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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 352
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after the second “funds;” insert “authorizing the transfer of certain funds;”; in line 10, after “revenue;” insert “altering a certain cap on low intensity support services for certain individuals; making the restoration of certain benefits subject to a certain limitation; requiring county governments and Baltimore City to pay a certain percentage of compensation awarded to certain erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined individuals; increasing the tax rate imposed on mobile sports wagering;”; in line 12, after “employees;” insert “exempting the transfer of certain transfer tax revenues to the General Fund of the State from certain repayment requirements;”; in line 14, strike “altering the value of certain vehicle trade-in allowances;”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 15 down through “date;” in line 16 and substitute “reducing the amount of film tax credits that may be awarded in a certain fiscal year;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 17 down through “State;” in line 18; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 20 down through “individuals;” in line 22 and substitute “increasing the vehicle excise tax rate; repealing an exemption for certain rental vehicles from the vehicle excise tax; specifying the rate of the vehicle excise tax imposed on certain rental vehicles; altering the definition of “historic motor vehicle” for purposes of registering a vehicle as a Class L vehicle; altering certain exemptions under the State income tax on certain income of certain persons;”; and strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 24 down through “amount;” in line 29 and substitute “altering, subject to certain limitations, the maximum tax rate that a county may impose on an individual’s Maryland taxable income; altering the determination of the amount of certain deductions allowed for an individual under the Maryland income tax; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of certain categories of taxable services; altering the sales and use tax on the sale of cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of certain vending machine products, certain precious metal bullion and coins, certain photographic material, and certain custom computer software;”.

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On page 2, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “circumstances;” in line 5; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 8 down through “Program;” in line 9; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 10 down through “zones;” in line 12 and substitute “providing that payments to certain providers with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee may not increase by more than a certain amount for a certain fiscal year; requiring the Comptroller to waive certain interest and penalties under certain circumstances;”; in line 16, strike “8–801.1(b), and 10–407(a)(1) and (c)” and substitute “and 8–801.1(b)”; in line 21, after “2–712,” insert “5–309,”; and in the same line, strike “10–407(d),”.

On page 3, in line 6, strike “11–208(a) and (b)” and substitute “11–208(a), (b), and (f)”; in line 11, strike “11–208(g)” and substitute “1–203.3, 11–208(g), and 11–407”; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 23, inclusive; strike in their entirety lines 26 and 27 and substitute:

“Section 10–501(a) and (f) and 10–526(a)(1) and (4) and (b)”;

in line 32, strike “and 13–611(b)(3)”;

in line 37, strike “7–447.1(p)(1) and (3),”; and in line 38, strike “16–512(a) and (c),” and substitute “18–3602(a) and (b)”.

On page 4, in line 4, strike “7–447.1(p)(9),”; in the same line, after “7–1508(g),” insert “7–1512(e),”; in the same line, strike “14–405(b),”; in line 5, strike “16–512(b),” and substitute “18–3605,”; after line 7, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 7–1512(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

in line 10, strike “and 7–506(a)” and substitute “7–506(a), 9–228(g), and 9–274”; and in line 30, strike the first comma.

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On page 5, in line 11, strike “and 19–112(a) and (d)” and substitute “10–101(a), (b), and (f), 10–1203(a), 15–1004(a), 19–112(a) and (d), and 24–1101(a) and (c)”; in line 16, after “7–409(c),” insert “7–717, 10–1203(c),”; in the same line, strike “13–1116(a), and 19–112(e)(1)” and substitute “15–1004(f), 19–112(e)(1), and 24–1105”; after line 23, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8–206(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8–206(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

and in line 36, strike “10–1303” and substitute “5–609”.

On page 6, in line 24, after “3–103(a)(1),” insert “5–903(a)(1) and (2)(i) and (iii),”.

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 6, inclusive; in line 9, strike “and 7–311(a), (b), and (f)” and substitute “, 7–311(a), (b), and (f), 7–317(a), 7–328(a), 7–331(a) and (b), and 10–501(b)(1), (d)(1), and (e)”; in line 19, strike “7–311(e) and (j), and 7–325” and substitute “7–311(e) and (j), 7–317(g) and (h), 7–328(f), 7–331(i), and 10–501(a)”; and in line 24, strike “9–1A–27(d),” and substitute “9–120, 9–1E–06(c),”.

On page 8, after line 3, insert:

“BY adding to
Article - State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–304(b)(6) and 21–309.2
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(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

in line 6, strike “2-606(h) and (i),” and substitute “2-606(a), (h), and (i),”; in the same line, strike “7-309(b), 10-105(a) and (b),” and substitute “2-1303, 10-104, 10-105(a), 10-106(a)(1),”; in line 7, strike “10-219, 10-220,” and substitute “10-218, 10-730(f),”; in the same line, strike “and 11-104(k)” and substitute “11-101(c-12) and (m), 11-104(k), 11-206(h), 11-214.1(b), 11-215, and 11-219”; in line 12, strike “2-606(a) and (b), 7-309(a), and 10-740(a), (b), and (i)” and substitute “2-606(b), 10-219, 10-220, 10-730(a)(1), (4), (7), and (8) and (b), 10-740(a), (b), and (i), and 11-101(a) and (l)(1)”; in line 17, strike “2-606(h) and (k) and 10-402.1” and substitute “2-605.3, 2-606(h), (i), and (l), 2-1302.5, 10-402.1, 11-101(c-12), and 11-104(l)”; strike beginning with “2-701” in line 22 down through “10-702” in line 24 and substitute “11-206(g)”; after line 26, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 13-209(a)(4) and (e)

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(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 2-106 and 13-209(c), (d), and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

in line 29, strike “3-202, 3-601(d), 7-406(c),” and substitute “2-802(b)(2)(i), 3-202, 3-216(e), 3-601(d), 7-406(c), 8-402,”; in the same line, strike “13-809(a), 13-901,” and substitute “13-802, 13-809(c), 13-810(a)(24) and (26),”; in line 30, after “13-917,” insert “13-936,”; in line 35, strike “13-809(b)(1) and (d),” and substitute “2-802(b)(1),”; and after line 37, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Transportation

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Section 13–810(a)(25)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

On page 9, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

“Section 7–205.1 and 13–955(f)”;

and strike in their entirety lines 5 through 24, inclusive.

On page 10, after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 717 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 9”.

On page 128, in line 27, strike “9.” and substitute “7.”.

On page 129, in lines 1, 6, and 24, strike “12.”, “13.”, and “14.”, respectively, and substitute “8.”, “9.”, and “10.”, respectively.

On page 130, in lines 16, 20, and 24, strike “16.”, “17.”, and “18.”, respectively, and substitute “11.”, “12.”, and “13.”, respectively.

On page 131, in lines 11, 17, 22, 24, 27, and 29, strike “19.”, “20.”, “21.”, “22.”, “23.”, and “24.”, respectively, and substitute “20.”, “21.”, “22.”, “23.”, “24.”, and “25.”, respectively; in line 22, strike “Section 2” and substitute “Sections 2 and 4”; in line 27, strike “Sections 4 and 9” and substitute “Section 9”; and in line 32, strike “10” and substitute “9”.

On page 132, in line 7, strike “21.”.

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On page 11, after line 23, insert:

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“5-309.

(a) (1) At least once each year the Secretary shall inspect each nursery in the State to determine if the nursery stock is infested or infected with dangerously injurious plant pests.

(2) Each nursery shall pay the Secretary an inspection fee based [upon] ON the number of acres in production AS FOLLOWS:

(I) 1 acre or less, [~~\$10~~] **\$20**; [more]

(II) **MORE** than 1 acre to 5 acres, [~~\$20~~] **\$30**; [more]

(III) **MORE** than 5 acres to 10 acres, [~~\$30~~] **\$40**; [more] **AND**

(IV) **MORE** than 10 acres, [~~\$3~~] **\$5** for each acre, or part of any acre, up to a maximum of [~~\$1,000~~] **\$1,500**.

(3) All fees collected **UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION** shall be [placed in] **DEPOSITED INTO** the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of inspecting the nurseries.

(b) (1) Each nursery shall be certified annually by the Secretary if it meets standards established by the Department regarding freedom from plant pests and [upon] ON payment of a fee of [~~\$100~~] **\$150**.

(2) All fees collected **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION** shall be [placed in] **DEPOSITED INTO** the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of inspecting and certifying the nurseries.

(c) (1) Each broker or dealer shall comply with the regulations established by the Department and shall pay an annual license fee of [~~\$100~~] **\$150**.

(2) The Secretary may inspect annually the nursery stock in a sales or holding yard of a broker or dealer.

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(3) Each broker or dealer shall pay the Secretary an inspection fee as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(4) All fees collected UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall be [placed in] DEPOSITED INTO the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of inspecting and licensing the brokers and dealers.

(d) (1) The Secretary may certify plants [to]:

(I) TO be apparently free of injurious viruses[, and/or] OR other diseases[, or plants that]; OR

(II) THAT conform to established standards of strain purity.

(2) Each plant producer shall pay the Secretary [the following] A certification fee for each acre, or part of an acre, in plant production AS FOLLOWS: [strawberry]

(I) STRAWBERRY plants, "Cape" American beachgrass, "Avalon" Saltmeadow cordgrass, \$50; [grape] AND

(II) GRAPE vines, fruit trees, and bramble plants, \$70.

(3) All fees collected UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall be [placed in] DEPOSITED INTO the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of virus indexing, inspection, and analysis of plants certified or tagged.

(e) (1) If dangerously injurious plant pests are found in any nursery, orchard, or any premises where nursery stock is grown or held for sale, the Secretary shall order it treated or destroyed by the [nurseryman] NURSERY or dealer. [He]

(2) THE SECRETARY shall release all other nursery stock grown on the premises, and issue a certificate of inspection to the owner.

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(3) If the [nurseryman] NURSERY or dealer fails to comply with the order, the Secretary shall seize, destroy, [and/or] OR treat the infested or infected nursery stock and the owner shall pay the costs.

(4) If [the] AN owner refuses to pay the [cost] COSTS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, [it] THE COSTS shall be collected [as prescribed] in ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-307 of this subtitle.

(f) A federal, State, or local public agency is exempt from the license and inspection fees required by this section.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 15, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 17, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 19, after line 11, insert:

“1-203.3.

(a) There is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(b) (1) Subject to the appropriation process in the State budget, the Department shall use the fund:

(i) For the costs of reviewing, processing, and auditing documents filed or requested under this article or other articles of the Code;

(ii) To pay redemption or extinguishment amounts to former owners of ground rents redeemed or extinguished in accordance with § 8-804 of the Real Property Article; and

(iii) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for other costs incurred by the Department to administer the provisions of this article.

(2) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR fiscal year 2015 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department

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may not use the fund to pay more than 15% of the administrative expenses of the Office of the Director of the Department.

(3) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027 ONLY, UP TO \$11,000,000 OF THE FUND MAY BE USED EACH YEAR FOR GENERAL OPERATING COSTS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(c) The State Treasurer shall hold and the State Comptroller shall account for the fund.

(d) The fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(e) Investment earnings shall accrue to the benefit of the fund.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 19, after line 14, insert:

“(f) The Fund consists of:

- (1) Fees distributed to the Fund under § 11-407(a)(2) of this title;
- (2) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and
- (3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.”;

and after line 17, insert:

“11-407.

(a) (1) An applicant for initial or renewal registration as a broker-dealer shall pay a fee of \$250.

(2) (i) An applicant for initial or renewal registration or transfer of registration as an agent shall pay a fee of ~~[\$50]~~ \$65.

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(ii) From the fee paid under this paragraph, [~~\$15~~] \$25 shall be distributed to the Securities Act Registration Fund established under § 11–208 of this title.

(b) (1) An applicant for initial or renewal registration as an investment adviser shall pay a fee of \$300.

(2) A federal covered adviser filing notice under § 11–405(b) of this subtitle shall pay an initial fee of \$300 and a renewal fee of \$300.

(3) A private fund adviser filing notice under § 11–405(c) of this subtitle shall pay an initial fee of \$300 and a renewal fee of \$300.

(4) An applicant for initial or renewal registration or transfer of registration as an investment adviser representative shall pay a fee of \$50.

(c) The Commissioner by rule may waive or reduce for any class of applicant the application of the fee requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) If an application is denied or an application or notice filing is withdrawn, the Commissioner shall retain the fee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On pages 19 and 20, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 19 through line 2 on page 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On pages 20 and 21, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 20 through line 18 on page 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 22, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 23, after line 26, insert:

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“7-1512.

(e) The Fund consists of:

(1) Money credited to the Fund under § 17-106(e) of the Transportation Article;

(2) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

(3) [Money appropriated to the Fund under § 7-1508 of this subtitle;

(4)] Money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund;
and

[(5)] (4) Any interest earnings of the Fund.

[(g) Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, at least \$10,000,000 of the money in the Fund shall be used to provide grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies as provided under § 7-1508 of this subtitle.]”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On pages 24 through 26, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 24 through line 3 on page 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On pages 26 through 28, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 26 through line 22 on page 28, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 28, after line 22, insert:

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“18-3602.

(a) There is a program of Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships in the State that are awarded under this subtitle.

(b) The purpose of the program is to provide tuition assistance for students to attend a community college in the State.

18-3605.

(A) [The] THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE Governor shall include an annual appropriation of at least \$15,000,000 in the State budget for the Commission to disburse Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships under this subtitle.

(B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$12,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION TO DISBURSE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 37, after line 15, insert:

“9-228.

(g) (1) (i) [Beginning on February 1, 1992,] THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH a tire recycling fee [shall] TO be imposed on the first sale of a new tire in the State by a tire dealer, including new tires sold as part of a new or used vehicle, trailer, farm implement, or other similar machinery.

(ii) A county, municipal corporation, or any agency of a county or municipal corporation may not impose any tax, fee, or other charge on the first sale of a new tire by a tire dealer.

(2) The tire recycling fee:

(I) SHALL BE SET AT \$1 PER TIRE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026;

(II) SUBJECT TO ITEM (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION EVERY 2 FISCAL YEARS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

[(i) (III) May not exceed [\$1.00] \$2 per tire]; and

(ii) Shall be established by the Board of Public Works].

(3) For a sale made by a tire dealer to a person who resells tires, the tire dealer shall separately state its recycling fees paid by the tire dealer on the invoice or other document of sale.

(4) (i) Each tire dealer shall:

1. Pay the tire recycling fee; and

2. Complete and submit, under oath, a return and remit the fees to the Comptroller of the Treasury on or before the 21st day of the month that follows the month in which the sale was made, and for other periods and on other dates that the Comptroller specifies by regulation, including periods for which no fees were due.

(ii) For periods beginning after December 31, 2026, a person shall file a tire recycling fee return electronically.

(5) A tire dealer who timely files a tire recycling fee return and pays the tire recycling fees due is allowed, for the expense of administering and paying the fee, a credit equal to 0.6% of the gross amount of tire recycling fees that the tire dealer is to pay to the Comptroller.

(6) If the amount of the tire recycling fee is separately stated in a retail sale, the tire recycling fee is not subject to any tax under Title 11 of the Tax – General Article or Title 13 of the Transportation Article.

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(7) At the end of each quarter, the Comptroller shall forward all tire recycling fees to the Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund, less the costs of administration.

(8) Except to the extent they are inconsistent with this subsection, the provisions of Title 13 of the Tax – General Article applicable to the sales and use tax shall govern the administration, collection, and enforcement of the tire recycling fee under this subsection.

(9) The Comptroller:

(i) Shall administer the tire recycling fee; and

(ii) May adopt any regulations that are necessary or appropriate to administer, collect, and enforce the tire recycling fee.

9–274.

(a) The State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund shall consist of moneys made available under:

(1) Loan authorizations;

(2) Funds appropriated in the State budget;

(3) Fees collected for the sale of tires by retail dealers under § 9–228(g) of this subtitle; or

(4) Bond and security forfeitures collected under § 9–228(k) of this subtitle.

(b) (1) The Fund is limited to a maximum of \$10,000,000.

(2) If the sum of unallocated funds in the Fund and the projected fees for the next fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000, the [Board of Public Works] DEPARTMENT shall adjust the fees for the next fiscal year on a pro rata basis so that the sum of unallocated and actual fees does not exceed \$10,000,000.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 45, after line 20, insert:

“7-717.

(a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program designed to:

(i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult who is living in the home and has a severe chronic disability that:

1. Is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments; and

2. Is likely to continue indefinitely; or

(ii) Support an adult who is living in the community and has a severe chronic disability that:

1. Is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments; and

2. Is likely to continue indefinitely.

(2) “Low intensity support services” includes the services and items listed in §§ 7-701(d) and 7-706(c) of this subtitle.

(b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Administration.

(c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of individuals or families.

(d) (1) (I) [The] THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE Administration shall establish a cap of no less than \$2,000 of low intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying individual.

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(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A CAP OF NO LESS THAN \$500 OF LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES PER INDIVIDUAL PER FISCAL YEAR TO A QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL.

(2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not required to:

(i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in § 7-403 of this title; or

(ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program if the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.

(2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for low intensity support services.

(f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking low intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds provided by the Administration.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 45, after line 20, insert:

“10-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Administration” means the Behavioral Health Administration.

(f) “Director” means the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration.

10-1203.

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(a) To the extent resources are available, the Director, after consultation with the Behavioral Health Advisory Council as established in Title 7.5, Subtitle 3 of this article and federal requirements mandated under P.L. 99–660, may initiate the development of core service agencies, local addictions authorities, or local behavioral health authorities as a mechanism for community planning, management, and financing of mental health and substance–related disorder services.

(c) To assure the continuing provision of appropriate services, the Director shall:

(1) Annually review and may approve the core service agencies’, local addictions authorities’, or local behavioral health authorities’ program plan;

(2) In conjunction with the appropriate authorities, establish and maintain a funding mechanism for the core service agencies, local addictions authorities, or local behavioral health authorities which may include the allocation of funds for inpatient services;

(3) Develop a mechanism whereby any unexpended funds remaining at the end of the year [shall] MAY remain with the core service agencies, local addictions authorities, or local behavioral health authorities or the community providers;

(4) Establish procedures to facilitate intraagency and interagency linkages at State and local levels with the core service agencies, local addictions authorities, or local behavioral health authorities; and

(5) Establish procedures within the Behavioral Health Administration for a process regarding program, policy, or contract disputes that gives all community mental health and substance–related disorder programs regulated by the Administration the right to:

(i) Access the mediation process established by the Administration; and

(ii) If dissatisfied with the outcome of the mediation by the Administration, request a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 16

On pages 45 and 46, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 45 through line 20 on page 46, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 46, in lines 22 and 24, in each instance, strike “**CARD**” and substitute “**CARE**”.

On page 47, in line 5, after “**ADMINISTERED**” insert “**ON A ONE-TIME BASIS, THROUGH A UNIFORM AND BROAD-BASED ASSESSMENT VIA THE MEDICARE SAVINGS COMPONENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**”; and in the same line, after “**SERVICES**” insert “**COST**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 47, after line 22, insert:

“15-1004.

(a) There is a Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only for the administration, operation, and activities of the Program.

(2) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, excess funds not required for the administration, operation, and activities of the Program may be used only to subsidize:

(i) The Kidney Disease Program under Title 13, Subtitle 3 of this article; or

(ii) The provision of mental health services to the uninsured under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of this article.

(3) For fiscal year [2025 only] **2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, excess funds not required for the administration, operation, and

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activities of the Program may be used for health reimbursement accounts established in accordance with § 105(h) of the Internal Revenue Code under § 2–509.1 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 48, after line 9, insert:

“24–1101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Trust Fund” means the Community Services Trust Fund.

24–1105.

(a) The Trust Fund may only be used in accordance with this section.

(b) In accordance with an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the State budget, the Comptroller shall transfer:

(1) The investment earnings of the Developmental Disabilities Administration account of the Trust Fund into the Waiting List Equity Fund established under § 7–205 of this article; and

(2) The proceeds and investment earnings of the Behavioral Health Administration account of the Trust Fund into the Mental Hygiene Community–Based Services Fund established under § 10–208 of this article.

(C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONLY, THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION MAY USE MONEY IN THE TRUST FUND FOR PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 48, after line 9, insert:

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8-206.

(a) There is a Board of Nursing Fund.

(e) (1) [(i)] The Board of Nursing Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this title.

[(ii) The Board of Nursing Fund may not be used to pay for infrastructure operations, as defined in § 1-203(b) of this article.]

(2) (i) The Board of Nursing Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) Any unspent portions of the Board of Nursing Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Board of Nursing Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this title.

(3) No other State money may be used to support the Board of Nursing Fund.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 48, after line 24, insert:

“5-609.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Personal identifying information” has the meaning stated in § 8-301 of the Criminal Law Article.

(ii) “Personal identifying information” includes an Electronic Benefits Transfer card number or personal identification number.

(3) “Skimming practices” includes:

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(i) use of a skimming device, including a scanner, skimmer, reader, or other electronic device used to access, read, scan, obtain, memorize, or store, temporarily or permanently, personal identifying information; or

(ii) adding malicious code illegally to a website to capture Electronic Benefits Transfer card data or personal identifying information.

(4) “Theft” includes:

(i) physical theft of an Electronic Benefits Transfer card;

(ii) identity fraud, as defined in § 8–301 of the Criminal Law Article; and

(iii) theft through skimming practices.

(5) “Two–way fraud alert” means the capability of the Department to communicate with households, and of households to communicate with the Department, through text messaging regarding potential fraudulent use or theft of an Electronic Benefits Transfer card.

(B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, RESTORATION OF BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET.

[(b)] (C) (1) If an investigation by the Department shows a household’s correctly issued benefits were lost due to theft, the Department [automatically] shall restore the benefits without requiring further action from the household.

(2) As soon as practicable, but not later than 10 days after a household informs the Department of the loss of benefits due to theft, the Department shall:

(i) notify the household in writing of the Department’s decision as to whether to restore benefits, the amount of benefits to be restored, and the right to and method of requesting a hearing on the Department’s decision in accordance with subsection [(c)] (D) of this section;

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(ii) if the Department determines that the household receives benefits, restore benefits to the household in the amount of benefits that was lost; and

(iii) provide the household with a new Electronic Benefits Transfer card.

(3) The Department may not:

(i) require a household to provide a police report as a condition of restoration of benefits; or

(ii) limit the number of months in which a household can receive restoration of benefits lost due to theft.

[(c)] (D) (1) If a household disputes the amount of benefits restored or the Department's determination that no restoration is due, the household may request a hearing with the Department within 90 days after the date of the Department's determination.

(2) If a household requests a hearing under this subsection, the Department shall restore the benefits for which the household claims entitlement while the hearing is pending.

(3) If the hearing decision is unfavorable to the household, any benefits improperly restored under paragraph (2) of this subsection may be recovered by the Department by reducing the household's benefit at a rate that may not exceed the lesser of \$10 or 5% of the household's monthly allotment of benefits.

[(d)] (E) In the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration, the State or State-aided or State-controlled entity shall give preference to a vendor that:

(1) holds a form of insurance that can be used to reimburse a beneficiary for identity fraud or theft; and

(2) provides identity access protections to protect an eligible beneficiary against identity fraud and theft, which may include multifactor authentication.

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[(e)] (F) The Department shall coordinate with vendors to take available precautions to reduce the vulnerability of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to theft by utilizing enhanced technology.

[(f)] (G) On or before December 1 each year, the Department, in consultation with local law enforcement agencies in the State, shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

- (1) the accessibility and security of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards;
- (2) actions taken to reduce the fraudulent use of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards;
- (3) the number of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards reissued due to fraud in the immediately preceding year;
- (4) the number of households reporting theft of benefits, by jurisdiction and program;
- (5) the number of households eligible for expedited Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits that reported loss of benefits due to theft, by jurisdiction and program;
- (6) the total dollar amount of benefits reported lost due to theft, by jurisdiction and program;
- (7) the number of determinations of theft made by the Department, by jurisdiction;
- (8) the number of determinations made by the Department that theft did not occur, by jurisdiction;
- (9) the number of households reimbursed for benefits lost due to theft and the total dollar amount of benefits restored, by jurisdiction and program;
- (10) the average and maximum length of time, in days, between the report of theft and the restoration of benefits, by jurisdiction;

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(11) the number of hearings requested and the number of households that received a restoration of benefits as an outcome of a hearing, by jurisdiction; and

(12) demographic data on households that experienced theft, including race, gender, number of households with children under the age of 18 years, and number of households with a member at least 60 years old.”

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On pages 48 and 49, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 48 through line 2 on page 49, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 50, strike beginning with “and” in line 2 down through “**LEARNING**” in line 3.

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 54, in line 18, strike “**YEARS 2024 AND 2025**” and substitute “YEAR 2024”; and in line 20, strike “**2026**” and substitute “2025”.

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 55, in line 9, strike “**2025**” and substitute “2024”; and in line 11, strike “**2026**” and substitute “2025”.

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 57, after line 32, insert:

“5-903.

(a) (1) (i) Of the funds distributed to Program Open Space under § 13-209 of the Tax – Property Article, up to \$3,000,000 may be transferred by an appropriation in the State budget, or by an amendment to the State budget under Title 7, Subtitle 2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 11 of the Financial Institutions Article to be used for the purposes provided in that subtitle.

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(ii) Of the amount transferred under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, up to \$300,000 may be distributed to the Maryland Historical Trust within the Department of Planning to be awarded as noncapital historic preservation grants.

(2) (i) 1. Of the remaining funds not appropriated under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection:

A. One half of the funds shall be used for recreation and open space purposes by the Department and the Historic St. Mary's City Commission; and

B. 20% of the funds or \$21,000,000, whichever is greater, shall be appropriated to the Forest and Park Service in the Department to operate State forests and parks.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any funds the General Assembly appropriates to the State under this subsection shall be used only for land acquisition projects.

(iii) 1. A portion of the State's share of funds available under subparagraph (i)1A of this paragraph for this program not to exceed \$8,000,000 for each fiscal year may be transferred by an appropriation in the State budget to the Rural Legacy Program under Subtitle 9A of this title.

2. In each fiscal year, up to \$2 million of the funds transferred under this subparagraph to the Rural Legacy Program may be used to purchase zero coupon bonds for easements.

3. Sums allocated to the Rural Legacy Program may not revert to the General Fund of the State.”.

On page 80, after line 30, insert:

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(a) (4) In any fiscal year in which transfer tax revenue is used to pay debt service on outstanding bonds under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the distribution of revenues in the special fund under this section and as specified in § 5-903(a)(2)(i)1A of the Natural Resources Article, for State land acquisition, or to the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund to the extent any debt service is attributable to that Fund, shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service for the fiscal year.

(c) (1) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, of the balance of the revenue in the special fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section:

(i) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, \$47,268,585 shall be allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this section;

(ii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, \$102,833,869 shall be allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided in the State budget;

(iii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, \$147,374,444 shall be allocated to the General Fund of the State, and the remainder shall be allocated as provided in the State budget; and

(iv) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, \$68,223,132 shall be allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(2) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006 and each subsequent fiscal year, the balance of the revenue in the special fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(3) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2029, OF THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE IN THE SPECIAL FUND NOT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, \$25,000,000 SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AND THE REMAINDER SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2029, THE ALLOCATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL REDUCE THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR PROGRAM OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION AND § 5-903(A)(2)(I)1A OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, THE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION AND § 5-903(A)(2)(III) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE BY AN AMOUNT THAT IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE EACH PROGRAM IS ESTIMATED TO RECEIVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

(d) Subject to subsections (d-1) and (e) of this section, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the balance of the revenue in the special fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section and not allocated to the General Fund under subsection (c)(1) AND (3) of this section shall be allocated in the State budget as follows:

(1) (i) 75.15% for the purposes specified in Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the Natural Resources Article (Program Open Space); and

(ii) an additional 1% for Program Open Space, for land acquisition purposes as specified in § 5-903(a)(2) of the Natural Resources Article;

(2) 17.05% for the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund established under § 2-505 of the Agriculture Article;

(3) 5% for the Rural Legacy Program established under § 5-9A-01 of the Natural Resources Article; and

(4) 1.8% for the Heritage Conservation Fund established under § 5-1501 of the Natural Resources Article.

(e) The sums allocated in subsection (d) of this section may not revert to the General Fund of the State.

(h) (1) [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF an appropriation or a transfer from the special fund to the General

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Fund occurs after the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bills for each of the 3 successive fiscal years following the fiscal year in which a transfer is made a General Fund appropriation to the special fund equal to one-third of the cumulative amount of the appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General Fund for the applicable fiscal year.

(2) The appropriation required under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) represents reimbursement for the cumulative amount of any appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General Fund for the applicable fiscal year;

(ii) is not subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c), and (f) of this section;

(iii) shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this section and § 5-903 of the Natural Resources Article;

(iv) shall be made until the cumulative total appropriated under paragraph (1) of this subsection is equal to the cumulative amount of any appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General Fund for the applicable fiscal year; and

(v) shall be reduced by the amount of any appropriation from the General Fund to the special fund that:

1. exceeds the required appropriation under this subsection; and

2. is identified as an appropriation for reimbursement under this subsection.

(3) THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO TRANSFERS FROM THE SPECIAL FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND THAT OCCUR IN FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2029.”

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On pages 61 and 62, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 61 through line 2 on page 62, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 65, in line 17, before “When” insert “(A)”; in the same line, strike “When” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN”; in lines 18 and 20, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 18 and 20, in each instance, strike “MAY”; and after line 22, insert:

“(B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONLY, WHEN A PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS TO BE APPLIED ACROSS MULTIPLE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES, THE BUDGET BILL MAY SPECIFY HOW THE SAVINGS WILL BE ACHIEVED AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POSITION ABOLITIONS AND ITEMS REQUIRING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MAY INCLUDE A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH REDUCTION ALLOCATING THE REDUCTION FOR EACH AGENCY IN A LEVEL OF DETAIL NOT LESS THAN THE 3-DIGIT R*STARS FINANCIAL AGENCY CODE AND BY EACH FUND TYPE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 68, after line 3, insert:

“7-317.

(a) There is a Cigarette Restitution Fund.

(g) (1) Amounts may only be expended from the Fund through appropriations in the State budget bill as provided in this subsection.

(2) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill appropriations from the Fund equivalent to the lesser of \$100,000,000 or 90% of the funds estimated to be available to the Fund in the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made.

(3) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, at least 50% of the appropriations shall be made for those purposes enumerated in subsection (f)(1)(i), (ii), and (v)1 through 9 of this section subject to the requirement of subsection (e)(2) of this section.

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(4) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

(II) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, at least 30% of the appropriations shall be made for the purposes of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(5) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, 0.15% of the Fund shall be appropriated for the purposes of enforcement of Title 16, Subtitle 5 of the Business Regulation Article.

(6) For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$8,000,000 to the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Fund.

(7) Any additional appropriations, not subject to paragraph (3), paragraph (4), or paragraph (5) of this subsection, may be made for any lawful purpose.

(h) (1) The Fund shall include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State as a result of litigation by participating manufacturers related to the State's diligent enforcement of Title 16, Subtitle 4 of the Business Regulation Article.

(2) (I) [Distributions] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, DISTRIBUTIONS from the separate account may be used only to supplant the General Fund appropriation to the historically black colleges and universities required under § 15–126 of the Education Article.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONLY, DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT MEDICAID EXPENSES.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 68, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 28, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 68, after line 28, insert:

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“7-328.

(a) There is a Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement Fund.

(f) (1) The Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement Fund shall be used for housing and foreclosure-relief purposes and for related investigation and enforcement activities, including:

(i) the provision of housing counseling;

(ii) legal assistance related to foreclosure, EVICTIONS, and housing activities;

(iii) criminal or civil investigations of fraud related to housing and the securitization of mortgage loans;

(iv) relevant enforcement activities;

(v) foreclosure prevention, remediation, and restitution;

(vi) programs to address community blight;

(vii) programs reasonably targeted to benefit persons harmed by mortgage fraud; and

(viii) any other public purpose reasonably related to housing and foreclosure relief.

(2) The provisions of this subsection may not be construed to affect the Governor’s powers with respect to a request for an appropriation in the annual budget bill.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 68, after line 28, insert:

“7-331.

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Opioid Restitution Fund.

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(b) There is an Opioid Restitution Fund.

(i) (1) (I) **THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026.**

(II) Money expended from the Fund for the programs and services described under subsection (f) of this section is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that otherwise would be appropriated for the programs and services.

(2) Except as specified in subsection (f) of this section, money expended from the Fund may not be used for administrative expenses.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 68, after line 28, insert:

“10-501.

(a) (1) On receipt of an order by an administrative law judge granting a petition under subsection (b) of this section, **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the Board of Public Works shall compensate an individual erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined under State law for a crime the individual did not commit in an amount equal to the product of the total number of days that the individual was wrongfully confined after the erroneous conviction multiplied by a daily rate of the State’s most recent annual median household income as published in the American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau in the year the order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this section and divided by 365 days to the nearest whole cent.

(2) In addition to the compensation awarded under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the administrative law judge issuing an order under subsection (b) of this section may direct the appropriate State agency or service provider to provide to the individual free of charge any of the following benefits:

(i) a State identification card and any other document necessary for the individual’s health or welfare on the individual’s release from confinement;

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(ii) housing accommodations for a period not exceeding 5 years after the date the order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this section;

(iii) education and training relevant to life skills, job and vocational training, or financial literacy for a period of time until the individual elects to no longer receive the education and training;

(iv) health care and dental care for at least 5 years after the date the order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this section;

(v) access to enrollment at and payment of tuition and fees for attending a public senior higher education institution, a regional higher education center, or the Baltimore City Community College for a period of enrollment not exceeding 8 years; and

(vi) reimbursement for court fines, fees, and restitution paid by the individual for the crime for which the individual was erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined.

(3) (i) If an individual previously received a monetary award from a civil suit or entered into a settlement agreement with the State or a political subdivision of the State for an erroneous conviction, sentence, or confinement, the amount owed to the individual under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of the monetary award or settlement that was paid to the individual less any amount paid for attorney's fees and costs for litigating the award or settlement.

(ii) 1. If, after receiving compensation under this subsection, an individual receives a monetary award from a civil suit or enters into a settlement agreement with the State or a political subdivision of the State for an erroneous conviction, sentence, or confinement, the individual shall reimburse the State the amount of money paid under this section less any amount paid for attorney's fees and costs for litigating the award or settlement.

2. Reimbursement required under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph may not exceed the amount of the monetary award the individual received in the civil suit or settlement agreement.

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3. The State may obtain a lien against the monetary award from a civil suit or settlement agreement to satisfy an obligation under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

(4) If an individual eligible for compensation and benefits under this subsection is deceased, the individual's estate has standing to be compensated under this subsection.

(5) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY OR CITY IN WHICH THE CONVICTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL OCCURRED SHALL PAY TO THE STATE 50% OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AWARDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(b) (1) An administrative law judge shall issue an order that an individual is eligible for compensation and benefits from the State under subsection (a) of this section if:

(i) the individual has received from the Governor a full pardon stating that the individual's conviction has been shown conclusively to be in error; or

(ii) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the administrative law judge finds that the individual has proven by clear and convincing evidence that:

1. the individual was convicted, sentenced, and subsequently confined for a felony or conspiracy to commit a felony;

2. the judgment of conviction for the felony or conspiracy to commit a felony was reversed or vacated and:

A. the order reversing or vacating the judgment of conviction did not allow for retrial;

B. the charges against the individual were dismissed; or

C. on retrial, the individual was found not guilty;

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3. the individual did not commit the felony or conspiracy to commit a felony for which they were convicted, sentenced, and subsequently confined and was not an accessory or accomplice to the felony or conspiracy to commit a felony; and

4. subject to paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, the individual did not commit or suborn perjury, fabricate evidence, or by the individual's own conduct cause or bring about the conviction.

(d) (1) If an administrative law judge orders that an individual is eligible for compensation and benefits under this section, the order shall include:

(i) the monetary award owed to the individual under subsection (a)(1) of this section;

(ii) reasonable attorney's fees and expenses associated with the action brought under this section;

(iii) benefits to be awarded under subsection (a)(2) of this section;
and

(iv) if the administrative law judge determines that it is in the interests of the individual, a recommendation for an expedited payment schedule.

(e) The Board of Public Works shall pay the compensation ordered under subsection (d) of this section in:

(1) one initial payment equal to the annual amount of the State's most recent median household income to be paid within 60 days after receiving the order; and

(2) (i) after the initial payment under item (1) of this subsection, installments paid over a period not to exceed 6 fiscal years; or

(ii) in accordance with an expedited payment schedule recommended under subsection (d)(1)(iv) of this section.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 68, after line 29, insert:

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“9–120.

(a) The Comptroller shall distribute, or cause to be distributed, the State Lottery Fund to pay:

(1) on a pro rata basis for the daily and nondaily State lottery games, the expenses of administering and operating the State lottery, as authorized under this subtitle and the State budget; and

(2) then, except as provided in § 10–113.1 of the Family Law Article, § 11–618 of the Criminal Procedure Article, and § 3–307 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the holder of each winning ticket or share.

(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

(i) 1. after June 30, 2023, but not later than June 30, 2026, into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund established under § 7–312 of the State Finance and Procurement Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount not to exceed \$14,200,000 in each fiscal year;

2. after June 30, 2023, but not later than June 30, 2026, from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount for each fiscal year not to exceed:

A. \$34,900,000 into the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.1 of the Economic Development Article; and

B. \$40,900,000 into the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.2 of the Economic Development Article;

3. after June 30, 2026, but not later than June 30, 2039, into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund established under § 7–312 of the State Finance and Procurement Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery

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Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000 in each fiscal year;

4. after June 30, 2026, but not later than June 30, 2039, from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount for each fiscal year not to exceed:

A. \$45,000,000 into the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.1 of the Economic Development Article; and

B. \$41,640,000 into the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.2 of the Economic Development Article; and

5. after June 30, 2039, from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount for each fiscal year not to exceed:

A. \$45,000,000 into the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.1 of the Economic Development Article; and

B. \$45,000,000 into the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund established under § 10–652.2 of the Economic Development Article;

(ii) after June 30, 2014, into the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund 10% of the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of sales of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines by veterans' organizations under § 9–112(d) of this subtitle, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section;

(iii) after June 30, 2014, into the Baltimore City Public School Construction Financing Fund established under § 10–656 of the Economic Development Article the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year that bonds are

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outstanding and unpaid, to be paid in two installments with at least \$10,000,000 paid no later than December 1 of each fiscal year;

(iv) after June 30, 2021, into the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund established under § 10-657.2 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount equal to \$17,000,000 in each fiscal year until the bonds issued for a racing facility have matured;

(v) after June 30, 2020, into the Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund established under § 10-612.2 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (iv) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year;

(vi) after June 30, 2021, a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (v) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$150,000 in each fiscal year;

(vii) after June 30, 2021, to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City each fiscal year the amount required to be distributed under § 9-1A-31(a)(7)(ii) of this title to be used as required under § 9-1A-31 of this title;

(viii) after June 30, 2022, into the Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund established under § 5-243 of the Education Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all other lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (vii) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$250,000 in each fiscal year;

(ix) after June 1, 2022, to the Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing Fund established under § 10-657.5 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (viii) of this paragraph, an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to be paid in two installments not later than November 1 and June 1 of each fiscal year;

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(x) after June 30, 2022, to the Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program Fund established under § 10–611.2 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (ix) of this paragraph:

1. for fiscal year 2023, an amount equal to \$10,000,000;
[and]

2. for [each fiscal year thereafter] FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025, the amount necessary to restore the Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program Fund to a balance of \$10,000,000;

3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM FUND TO A BALANCE OF \$7,500,000; AND

4. FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$5,000,000;

(xi) after June 30, 2024, into the Bus Rapid Transit Fund established under § 2–802.1 of the Transportation Article for bus rapid transit system grants in accordance with § 2–802 of the Transportation Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (x) of this paragraph[.]:

1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, an amount equal to \$27,000,000 in each fiscal year; AND

2. FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$17,000,000 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR;

(xii) after June 30, 2024, into the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund established under § 10–657.6 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all

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lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xi) of this paragraph, \$27,000,000;

(xiii) after June 30, 2024, a supplemental local impact grant of \$3,000,000 each fiscal year to the County Executive and County Council of Prince George’s County from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xii) of this paragraph to be distributed in Prince George’s County in accordance with § 9–1A–31 of this title; and

(xiv) into the General Fund of the State the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xiii) of this paragraph.

(2) The money paid into the General Fund under this subsection is available in the fiscal year in which the money accumulates in the State Lottery Fund.

(c) The regulations of the Agency shall apportion the money in the State Lottery Fund in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.”.

On page 82, after line 30, insert:

“7–205.1.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND TO THE BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–802.1 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–802 OF THIS ARTICLE.”.

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On pages 68 and 69, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 68 through line 13 on page 69, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 69, after line 13, insert:

“9-1E-06.

(c) (1) The term of a sports wagering license under this section is 5 years.

(2) On application by the sports wagering licensee and payment of the license renewal fee under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Commission shall renew for 5 years a sports wagering license if the licensee complies with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

(3) The license renewal fee is equal to 1% of the [licensee’s] average annual [proceeds from sports wagering] **AMOUNT THE LICENSEE RETAINED UNDER § 9-1E-12(B)(1)(II), (III), OR (IV) OF THIS SUBTITLE** for the preceding 3-year period [less any proceeds remitted by the licensee in accordance with § 9-1E-12 of this subtitle].”;

in line 24, strike “70%” and substitute “80%”; and in line 31, strike “**THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2027, 15%**” and substitute “**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, 5%**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 76, in line 29, strike “(I)”; and in lines 29 and 30, strike “**SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**” and substitute “**PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION**”.

On page 77, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(6) (I) SUBJECT TO § 21-309.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:”;

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and after line 29, insert:

“(II) 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OR BEFORE EACH SEPTEMBER 1 THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III) EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNTS PAID UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL REDUCE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE WITH RESPECT TO THE TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEM AND THE TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY THE SAME AMOUNTS.”.

On page 78, after line 21, insert:

“21-309.2.

(A) FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING DETERMINATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEM AND THE TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER AS ONE STATE SYSTEM.

(B) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED FOR THAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER § 21-304(B)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OR BEFORE EACH SEPTEMBER 1 THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED FOR THAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER § 21-304(B)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ALLOW A GRACE PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 CALENDAR DAYS FOR PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) IF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PAY THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED, ON NOTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT A DELINQUENCY EXISTS, THE STATE COMPTROLLER IMMEDIATELY SHALL:

(I) EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SETOFF AGAINST ANY MONEY DUE OR COMING DUE TO THE DELINQUENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND

(II) PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE DELINQUENT AMOUNTS, INCLUDING INTEREST, WITHHELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.

(D) ON RECEIPT OF THE PAYMENTS FROM EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR THE STATE COMPTROLLER, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CREDIT THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED TO THE ACCUMULATION FUNDS OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM AND THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 80, in line 12, after "(H)" insert "(1)"; after line 14, insert:

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“(2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE \$40,567,430 FROM THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(I) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2025, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE \$37,300,000 FROM THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION TO THE DIVISION OF PAID LEAVE WITHIN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

(2) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL REIMBURSE THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE DEPARTMENT’S FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND BEGIN.”;

in lines 15, 20, and 24, strike “(I)”, “(J)”, and “(K)”, respectively, and substitute “(J)”, “(K)”, and “(L)”, respectively; in line 21, strike “(I)” and substitute “(J)”; in line 25, strike “(I, AND (J))” and substitute “(J), AND (K)”; in line 26, strike “\$23,000,000” and substitute “\$27,056,743”; and in line 28, strike “\$230,000,000” and substitute “\$270,567,430”.

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On pages 84 through 86, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 84 through line 30 on page 86, inclusive.

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On page 87, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On pages 94 through 98, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 94 through line 32 on page 98, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 42

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On pages 100 through 104, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 100 through line 5 on page 104, inclusive.

On page 128, strike in their entirety lines 29 through 32, inclusive.

On pages 131 and 132, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 131 through line 5 on page 132, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 104, after line 5, insert:

“10–730.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(4) (i) “Film production activity” means:

1. the production of a film or video project that is intended for nationwide commercial distribution; and

2. for a television series, each season of the television series.

(ii) “Film production activity” includes the production of:

1. a feature film;

2. a television project;

3. a commercial;

4. a corporate film;

5. a music video;

6. a digital animation project;

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7. a documentary; or
8. a talk, reality, or game show.

(iii) “Film production activity” does not include production of:

1. a student film;
2. a noncommercial personal video;
3. a sports broadcast;
4. a broadcast of a live event;
5. a video, computer, or social networking game;
6. pornography;
7. an infomercial;
8. a digital project or an animation project other than a digital animation project; or
9. a multimedia project.

(7) “Qualified film production entity” means an entity that:

- (i) is carrying out a film production activity; and
- (ii) the Secretary determines to be eligible for the tax credit under this section in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

(8) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) (1) A qualified film production entity may claim a credit against the State income tax for film production activities in the State in an amount equal to the

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amount stated in the final tax credit certificate approved by the Secretary for film production activities.

(2) If the tax credit allowed under this section in any taxable year exceeds the total tax otherwise payable by the qualified film production entity for that taxable year, the qualified film production entity may claim a refund in the amount of the excess.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary may not issue tax credit certificates for credit amounts in the aggregate totaling more than:

(i) for fiscal year 2014, \$25,000,000;

(ii) for fiscal year 2015, \$7,500,000;

(iii) for fiscal year 2016, \$7,500,000;

(iv) for fiscal year 2019, \$8,000,000;

(v) for fiscal year 2020, \$11,000,000;

(vi) for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, \$12,000,000;

(vii) for fiscal year 2024, \$15,000,000;

(viii) for fiscal year 2025, \$17,500,000; AND

(ix) [for fiscal year 2026, \$20,000,000; and

(x)] for fiscal year [2027] 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$12,000,000.

(2) If the aggregate credit amounts under the tax credit certificates issued by the Secretary total less than the maximum provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection in any fiscal year, any excess amount may be carried forward and issued under tax credit certificates in a subsequent fiscal year.

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(3) The Secretary may not issue tax credit certificates for credit amounts totaling more than \$10,000,000 in the aggregate for a single film production activity.

(4) (i) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall make 10% of the credit amount authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection available for Maryland small or independent film entities.

(ii) If the total amount of credits applied for by Maryland small or independent film entities is less than the amount made available under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Secretary shall make available the unused amount of credits for use by qualified film production entities.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 106, in line 28, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike **“THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025, IF”**.

On pages 106 and 107, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 106 through line 3 on page 107, inclusive.

On page 107, in line 4, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike **“4.”**.

On page 108, in line 1, strike “final” and substitute **“INITIAL”**.

AMENDMENT NO. 45

On pages 109 through 111, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 109 through line 8 on page 111, inclusive.

On page 128, strike in their entirety lines 33 and 34.

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 111, after line 8, insert:

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2-802.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, when a deposit or payment is made in accordance with § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article into the Bus Rapid Transit Fund established under § 2-802.1 of this subtitle, and there is only one eligible grantee, then the Department shall award a grant to the eligible grantee equal to the amount distributed to the Department under § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article.

(2) (i) If there are two eligible grantees, and one eligible grantee is Montgomery County, the Department shall distribute ~~[\$20,000,000]~~ **\$25,000,000** to Montgomery County and the remaining amount of the deposit or payment under § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article to the remaining eligible grantee.

3-216.

(e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, this section is effective notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(2) Nothing in this section may adversely affect in any way the security of any of the following bonds while they are outstanding and unpaid:

(i) State highway construction bonds, second issue;

(ii) State highway construction bonds, third issue;

(iii) County highway construction bonds; [or]

(iv) County highway construction bonds, second issue; OR

(v) **BUS RAPID TRANSIT BONDS ISSUED WITH FUNDING COMMITMENTS FROM THE BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-802.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

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(3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, as long as any of the bonds listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection are outstanding and unpaid:

(i) The sinking fund requirements established for the payment of the principal of and interest on those bonds shall remain unchanged, as if this section had not been enacted; and

(ii) The taxes and revenues pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on those bonds as they become due and payable may not be repealed, diminished, or applied to any other purpose until:

1. The bonds and the interest on them have become due and fully paid; or

2. Adequate and complete provision for payment of the principal and interest has been made.

8-402.

(a) There is a Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund.

(b) All revenues collected from the following, after deductions provided by law, shall be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account:

(1) All of the motor vehicle fuel tax;

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, two-thirds of the REVENUE FROM THE vehicle titling tax, EXCLUDING REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO:

(I) A VEHICLE TITLING TAX RATE IN EXCESS OF 6%; OR

(II) THE VEHICLE TITLING TAX IMPOSED ON RENTAL VEHICLES UNDER § 13-809(C)(1)(II) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(3) Except for revenues collected under Title 13, Subtitle 9, Parts III and IV of this article, vehicle registration fees;

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(4) The revenue disbursed to this Account under § 2-614 of the Tax – General Article; and

(5) 80% of the funds distributed on short-term vehicle rentals under § 2-1302.1 of the Tax – General Article to the Transportation Trust Fund from the sales and use tax.

(c) For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, revenue credited to the Account shall be used as provided in § 3-216 of this article.

13-802.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and § 13-805 of this subtitle, the fee for each certificate of title issued under this title is [~~\$100~~] **\$200**.

(b) (1) The fee for each certificate of title issued for a rental vehicle is [~~\$50~~] **\$100**.

(2) The fee for each certificate of title issued for an off-highway recreational vehicle is [~~\$35~~] **\$70**.

(3) The fee for each certificate of title issued for a motor scooter or a moped is [~~\$20~~] **\$40**.

(4) The fee for each certificate of title issued for a trailer with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or less is [~~\$50~~] **\$100** if:

(i) The trailer is transferred to:

1. A spouse, child, grandchild, parent, sibling, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the transferor; or

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2. A niece or nephew of the transferor if the transferor is at least 65 years of age at the time of the transfer; and

(ii) No money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer.

(5) On the death of a joint owner of a vehicle, the Administration may not charge a fee for a new certificate of title issued for the vehicle to another joint owner who is the surviving spouse.

(6) On the death of a sole owner of a vehicle, the Administration may not charge a fee for a new certificate of title issued for the vehicle to a surviving spouse if ownership of the vehicle is transferred in accordance with § 13–114 of this title.

(c) The Administration may not charge a fee for a certificate of title issued for a vehicle that is transferred to a trust or from a trust to one or more beneficiaries in accordance with § 14.5–1001 of the Estates and Trusts Article.

13–809.

(c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the tax imposed by this section is [6 percent]:

(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, 6.8% of the fair market value of the vehicle; OR

(II) FOR A RENTAL VEHICLE, 3.5% OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE VEHICLE.

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(2) If the vehicle formerly was a vehicle exempt from the tax imposed by this section, the tax shall be reduced by any amount previously paid by the present owner as a sales and use tax on the vehicle under Title 11 of the Tax – General Article.

(3) (i) If the vehicle was formerly titled and registered in another state and the present owner has paid a sales or excise tax to that state at a rate less than that imposed by this State, then the tax imposed shall apply but at a rate measured by the difference only between the tax rate paid to the other state and the tax rate imposed by this section, if the present owner has not been a Maryland resident for more than 60 days.

(ii) If the vehicle was formerly titled and registered in another state and the present owner requests to transfer the vehicle in accordance with § 13–810(c)(1) of this subtitle, the Administration shall change or correct the names contained in the certificate of title:

1. At the time the excise tax that is credited or imposed under this section is paid and a new title is issued; and

2. Without issuing multiple certificates of title or charging additional fees.

(iii) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the minimum tax imposed under this section shall be \$100.

13–810.

(a) On issuance in this State of an original or subsequent certificate of title for a vehicle, the vehicle is exempt from the excise tax imposed by this part, if it is:

(24) A vehicle acquired by a religious, charitable, or volunteer organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, the

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Department of Human Services, or a local department of social services for the purpose of transferring the vehicle to a Family Investment Program recipient or an individual certified by the Department of Human Services or a local department of social services as eligible for the transfer; OR

[(25) A rental vehicle; or]

[(26) (25) A vehicle that is transferred to a trust or from a trust to one or more beneficiaries in accordance with § 14.5–1001 of the Estates and Trusts Article.

13–936.

(a) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

(1) Is [at least 20 years old] **A MODEL YEAR OF 1999 OR EARLIER;**

(2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design; and

(3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(b) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

(c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.50; and

(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.50.

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(e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section, the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

(1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and occasional transportation; and

(2) Will not be used:

(i) For general daily transportation;

(ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways;

(iii) For employment;

(iv) For transportation to and from employment or school; or

(v) For commercial purposes.

(f) Except as provided in § 13–936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue a special, historic motor vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

(g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this section.

(h) (1) A vehicle with a model year of 1985 or earlier registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires vehicle inspections.

(2) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

(i) (1) For a motor vehicle manufactured at least 60 years prior to the current model year, there is a onetime registration fee of \$50.00.

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(2) Registration of a motor vehicle manufactured under this subsection is not transferable to a subsequent owner.”.

On page 131, in line 23, after the period insert “Sections 13–802, 13–809, and 13–810 of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall be applicable to all certificates of title issued on or after July 1, 2025, and to all motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers subject to the excise tax that are in interstate operation and registered under § 13–109(c) or (d) of the Transportation Article without a certificate of title on or after July 1, 2025.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On pages 79 and 80, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 79 through line 1 on page 80, inclusive.

On page 111, after line 11, insert:

“2–605.3.

AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2–604, 2–605, 2–605.1, AND 2–605.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FROM THE REMAINING INCOME TAX REVENUE FROM INDIVIDUALS, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE 37.5% OF THE INCOME TAX REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TAX IMPOSED UNDER § 10–105(A)(3) OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

2–606.

(a) After making the distributions required under §§ 2–604[, 2–605, and 2–605.1] THROUGH 2–605.3 of this subtitle, from the remaining income tax revenue from individuals, the Comptroller shall distribute to an unallocated individual revenue account the income tax revenue:

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(1) with respect to which an income tax return is not filed; and

(2) that is attributable to:

(i) income tax withheld from salary, wages, or other compensation for personal services under Title 10 of this article; or

(ii) estimated income tax payments by individuals.”.

On page 112 in line 28, and on page 113 in line 4, in each instance, strike “1%” and substitute “2%”.

On page 114, in line 6, strike “**FOR TAXABLE YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2028**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 111, after line 11, insert:

“10-104.

(A) The income tax does not apply to the income of:

(1) a common trust fund, as defined in § 3-501(b) of the Financial Institutions Article;

(2) except as provided in §§ 10-101(e)(3) of this subtitle and 10-304(2) of this title, an organization that is exempt from taxation under § 408(e)(1) or § 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(3) a financial institution that is subject to the financial institution franchise tax;

(4) [a person subject to taxation under Title 6 of the Insurance Article;

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~~(5)~~ except as provided in § 10–102.1 of this subtitle, a partnership, as defined in § 761 of the Internal Revenue Code;

~~[(6)] (5)~~ except as provided in § 10–102.1 of this subtitle and § 10–304(3) of this title, an S corporation;

~~[(7)] (6)~~ except as provided in § 10–304(4) of this title, an investment conduit or a special exempt entity; or

~~[(8)] (7)~~ except as provided in § 10–102.1 of this subtitle, a limited liability company as defined under Title 4A of the Corporations and Associations Article to the extent that the company is taxable as a partnership, as defined in § 761 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(B) THE INCOME TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO INCOME THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER TITLE 6 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 111, in lines 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, and 24, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 15, strike “4.7%”; in line 16, strike “\$100,000”; in lines 21, 23, and 25, strike “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; in line 25, strike the first bracket; and in line 27, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(IX)”.

On page 112, in lines 1 and 19, in each instance, strike “(VII)” and substitute “(X)”; in lines 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 5, strike “4.7%”; in line 6, strike “\$150,000”; in lines 11, 13, and 15, strike “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; in line 15, strike the first bracket; and in line 17, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(IX)”.

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On page 114, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 16, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 114, after line 16, insert:

“10–106.

(a) (1) Each county shall set, by ordinance or resolution, a county income tax equal to at least 2.25% but not more than [3.20%] **3.30%** of an individual’s Maryland taxable income for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2001.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 114, in lines 18 and 29, in each instance, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with “Subject” in line 26 down through “(c)” in line 29.

On page 115, in line 1, strike “**\$5,600**” and substitute “**\$3,350**”; in lines 5 and 8, in each instance, strike “**\$11,200**” and substitute “**\$6,700**”; in lines 9 and 11, strike “**(B)**” and “**(A)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(C)**” and “**(B)**”, respectively; in line 21, strike the bracket; and in line 24, strike “An” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN**”.

On page 116, in lines 3, 11, 12, 30, and 31, in each instance, strike the bracket; and after line 3, insert:

“(C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “APPLICABLE AMOUNT” MEANS:

(I) \$100,000 FOR A MARRIED INDIVIDUAL FILING SEPARATELY; AND

(II) \$200,000 FOR ALL OTHER FILERS.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A FIDUCIARY.

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(3) IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME EXCEEDS THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT, THE AMOUNT OF ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS OTHERWISE ALLOWABLE FOR A TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE REDUCED BY 7.5% OF THE EXCESS OF THE FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OVER THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT.

(4) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE APPLIED AFTER THE APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER LIMITATION ON THE ALLOWANCE OF ANY ITEMIZED DEDUCTION.

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 117, in line 13, after “Code” insert “**IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31, 2024**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 118, in line 12, strike “60%” and substitute “**75%**”.

On page 119, in line 1, strike “40%” and substitute “**25%**”; in line 6, strike “2026” and substitute “**2025**”; in line 7, strike “2027” and substitute “**2026**”; and in line 8, strike “15%” and substitute “**12%**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 119, after line 1, insert:

“2-1302.5.

AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2-1301 THROUGH 2-1302.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OF THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED UNDER § 11-104(L) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

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2-1303.

After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 through [2-1302.4] 2-1302.5 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay:

(1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under § 10-130 of the Economic Development Article;

(2) to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund established under § 5-206 of the Education Article, the following percentage of the remaining sales and use tax revenues:

(i) for fiscal year 2023, 9.2%;

(ii) for fiscal year 2024, 11.0%;

(iii) for fiscal year 2025, 11.3%;

(iv) for fiscal year 2026, 11.7%; and

(v) for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, 12.1%; and

(3) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund of the State.

11-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c-12) "NAICS" MEANS THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, UNITED STATES MANUAL, 2022 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

[(c-12)] (C-13) "Permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time.

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(l) (1) “Taxable price” means the value, in money, of the consideration of any kind that is paid, delivered, payable, or deliverable by a buyer to a vendor in the consummation and complete performance of a sale without deduction for any expense or cost, including the cost of:

(i) any labor or service rendered;

(ii) any material used; or

(iii) any property, digital code, or digital product sold.

(m) “Taxable service” means:

(1) fabrication, printing, or production of tangible personal property or a digital product by special order;

(2) commercial cleaning or laundering of textiles for a buyer who is engaged in a business that requires the recurring service of commercial cleaning or laundering of the textiles;

(3) cleaning of a commercial or industrial building;

(4) cellular telephone or other mobile telecommunications service;

(5) “900”, “976”, “915”, and other “900”-type telecommunications service;

(6) custom calling service provided in connection with basic telephone service;

(7) a telephone answering service;

(8) pay per view television service;

(9) credit reporting;

(10) a security service, including:

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(i) a detective, guard, or armored car service; and

(ii) a security systems service;

(11) a transportation service for transmission, distribution, or delivery of electricity or natural gas, if the sale or use of the electricity or natural gas is subject to the sales and use tax;

(12) a prepaid telephone calling arrangement; [or]

(13) the privilege given to an individual under § 4-1102 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article to consume wine that is not purchased from or provided by a restaurant, club, or hotel;

(14) A DATA OR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE DESCRIBED UNDER NAICS SECTOR 518, 519, OR 5415;

(15) A SYSTEM SOFTWARE OR APPLICATION SOFTWARE PUBLISHING SERVICE DESCRIBED UNDER NAICS SECTOR 5132; OR

(16) THE LICENSING OF MEDIA OR SOFTWARE RIGHTS AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING:

(I) LICENSING OF RIGHTS TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT;

(II) LICENSING OF RIGHTS TO USE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTED BY TRADEMARK OR COPYRIGHT;

(III) LICENSING OF SPORTING EVENT BROADCAST AND OTHER MEDIA RIGHTS;

(IV) LICENSING OF RIGHTS TO BROADCAST TELEVISION PROGRAMS;

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(V) LICENSING OF RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTE SPECIALTY PROGRAMMING CONTENT; AND

(VI) LICENSING OF RIGHTS TO SYNDICATED MEDIA CONTENT.”;

after line 8, insert:

“(L) (1) THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR A SALE OF A TAXABLE SERVICE DESCRIBED UNDER § 11-101(M)(14) THROUGH (16) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 3% OF THE TAXABLE PRICE.

(2) IF A DIFFERENT RATE FROM THE RATE SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION COULD BE APPLIED TO A SALE OR USE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, A DIGITAL CODE, A DIGITAL PRODUCT, OR A TAXABLE SERVICE, THE HIGHER RATE SHALL APPLY TO THE SALE.

11-206.

[(g) (1) In this subsection, “snack food” means:

(i) potato chips and sticks;

(ii) corn chips;

(iii) pretzels;

(iv) cheese puffs and curls;

(v) pork rinds;

(vi) extruded pretzels and chips;

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(vii) popped popcorn;

(viii) nuts and edible seeds; or

(ix) snack mixtures that contain any one or more of the foods listed in items (i) through (viii) of this paragraph.

(2) The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of snack food through a vending machine.]

[(h)] (G) The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale through a vending machine of milk, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, or yogurt.

11-214.1.

(b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of precious metal bullion or coins if:

(1) the sale price is greater than \$1,000; AND

(2) THE SALE OCCURS AT THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER.

11-215.

(a) [The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of photographic material for use in the production of an item that is used in:

(1) composition or printing; or

(2) production of another item used in printing.

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(b) (1) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of art works, electros, electrotypes, hand or machine compositions, lithographic plates or negatives, mats, photoengravings, stereotypes, or typographies:

(i) to a person engaged in the printing of tangible personal property for sale; and

(ii) for direct use by the person to produce that property for sale.

(2) A vendor who sells any item under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not entitled to any exclusion under § 11-101(h)(3)(ii) or (n)(3)(ii) of this title for material that the vendor buys to produce that item.

[(c) (B)] (1) The sales and use tax does not apply to the printing and sale of newspapers that are distributed by the publisher at no charge.

(2) A publication is not a newspaper unless it is published and distributed at least once per month and it meets other criteria as defined by the Comptroller.

[(d) (C)] The sales and use tax does not apply to:

(1) a sale of direct mail advertising literature and mail order catalogues that will be distributed outside the State, and a sale of computerized mailing lists to the extent used for the purpose of providing addresses to which direct mail advertising literature and mail order catalogues will be distributed outside the State; or

(2) a sale of government documents, publications, records, or copies by the federal or State or a local government or an instrumentality of the federal or State or a local government.

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(a) The sales and use tax does not apply to a personal, professional, or insurance service that:

- (1) is not a taxable service; and
- (2) involves a sale as an inconsequential element for which no separate charge is made.

(b) [The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of custom computer software, regardless of the method transferred or accessed, or a service relating to custom computer software that:

- (1) would otherwise be taxable under this title;
- (2) is to be used by a specific person;
- (3) (i) is created for that person; or
(ii) contains standard or proprietary routines requiring significant creative input to customize, configure, or modify the procedures and programs that are necessary to perform the functions required for the software to operate as intended; and
- (4) do not constitute a program, procedure, or documentation that is mass produced and sold to:
 - (i) the general public; or
 - (ii) persons engaged in a trade, profession, or industry, except as provided in item (3) of this subsection.

(c) The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of an optional computer software maintenance contract if the buyer does not have a right, as part of the contract, to receive at no additional cost software products that are separately priced and marketed by the vendor.

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[(d)] (C) The sales and use tax does not apply to the use of a taxable service obtained by using a prepaid telephone calling arrangement.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 120, in line 37, strike “**MODIFIED**” and substitute “**TAXABLE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 128, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund [\$60,000,000] **\$80,000,000** from the reserve account established by the State to pay unemployment compensation benefits for State employees.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 128, strike in their entirety lines 23 and 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 128, strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26.

AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 129, in line 27, strike “\$150,000,000” and substitute “**\$230,000,000**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 130, strike beginning with “Securities” in line 3 down through “Article” in line 4 and substitute “Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement Fund established under § 7–328 of the State Finance and Procurement Article”.

AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 130, in line 6, after “Article;” insert “and”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 8 down through “Article” in line 10.

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On page 130, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 130, in line 22, strike “\$10,000,000” and substitute “\$13,100,000”.

AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 130, strike in their entirety lines 27 and 28; in lines 29 and 31, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively; in line 31, strike “\$720,938” and substitute “\$837,313”; and strike in their entirety lines 34 and 35.

On page 131, in lines 1, 3, and 9, strike “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in line 1, strike “\$371,904” and substitute “\$418,756”; in line 3, strike “\$332,957” and substitute “\$119,022”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 8, inclusive; and in line 10, after “Article” insert “;

(6) \$4,497,322 from the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Fund established under § 17–206 of the Health Occupations Article;

(7) \$1,059,742 from the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice Fund established under § 10–206 of the Health Occupations Article; and

(8) \$946,269 from the State Board of Examiners for Psychologists Fund as established under § 18–207 of the Health Occupations Article”.

AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$20,000,000 from the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund established under § 13–602 of the Courts Article.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 67

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$1,000,000 from the State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund established under § 9–273 of the Environment Article.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 68

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$3,000,000 of the interest from the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund established under § 10–657.2 of the Economic Development Article.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 69

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7–311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article or any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, if necessary, the Governor may transfer sufficient funds by budget amendment to the Annuity Bond Fund to ensure that the State Treasurer is able to pay debt service to the bondholders of the State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 70

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 8 of Chapter 717 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024 or any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$3,000,000 of interest earnings from the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund established under § 10–657.2 of the Economic Development Article.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 71

On page 131, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2026, payments to providers with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee under § 8–417 of the Education Article may not increase over the rates in effect on January 1, 2025.”.