuals; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, §§ 7-309(b)(3), 10-105(a), 10-402(d), 10-704, 10-751, and 10-811 -amended and §§ 10-102.2 and 10-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 767 Frederick County Senators**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROMOTER'S LICENSE**

Altering the promoter's permit in Frederick County to be a promoter's (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license to a certain for-profit organization under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1103 - renumbered and § 20-1011.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 768 **Senator Folden****VEHICLE LAWS – LANES OF TRAVEL – SLOWER TRAFFIC AND OVERTAKING AND PASSING (HIGHWAY LEFT LANE SAFETY ACT)**

Expanding to every roadway in the State the requirement that the driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic drive the vehicle in the right-hand lanes if practicable as determined by the driver; and providing that, on a roadway that has three or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction with a posted maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour or more, the far left lane may be used only for overtaking and passing another vehicle in a certain manner and under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-301(b) and 21-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 769 **Frederick County Senators****FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing certain requirements for the amount and duration of a tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain improved real property owned by the Emmitsburg Civic Association and located in a historic district in Frederick County; authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and certain other matters relating to the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-312(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 770 **Frederick County Senators****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE**

Authorizing the holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and increasing the annual license fee for a stadium license in the county from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 771 **Senator M. Washington****EDUCATION – INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing a provision of law that requires a teacher preparation program to require a student to pass a certain assessment as a graduation requirement; altering the requirements for initial teacher certification; repealing certain certification requirements to pass a certain literacy test, a certain skills assessment, and a certain reading mastery test; and requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Superintendent of Schools to pursue and make certain reciprocal educator credentialing agreements with other states.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 6-121(a), 6-125, 6-126, and 6-705 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 772 **Senator Ready, et al****ELECTIONS – IN-PERSON VOTING – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 773 **Senator Waldstreicher****HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESTRICTION ON LONG-TERM RENTALS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the governing documents of a homeowners association from restricting or prohibiting the leasing of property to an individual who is not the lot owner for a period of 6 months or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 11B-111.11 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 774 **Senator Ferguson****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program to assist community organizations, nonprofit entities, and local governments in funding security operations during times of high pedestrian traffic in certain entertainment districts; establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program Fund; authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include up to \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, §§ 4-1701 through 4-1703 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 775 **The President (By Request – State Treasurer)****STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS – INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED**

Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, BOP, BR, CS, EC, ED, IN, LE, NR, SF, SG, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

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

SB 776 The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT STANDARDS**

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain assets in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations, on or before December 1, 2024, that specify asset classes in which the Treasurer may invest; and requiring the Treasurer to notify the governing body of each local governmental unit required to have a local investment policy of the updated State investment policy in a certain manner.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 6-222 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 777 The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**STATE TREASURER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing related authority and duties; and removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Board of Directors for the Maryland Environmental Service, and the Coast Smart Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, EN, and NR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 778 Senator Gallion**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEARING AIDS FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 779 **Senator Lewis Young****REAL PROPERTY – TAXATION OF VACANT PROPERTY, CERTIFICATION OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set a special property tax rate for improved residential property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use; establishing a subclass of real property consisting of certain vacant residential property; requiring an entity that owns residential real property in the State to make a certain certification to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 6-302 and 8-101(b) - amended and CA, § 1-407 and LG, § 13-1002 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 780 **Senator Muse****INTERNET-CONNECTED DEVICES AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS – DEFAULT FILTERING OF OBSCENE CONTENT (MARYLAND ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from selling an Internet-connected device that is intended for minors unless the device is sold with a certain filter, certain privacy settings, and other features; making a violation of the prohibition an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to the enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; requiring that preference be given to certain grant applications that include the use of broadband providers that implement the use of certain filters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, Various Sections - amended and added; HS, §§ 6.5-106 and 6.5-107 - amended; and SF, § 14-419 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 781 Senator James**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP OF MARYLAND – ALTERATIONS**

Renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland; altering the purposes and duties of the Partnership and composition of the Executive Board of the Partnership; and renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 13-1201, 13-1202(a) and (c), 13-1203(b), 13-1207(2), (3), and (5), and 13-1211(a) and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)79. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 782 Senator Hershey**MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT – SUSPENSION BY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in certain motor fuel tax rates based on the Consumer Price Index under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 783 Senator Elfreth, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY – NET ENERGY METERING AGGREGATION, SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, AND TAXES ON SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS (BRIGHTER TOMORROW ACT)**

Altering the maximum generating capacity authorized for certain net metered generating facilities; authorizing an eligible customer-generator participating in certain meter aggregation to receive excess generation from more than one generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program to provide certain certified systems with a certain additional percentage of renewable energy credits toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for solar energy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PU and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

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

SB 784 **Senator Elfreth, et al**

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING ACT

Imposing an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 19-130(c) and PS, § 4-902(e)(1) - amended and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 785 **Senator McKay**

PUBLIC NUISANCE – COMMON CARRIERS – DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure, a bridge or highway owned, controlled, or maintained by the State or a county or municipality, necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; and authorizing the Attorney General or a State's Attorney to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-2301 and 3-2302 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 786 **Senator McKay**

TASK FORCE ON ACCESS TO PHARMACY SERVICES AND THE IMPACT OF TELEPHARMACY IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Task Force on Access to Pharmacy Services and the Impact of Telepharmacy in Maryland to analyze access to pharmacy services and identify barriers to pharmacy services and telepharmacy; and requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2025, and a final report by December 1, 2025, of its findings and recommendations on methods to increase access to pharmacy services and the use of telepharmacy in the State to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 787 **Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “hotel” for purposes of the hotel rental tax in Garrett County to include a transient vacation rental unit and exclude certain facilities; altering the definition of “transient charge” for purposes of the county hotel rental tax; defining “short term rental platform” as a service provided on the Internet that advertises hotels and receives certain compensation; requiring certain short-term rental platforms and managers to perform certain duties related to the collection and remittance of the hotel rental tax: etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, §§ 20-401, 20-408, 20-410, 20-425, and 20-426 - amended and §§ 20-405.1, 20-427.1, and 20-429 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 788 **Senator McKay****BATTERY STORAGE AND SOLAR ARRAYS SAFETY TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to train local fire departments on certain safety aspects associated with lithium-ion battery storage systems installed with solar arrays; requiring the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to consult with certain entities in determining how to meet the purpose of the Program with the grants awarded under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-2016 and 9-20B-05(f)(13) - added and § 9-20B-05(f)(12) and (13) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 789 **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND – TIMELY PAYMENT OF AWARDS**

Requiring the Uninsured Employers’ Fund to begin paying compensation for a workers’ compensation claim within 15 days after the later of the date an award is made or payment of an award is due; applying certain provisions of law regarding the failure to timely pay awards to the Fund; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 9-727 and 9-728 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 790 **Senator Klausmeier****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide Maryland Medical Assistance Program services for individuals under the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program in accordance with certain requirements; prohibiting the Department from limiting eligibility to receive services under the EID Program based on certain criteria; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 15-138 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 791 **Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – REVISIONS**

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review; altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; and establishing requirements on health insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 19-108.5 and IN, § 15-854.1 - added and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 792 **Senator West, et al****JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM – JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction over a child who is at least 11 years old alleged to have committed a crime of violence or a crime involving the use or possession of a firearm or alleged to have committed any crime if the child has been arrested on two prior occasions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-03 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 793 **Senator West****MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS – COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY**

Clarifying that a county assumes the responsibilities of a certain tort claim against a sheriff or deputy sheriff under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; clarifying that, for certain tort claims against a sheriff or deputy sheriff, the State is the proper defendant; and specifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of the Attorney General and the State Treasurer work with certain entities when disputes arise regarding the allocation of responsibility for tort claims under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 9-108 - amended and SG, § 12-103.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 794 **Senator West****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS – APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED SPONSORS**

Requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners to establish a process to review and approve a person seeking to become an authorized sponsor of social work continuing education programs, subject to a requirement that at least one pathway for approval does not require an applicant to have the approval of a national or regional organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 19-205 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 795 **Senator Gile, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure and regulation of audiologists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 2-101(q) - amended and § 2-101(r-1) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 796 **Senator Simonaire, et al****MARYLAND DISABILITY SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities; requiring the Department to select a nonprofit training entity for participation in the Program; and establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, §§ 7-1101 through 7-1106 - added and § 7-114 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 797 **Senator Hester****EDUCATION – ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS, ADVOCATES, AND CONSULTANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring certain information to be provided to the parents of a child with a disability under certain circumstances; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Program; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to the fund beginning in fiscal year 2026; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

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

SB 798 Senator Hester**STREAM RESTORATION CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD,
STREAM RESTORATION CONTRACTORS, AND STREAM
RESTORATION PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing the Stream Restoration Contractors Licensing Board; requiring a person to be licensed as a stream restoration contractor or be employed by an individual or entity that is licensed as a stream restoration contractor before the person performs or solicits to perform stream restoration contractor services in the State, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to develop a certain assessment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BR, § 8-301 - amended and EN and SG, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 799 Senators McKay and Guzzone**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE
DENTISTRY – SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain education requirements for certain applicants for a limited license to practice dentistry who provide dental services for adults.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 4-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 800 The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
ACT – MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – EXEMPTION**

Exempting certain accounts under the Maryland 529 Program from the provisions of the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CL, § 17-104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation