



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 11, 2024
Schedule 2

PLEASE NOTE: January 19 – Bill request deadline.
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 11, 2024

SB 311 Senator West

AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCY MECHANISM GRANT PROGRAM – EXPANSION

Expanding the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program by making qualified nonprofit organizations that operate a farm or community garden that is on at least 250 acres, grows between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pounds of produce annually, supplies agricultural food products to the State’s food banks and emergency food providers at no cost, and is conserved in a land conservation program eligible for grant funding; and establishing the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Operating Fund. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AG, §§ 10-2101 and 10-2102 - amended and § 10-2104 - added

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

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SB 312 Senator Folden**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE RECORDS**

Establishing that certain records of elected officials are not personnel records for the purposes of inspection under the Public Information Act; and establishing that certain records of the State Ethics Commission and Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics are available for public inspection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 4-311, 5-407, and 5-517 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 313 Senator Folden**MARYLAND WIRETAP AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE REFORM WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup to study the effectiveness of Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws, examine current technologies, and examine ways to make certain audio and visual recordings more available; and requiring the Workgroup to report its final findings and recommendations regarding revisions to Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 314 Senator Benson**JUVENILE LAW – WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF A MINOR – CIVIL LIABILITY OF A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN (PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Establishing the joint and several civil liability of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor who commits an act of willful misconduct that results in the death or injury of an individual or damage to property, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to periodically adjust and publish certain maximum liability amounts; and limiting the liability of an insurance provider under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-36 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 315 **Senator Kelly**

VEHICLE LAWS – BIKE LANES AND SHOULDERS – YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY (SARAH DEBBINK LANGENKAMP MEMORIAL ACT)

Prohibiting a person from committing a violation that contributes to a crash of a certain provision of law governing the right-of-way of a bicycle, a motor scooter, or an electronic personal assistive mobility device lawfully in a designated bike lane or shoulder; and providing that a person convicted of a violation of the Act is subject to imprisonment of up to 2 months or a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 316 **Senator Bailey**

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing counties and municipalities to designate county or municipal highways under their respective jurisdictions on which a person may operate a golf cart; authorizing a person to operate a golf cart only on a highway with a maximum posted speed limit of no more than 30 miles per hour, between dawn and dusk, and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; and repealing certain authorizations to operate golf carts on highways in certain local areas of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-402(c) - amended, §§ 21-104.2 through 21-104.4 and 21-104.6 - repealed, § 21-104.2 - added, and § 21-104.5 - renumbered

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 317 **Senator Bailey**

**OYSTERS, STRIPED BASS, AND CRABS – COMMERCIAL
AUTHORIZATIONS – SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from revoking a person's authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs unless the person has been convicted of or entered an accepted plea of nolo contendere to a certain crime; altering and establishing certain procedures for the suspension or revocation of an authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs; and authorizing the Department to reinstate a certain authorization under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-1210 and 4-1211 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings