



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 13, 2022
Schedule 2

PLEASE NOTE: January 18 – Bill request deadline.
February 4 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 3.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2022

HB 201 Delegate Kelly, et al

ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE – HIGH SCHOOLS

Requiring each local board of elections to conduct a voter registration drive at least once each school year in each public high school in the county in a manner specified in an agreement between the local board and county board of education; and requiring each public official responsible for the use of a public high school to make available to the local board of elections, without charge, the space that is needed in the building for the proper conduct of a voter registration drive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EL, § 3-204.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 202 Delegates Carr and Lehman**HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION – THRESHOLD AMOUNT**

Altering the definition of “substantial rehabilitation” for purposes of eligibility for the historic revitalization tax credit program by reducing the threshold amount from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for certain homeowners who receive the State homeowners’ property tax credit during a certain period of time; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, § 5A-303(a)(33) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 203 Delegate Attar**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – RETROACTIVE QUALIFICATION AND CALCULATION OF THE CREDIT**

Authorizing, under certain circumstances, a homeowner to retroactively qualify for the Homestead Tax Credit Program for a certain taxable year and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to calculate a certain assessment as if the credit had been granted for that taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 9-105(d)(6)(i) - amended and § 9-105(d)(7) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 204 Delegate Attar**HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE – EXTENSION**

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners’ property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within 1 year after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is applying for the credit for the first time or has filed a timely application for the credit for the 3 immediately preceding taxable years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 9-104(u) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 205 Delegate Bartlett**CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – BONDS, LICENSES, OATHS, AND COMMISSIONS**

Altering certain provisions and procedures relating to the clerks of the circuit courts, including the execution of certain bonds, the issuance of certain licenses, and the administration of certain oaths of office and commissions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, §§ 2-106, 2-208, 2-210, 2-211, and 2-212 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 206 Delegate Moon**VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES AND PERMITS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Repealing a certain prohibition relating to licenses to drive and moped operator permits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 16-301(q) - repealed and §§ 16-301(r) and 16-402(a)(36) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 207 Delegate Attar**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – CRIME INVOLVING A HANDGUN**

Prohibiting a judicial officer from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with a crime involving a handgun after having been convicted of a crime involving a handgun within the previous 5 years; and requiring that a certain defendant be held without bail pending trial in a certain correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, §§ 5-101 and 5-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 208 Delegate Moon, et al**COURTS – PAYMENT FOR JURY SERVICE**

Increasing from \$15 to \$30 the State per diem for jury service under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 8-426 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 209 Delegate Moon, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE
– REPEAL

Repealing the crime of unnatural or perverted sexual practice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 3-801(aa), CR, CP, and FL, Various Sections - amended and CR, § 3-322 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 210 Delegate Grammer

CRIMINAL TRIALS – SPOUSAL PRIVILEGE – EXCEPTION

Providing that the spouse of a person on trial for a crime may be compelled to testify as an adverse witness if the spouse and the person on trial married after the date on which the alleged crime for which the person is on trial occurred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 9-106(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 211 Delegate Attar

CRIMES – FIREARMS – STRAW PURCHASE PARTICIPANT PENALTY

Altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm; and providing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 5-141 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 212 Delegate Parrott**ELECTION LAW – SIGNATURE VERIFICATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND BALLOT CANVASSING**

Establishing requirements and procedures for the verification of signatures on absentee ballot applications and requests and absentee ballots; and altering the reasons for which local boards of elections are required to reject absentee and provisional ballots during the canvass.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

EL, §§ 9-303, 9-305(a), 9-306, 11-302(d), and 11-303(d)(2) - amended and § 9-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 213 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES – DEFINITION AND PRIVACY REGULATIONS**

Altering the definition of a “health information exchange” as used in provisions of law governing the confidentiality of medical records; and providing that regulations governing the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange may not prohibit the sharing and disclosing of information that is required to be exchanged under federal law or for payment purposes or the use of electronic health information for purposes important to public health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 4-301(i) and 4-302.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 214 Delegate Parrott**JUVENILES – REPORTABLE OFFENSES**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to notify a certain local superintendent of schools or school principal of a school in which a student is enrolled or has transferred of a student’s arrest for a reportable offense or one that is related to a student’s membership in a criminal organization; and requiring the Department to provide certain educational programming information to a certain student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 215 Delegate Parrott**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – DEPRECIATION OF ASSESSED VALUE**

Establishing, in the assessment of personal property, the original cost of the personal property shall be depreciated using the same method provided under the Internal Revenue Code for the same type of property.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 8-107 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 216 Delegates Parrott and Thiam**WASHINGTON COUNTY – NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS**

Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program in Washington County to establish policies and procedures authorizing indoor visitation from an essential caregiver; establishing the duties and authority of essential caregivers; and authorizing the nursing homes and assisted living programs to restrict or revoke essential caregiver status under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 19-1416.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 217 Delegates Love and Ruth**TASK FORCE ON RECYCLING POLICY AND RECYCLING AND WASTE SYSTEMS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland to review the Maryland Recycling Act, study the recycling and waste systems in Maryland, and make recommendations on updating the Maryland Recycling Act and implementing regional recycling and waste disposal facilities; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to certain legislative Committees by June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 218 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSING – DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS**

Establishing a separate category of certified dialysis technicians to be certified by the State Board of Nursing; repealing the requirement that a dialysis technician be a certified nursing assistant; altering the composition of the Board advisory committee; and authorizing the Board to conduct site visits of certified dialysis technician training programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 219 Delegate Kelly**DENTAL HYGIENISTS – CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Altering the types of health care practitioners with whom a dental hygienist must consult before providing certain treatment to a dental patient to include a patient's registered nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or licensed certified midwife.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, § 4-308(k)(4)(vi) and (m)(1) and (5) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 220 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REQUIRING LICENSE TO PRACTICE AND OTHER REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to maintain on the Board's website an electronic roster of individuals registered and licensed to practice massage therapy; phasing out the option for an individual to be registered by the Board to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting; altering the educational requirements for licensure or registration as a massage therapist to include 750 contact hours in a certain approved curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, § 6-101(j) - added and §§ 6-206(b), 6-301(a), 6-302, 6-304(c), and 6-504 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 221 Delegate Thiam**NATURAL RESOURCES – HEALING HUNTING AND FISHING FUND – NO-COST LICENSES AND STAMPS**

Authorizing an eligible sponsor organization providing recreational opportunities with grant funding from the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund to provide at no cost an angler’s license and trout stamps, a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or a hunting license and any corresponding stamps to certain persons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 1-405(a), (b), and (d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 222 Delegate Parrott**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING IN RIGHT-HAND LANES – INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN RURAL AREAS**

Requiring the driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic on an interstate highway in a rural area to drive the vehicle in the right-hand lanes under certain circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include information about the requirement in the State’s driver education curriculum and to inform drivers of the requirement through certain signage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 21-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 223 Delegate Love**CRIMINAL LAW – PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY – SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A MINOR**

Altering the definition of “person in a position of authority” for purposes of a certain prohibition against engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor to include an individual under contract with a child care facility, certain commercial or nonprofit instructional programs, sports, scouting, recreational activities, camps, religious institutions, or any unit of government; prohibiting a certain violation from being considered a lesser included crime of another crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, § 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 224 Delegates Crosby and D. Jones**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERANS**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 225 Delegate K. Young, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

Requiring a certain assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case, to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim's representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State's Attorney to not file a charging document or dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 11-1009 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 226 Delegates Guyton and Luedtke**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM – USE OF VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, to install a video recording device in each self-contained special education classroom; providing for the installation, operation, notification, and use of a video recording device and the viewing, use, and confidentiality of system recordings; requiring the school administration to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency on receipt of a complaint of alleged neglect or abuse of a student under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-450 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 227 Delegate Harrison**STATE GOVERNMENT – LEGAL AND EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY – JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Establishing Juneteenth National Independence Day as a State legal holiday and State employee holiday.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

GP, § 1-111 - amended and § 7-411 - repealed and SP, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 228 Delegate Crosby**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RATE SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to extend rate suspension proceedings for up to an additional 120 days if the filing is for an alternative form of ratemaking for an electric company, a gas company, an electric and gas company, or a telephone company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, § 4-204(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 229 Delegate K. Young, et al**PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF MAINTENANCE INJECTABLE MEDICATIONS – TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**

Altering the definition of “maintenance injectable medication” for the purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, § 12-101(o-1) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 230 Delegate Carr, et al**SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – EXCLUSION OF VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – REPEAL AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies from enforcement provisions for violations that are recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring an agency to provide certain notice to a motor vehicle rental company before issuing a citation for an alleged violation recorded by a speed monitoring system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 21-809(a)(4) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 231 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – IMPLEMENTING AGENCY MC 18–22**

Authorizing Montgomery County to designate the Montgomery County Department of Transportation instead of a local law enforcement agency as the agency responsible for implementing automated traffic enforcement programs in the county; requiring that an employee of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, instead of a law enforcement officer, under certain circumstances, sign a certain required statement on a citation issued through the use of automated traffic enforcement systems in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, §§ 21-202.1(a)(2), 21-706.1, 21-809(a)(2), (d)(1)(viii), & (e)(1), & 21-810(a)(2) & (8), (d)(1) through (3), (e)(1), & (i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 232 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (CLUBHOUSE/LODGE) LICENSE – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES MC 23–22

Authorizing the holder of a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license in Montgomery County to be issued a Class 4 limited winery license and a Class 7 micro–brewery license to manufacture, sell, and serve certain products; and providing that certain restrictions and requirements on the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license do not apply to the holder of both a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license and a Class 4 limited winery license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, §§ 25-401, 25-405, and 25-1003 - amended and § 25-407 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 233 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 7 MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE MC 07–22

Adding a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to the list of license holders in Montgomery County eligible to be issued a Class 7 micro–brewery license by the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 25-405 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 234 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – NOTICE OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMANTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to include on each IRS Form 1099–G issued to a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits a statement in English and Spanish regarding the availability of federal and State earned income tax credits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

LE, § 8-810.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 235 Delegates Carr and Lehman

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – DEFINITION – ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

Excluding the administration of certain personnel matters from the definition of “administrative function” as it relates to the Open Meetings Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

GP, § 3-101(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 236 Delegate Palakovich Carr

COMPTROLLER – WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAX REFUNDS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the Comptroller from withholding any portion of an income tax refund that is attributable to certain income tax credits awarded to certain debtors certified by the Central Collection Unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 13-915(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 237 Delegate Palakovich Carr

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission by adding a representative of the Reserve Organization of America.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 9-917(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 238 Delegate Reznik, et al

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE

Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

GP, § 7-318 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 239 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE – FARM BREWERIES AND LIMITED WINERIES MC 21–22

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue one Class D beer and wine license to a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license and a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to sell certain products. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, §§ 25-401 and 25-805 - amended and §§ 25-407 and 25-408 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 240 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP MC 16–22

Increasing the number of elected members to the Montgomery County Board of Education who may reside anywhere in the county beginning at the 2024 general election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 3-901(a), (b), and (f)(1) and (3)(i) and (ii) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 241 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DAMASCUS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE REFERENDUM MC 12–22

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Damascus (12th election district); and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the 12th election district in Montgomery County.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 25-1603 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 242 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONSUMPTION ONLY MARKETPLACE LICENSES MC 06–22

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a consumption only marketplace license to the management company of a commercial shopping center; and requiring that the designated outdoor area identified in a consumption only marketplace license application be within 1,000 feet of, rather than contiguous to, the commercial shopping center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 25-1004.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 243 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP MC 05–22

Altering the scholarship award for a student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education who completes a full term on the county board to be equal to the costs of annual tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board for a resident undergraduate student to attend the institution within the University System of Maryland, with certain exceptions, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate during the academic year in which the student member serves on the county board.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 244 **Delegate Moon, et al**

CIVIL ACTIONS – DAMAGES – USE OF RACE, ETHNICITY, AND
GENDER DATA

Prohibiting a calculation of damages for loss of earnings resulting from personal injury or wrongful death from being reduced based on race, ethnicity, or gender; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 11-109.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 245 Delegate Reznik, et al**PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING HIV INFECTION FOR RAPE VICTIMS – ALTERATIONS AND REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims; repealing the limit on the total annual amount physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals are entitled to be paid for providing certain treatment or follow-up care; and altering the requirement that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services report to the Governor and General Assembly on the operation and results of the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CP, § 11-1008 and Chapter 431 of the Acts of 2019, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 246 Delegates Carr and Lehman**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – NOTICES, CLOSED SESSIONS, AND MINUTES – RETENTION PERIODS, ONLINE POSTING, AND PUBLIC INSPECTION**

Altering from 1 year to 3 years the period of time a public body is required to retain a certain notice and certain written closing statement under the Open Meetings Act; requiring a public body, to the extent practicable, to post a certain written closing statement online; and requiring a public body, if it does not post certain minutes or recordings or a certain written closing statement online, to provide an electronic copy of the minutes, recordings, or statement on request to a requestor within 2 business days of the request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

GP, §§ 3-302, 3-305, and 3-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 247 Delegate Reznik, et al**INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY**

Requiring a carrier, during the 30 days following the individual's birthday, to make available to an individual enrolled in a Medicare supplement policy plan different Medicare supplement policy plans with benefits that are equal to or less than the benefits of the individual's existing coverage; prohibiting a carrier, for a plan required to be made available under the Act, from denying or conditioning the effectiveness of the plan or discriminating in the pricing of the plan based on certain factors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

IN, § 15-909(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 248 Delegate Stewart**LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE PREVENTION ACT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, by October 1, 2022, to adopt regulations requiring an owner or operator of a public building to establish and implement a water management program to prevent the growth and spread of *Legionella pneumophila* in a building water system to reduce the risk for Legionnaires' disease.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EN, § 9-405.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 249 Delegate Moon, et al**ATTORNEY GENERAL – WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS – INVESTIGATIONS**

Requiring copies of certain orders related to wrongful convictions to be sent to the Attorney General; requiring the Attorney General to conduct investigations into the circumstances giving rise to the issuance of certain orders related to wrongful convictions; and requiring the Attorney General to send recommendations regarding the discipline of law enforcement officers, attorneys, or judges involved in wrongful convictions to the appropriate entities under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 8-301(f) and SF, § 10-501(a) - amended and SG, § 6-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 250 Delegate Stewart**PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2022**

Establishing the Private Well Safety Program in the Department of the Environment to address and manage the contamination of private and domestic water supply wells in the State; establishing the Private Well Safety Fund to award grants to certain counties and households for costs associated with water quality testing and remediation; requiring the Department to utilize an existing online portal to receive and upload water quality testing results and certain information and to provide public access to the information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 9-4A-01 - amended and §§ 9-4A-01, 9-4A-04 through 9-4A-10, and 9-4A-13 - added and RP, § 10-713 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 251 Delegate Palakovich Carr**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MARYLAND CONSUMER REPORTING ACT – REGISTRATION OF CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES AND REGULATIONS**

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to deny, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a consumer reporting agency under certain circumstances; and requiring that regulations relating to the Maryland Consumer Reporting Act required to be adopted by the Commissioner include procedures for developing standards for achieving maximum accuracy in matching certain information, developing a system for the exclusion of certain public records, and tracking and addressing the causes of certain consumer complaints.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, § 14-1216(f) - added and § 14-1226(f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 252 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**INCOME TAX – RETURN PREPARATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

Establishing the Income Tax Return Preparation Assistance Program for Low-Income Families; requiring the Comptroller, for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, to prepare, as a part of the Program, certain income tax returns and amended income tax returns for certain eligible taxpayers who may be eligible for but failed to claim the State earned income tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain notice to eligible taxpayers concerning the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TG, § 2-116 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 253 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – FEDERAL EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT**

Altering the period that constitutes an extended benefit period and when a State “on” indicator exists; specifying the total amount of certain extended unemployment benefits that are payable to an eligible individual; authorizing the Secretary of Labor, if authorized by federal law, to suspend the payment of certain extended unemployment benefits; and establishing that federal unemployment law provisions and definitions related to extended benefits apply to a certain extent.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

LE, §§ 8-1103 and 8-1105 - amended and §§ 8-1109 and 8-1110 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 254 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST FATALITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW (VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal street to identify certain deficiencies and identify appropriate corrective actions; and requiring the Administration to complete the review within 6 months and publish the review on its website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 8-204.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 255 Delegate Rosenberg

MARYLAND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – CREATION AND INCOME TAX CREDIT

Establishing the Maryland Internship Opportunities Program to provide students with internship opportunities with humanities-based businesses; allowing certain employers a credit, up to \$4,200 for each eligible intern, against the State income tax for employing certain eligible interns subject to certain limitations; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations specifying criteria and procedures for the application for and approval of tax credit certificates; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 18-3901 through 18-3910 and TG, § 10-754 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 256 Delegate Forbes**MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM –
NONPROFIT, INTEREST-FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL)
ACCOUNT – FUNDING**

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the percentage to be paid by the Comptroller from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Fund to be used for certain loans under the NIMBL Account.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 257 Delegate Bagnall**RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTIONS**

Establishing that, beginning January 1, 2023, an elevator installed in a privately owned single-family residence is subject to certain provisions of law requiring elevator inspections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 12-804 - amended and § 12-804.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 258 Delegate Stewart, et al**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – SEATING FOR EMPLOYEES (RIGHT
TO SIT ACT OF 2022)**

Establishing requirements of employers related to the provision of seating for employees by employers; and establishing certain enforcement mechanisms, including by creating a private right of action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 259 Delegate Love, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS PRIVACY**

Regulating the use of biometric identifiers by private entities, including by requiring certain private entities in possession of biometric identifiers to develop a policy, made available to the public, establishing a retention schedule and destruction guidelines for biometric identifiers; and authorizing an individual alleging a violation of the Act to bring a civil action against the offending private entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-4401 through 14-4405 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 260 Delegate Carr**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DISPENSING PERMITS**

Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; and altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, §§ 12-102(a) and (c), 12-102.1, 12-102.2, and 14-509 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 261 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – PROHIBITING A BAN OR REGULATION OF SALE OF COFFEE**

Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in any public high school in Baltimore County; and repealing a certain exception that prohibited banning or regulating the sale of coffee in a Baltimore County public high school that sold coffee on or before June 30, 2018, in conjunction with a career exploration activity.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 262 Delegate Henson**FAMILY LAW – NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT – SENTENCING**

Requiring a sentence for a conviction under a provision of law prohibiting a parent from willfully failing to provide for the support of his or her minor child to run concurrently with a sentence for any other conviction under the same provision of law imposed against the parent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, § 10-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 263 Delegate Grammer**REAL PROPERTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – RODENT HARBORAGE**

Authorizing an individual to bring a nuisance action for damages caused by rodent harborage on real property against an owner of the property; defining “rodent harborage” as a condition that provides sustenance or shelter for rodents, promotes their reproduction and continued existence on a property, creates or contributes to property damage, is injurious to public health and safety or obstructs the reasonable use of the property; authorizing the court to award certain damages to a prevailing plaintiff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 14-133 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 264 Delegate Guyton**SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – SCHOOL ZONES – NURSERY SCHOOLS**

Including a certain area near a nursery school within the definition of “school zone” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing speed monitoring systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 21-809(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 265 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STANDING**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” to authorize community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; and repealing a provision of law requiring the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to determine the amount and conditions of a bond filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 266 Delegate Crosby**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE – OPT-OUT OPTION**

Converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage from an opt-in offering of coverage into an opt-out coverage option under provisions of law establishing requirements for private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

IN, §§ 19-509(b), 19-509.1, 19-510(a), 19-511(a), and 19-511.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 267 Delegate K. Young, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL OR HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBER**

Prohibiting a person from making or sending a threat to a public health official with the intent to intimidate, interfere with, or impede a public health official from performing the official’s duties; and providing that a person who violated the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days and a fine of up to \$500, or both.

EMERGENCY BILL

CR, § 3-708.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 268 Delegates Henson and Saab**PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTIONS FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for exemptions from the personal property tax for personal property of a home business or personal property with a total original cost below \$20,000; and prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from collecting personal property information or requiring the submission of a personal property tax return from certain businesses that qualify for certain personal property tax exemptions.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, §§ 7-227 and 7-245 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 269 Delegate Bartlett, et al**JUVENILE LAW – CHILD INTERROGATION PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody, interrogates or charges a child with a criminal violation to provide reasonable notice to the child's parents, guardian, or custodian; requiring the notice to include the child's location, the reason for the custody action, and instructions on how to make in-person contact; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child's parents, guardian or custodian; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 3-8A-14 and CP, § 2-108 - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 and CP, § 2-405 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 270 Delegate Ebersole, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – INNKEEPERS – MAINTENANCE OF GUEST RECORDS AND EMPLOYEE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING AND POLICY**

Requiring an innkeeper to establish and maintain a computerized record-keeping system for guest transactions and receipts; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and the Maryland Department of Labor to approve educational training programs for the accurate and prompt identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; and requiring an innkeeper to take certain actions to provide employees with training on the prevention, identification, and reporting of human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BR, §§ 15-209 and 15-210 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 271 Delegate Grammer**CLERKS OF THE COURTS – CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – INFORMATION**

Requiring the clerk of the court to include the name of the judge or magistrate who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the court; requiring a clerk of the District Court to include the name of the judge who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the District Court; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, §§ 2-201(a), 2-603, and 13-101(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 272 Delegate Moon**INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTY**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 10-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 273 Delegate Grammer**PUBLIC SAFETY – MILITIA – ACTIVE DUTY COMBAT**

Prohibiting the Governor from ordering the militia or a member of the militia into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has passed an official declaration of war or taken a certain official action; establishing that this prohibition does not limit or prohibit the Governor from deploying the militia or a member of the militia under certain circumstances; and defining “active duty combat” and “official declaration of war”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 13-702 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED JANUARY 12, 2022**HJ 1 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****MARYLAND CITIZENS’ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2022**

Establishing a plan for legislative districts presented by the Governor pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution; providing that this Joint Resolution shall be effective as a plan within the meaning of Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution only under certain circumstances; and providing that this Joint Resolution does not preclude the enactment by the General Assembly of a subsequent Joint Resolution setting forth the boundaries of legislative districts.

SG, § 2-201 - amended and § 2-202 - repealed and added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 2 The Speaker (By Request – Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission)**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2022**

Establishing a plan for legislative districts in accordance with the fourth and fifth sentences of Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution; and providing that the legislative districting plan presented to the General Assembly by the Governor may not become law in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution.

SG, § 2-201 - amended and § 2-202 - repealed and added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations