
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation, and
Environment Subcommittee**

Additional Pages

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C90G00

Public Service Commission

Committee Narrative

C90G00.01 General Administration and Hearings

Cybersecurity Protections for Utilities: The committees believe that a robust and tested cybersecurity program to safeguard the State’s public utilities is critical to protect public health and safety, prevent service disruptions, and safeguard customer and employee personal and financial information. The committees request that the Public Service Commission (PSC) provide a report on efforts to plan for cybersecurity protections for public utilities in the State, including national best practices for implementing an ongoing and iterative cybersecurity regulatory structure for electric, gas, and water utilities.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on cybersecurity protections for utilities	PSC	August 1, 2023

D55P00
Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Status of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) Staffing and Federal Ratings:

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) oversees the operations of CHVH, the only assisted and skilled nursing care for veterans and their spouses in the State. The committees are concerned with the recent reports of abuse, neglect, and low ratings from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surrounding nursing home facility performance. The committees request that MDVA submit quarterly reports on staffing levels, census numbers, the number of resident complaints, and resident complaints by type of complaint, as well as any report, rating, or fine from CMS. In each quarterly report, the report should note the period covered by the data and corresponding dates.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Status of CHVH staffing and federal ratings	MDVA	July 1, 2023 October 1, 2023 January 1, 2024 April 1, 2024

D70J00
Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund

Committee Narrative

Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) Surplus and Activities: The committees are concerned about the decline in the surplus in Maryland Auto and funding adequacy in the insured and uninsured divisions, respectively. The committees request that Maryland Auto submit a report providing a 10-year history of the surplus and surplus-to-assessment ratio for the insured division and a 10-year history of the surplus for the uninsured division. It is the intent of the committees that Maryland Auto work with the Motor Vehicle Administration to consider an amnesty program for outstanding uninsured motorist fines for the purpose of raising revenue. It is the intent of the committees that Maryland Auto not pay staff bonuses during any year in which a surplus deficit is projected within 2 years.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Maryland Auto surplus history	Maryland Auto	November 1, 2023

D80Z01
Maryland Insurance Administration

Committee Narrative

Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) and the Private Insurance Market:

The committees are interested in evaluating the current Maryland Auto rating methodology as part of an effort to address the problem of declining surplus in Maryland Auto. In 2004, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) produced a report on the methodology used by Maryland Auto to determine rates. *The 2004 MIA report included a discussion of both adequacy and affordability of Maryland Auto rates, both of which are required by statute.* The committees request that MIA submit a report, *in consultation with Maryland Auto*, evaluating whether the current Maryland Auto rating methodology is producing rates that are adequate and *affordable*. *The committees are concerned about whether adequate rates can be charged without rendering Maryland Auto policies unaffordable, particularly to residents of low-income areas of the State. MIA should consider whether any changes need to be made to the methodology to ensure adequate affordable rates. The report should also address the sustainability of Maryland Auto, given declining market shares. The report should also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of alternative models for insuring substandard business (such as Assigned Risk) and make a recommendation as to whether the General Assembly should consider a different model for Maryland Auto.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Evaluation of the Maryland Auto rate-setting and model	MIA	December 1, 2023

J00I00
Maryland Aviation Administration
Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

J00I00.02 Airport Operations

Solar Arrays at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport): The committees are interested in the possibility of installing additional solar arrays at BWI Marshall Airport, particularly given a recent federal policy change that removes additional barriers to developing onsite solar systems. The committees request that the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) provide a report that describes the current deployment of solar at BWI Marshall Airport including current locations and capacity and considers the feasibility of additional solar installations at BWI Marshall Airport. *The report should address economic, environmental, and safety impacts and benefits of solar array installation and options to engage commercial providers to provide benefits to both electricity users and the State.* The report should *also* include details regarding space availability for solar infrastructure, procurement and funding needs, potential timelines, and any current plans or efforts in play to deploy solar.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Solar arrays at BWI Marshall Airport	MAA	December 1, 2023