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 Friday, February 4.
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 17, 2022

HB 274 Delegate Qi, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITE

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer’s website a vehicle for sale or lease at a certain price, coerce or require a dealer to list a certain price on the dealer’s website, or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a certain price on the dealer’s website; and defining “purchase price” as the full delivered price of a vehicle, excluding only taxes, title fees and any freight or certain other disclosed dealer process charges.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 15-207(a) and (h) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 275  Delegate Love, et al
ENVIRONMENT – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (GEORGE “WALTER” TAYLOR ACT)
Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging designed for direct food contact in the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EN, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 276  Delegate Cullison
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY
Defining “clinical nurse specialist” and “practice as a clinical nurse specialist” for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; altering the definition of “authorized prescriber” for purposes of the Maryland Pharmacy Act to include clinical nurse specialists; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HO, §§ 8-508(a)(2)(ii), 12-101(b), and 12-102(c)(2)(iv)2. - amended and § 8-514 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 277  Delegate Patterson, et al
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
Establishing the Purple Star Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide strong services and support for military-connected students and their families; and authorizing a public school to partner with the county board to fulfill certain requirements to qualify as a Purple Star School under the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-129 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 278  Delegate D.M. Davis

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE COST-OF-LIVING REPORT – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES DIVERSITY REPORT

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in a certain report certain statistics related to the cost of living of inmates at certain facilities; and requiring the Division of Correction to include in a certain report regarding Maryland Correctional Enterprises certain statistics regarding the race, age, and sex of certain inmates, disaggregated by job classification and wage scale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, §§ 3-207 and 3-509 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 279  Delegate Rogers, et al

VETERANS AFFAIRS – OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – VETERANS ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION ACT

Altering the name of the Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Office of Communications and Public Affairs; requiring the Office, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to actively help veterans and their dependents become aware of and access education and training benefits to which they are entitled; altering certain responsibilities of the director of the Office; repealing a requirement that the Department develop and maintain a certain database of veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-940 through 9-944 and 9-946 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 280  Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS CT LICENSE

Altering the requirements for premises for which a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, § 31-1001.1(b) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 281  Washington County Delegation
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS FOR WINERIES – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination provision for a certain provision of law increasing, from 32 to 60, the number of times per year a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license may use a certain special event permit in Washington County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Chapter 663 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 282  Delegates D. Jones and Crosby
SALES AND USE TAX – DIAPERS – EXEMPTION

Exempting the sale of diapers from the sales and use tax.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 11-211(c) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 283  Delegate D. Jones
VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY – OCCUPANT CAPACITY

Requiring that a school bus be routed with the intent that the number of pupils on the bus does not exceed the manufacturer’s rated seating capacity for the bus; and requiring that, if an emergency or temporary situation causes the number of pupils to exceed the rated seating capacity, the situation be corrected within a reasonable period of time.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, § 21-1118(c) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 284  Delegate Crutchfield
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS – CHILD VICTIMS

Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim who is under the age of 13 years and an alleged victim or a witness in a case concerning a crime of violence, subject to certain requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 11-304 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 285 Delegate D. Jones
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – FEDERAL POLICE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Expanding the definition of “disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker” for purposes of certain county or municipal corporation property tax credits to include an individual who became disabled as a result of or in the course of employment as a certain police officer, detective, or investigator for a federal government agency; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-210 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 286 Delegate Kaiser
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE DATE

Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2026, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021, § 4 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 287 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al
SECRETARY OF HEALTH – PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Secretary of Health to be professionally qualified through certain experience or education in at least one health–related field, health or law policy, health care facilities administration, health economics or financial management, government operations related to health care, or as a health care provider.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, § 2-102 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 288  Delegates Crosby and D. Jones
SALES AND USE TAX – BABY PRODUCTS – EXEMPTION

Exempting the sale of baby bottles, baby bottle nipples, and infant car seats from the sales and use tax.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 11-211(b)(18) and (19) - amended and §§ 11-211(b)(20) and 11-244 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 289  Delegate Otto
SOMERSET COUNTY – ELECTIONS – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FILINGS

Establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the 2022 general election; and prohibiting an individual who files for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing the candidacy.
EMERGENCY BILL
PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-102(b) through (f) - repealed and added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 290  Delegate Crutchfield
HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY

Providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 10-309 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 291  Delegate Kaiser

ELECTION LAW – CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Altering certain definitions to allow a campaign finance entity to pay expenses associated with contesting an election; prohibiting a recount under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a petitioner for a recount is not liable for the costs of the recount; providing that a person who accepts certain public campaign financing may accept a donation or make a disbursement related to a contested election only if the person establishes a contested election committee and makes certain disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
EL, §§ 1-101(o) and (aa), 12-101(a), 12-103(a), 12-107, 13-233, and 13-505 - amended and §§ 12-301 through 12-313 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 292  Delegate D.M. Davis

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES – REPORTING DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES

Requiring business occupation licensing boards to include on license, registration, and certification application and renewal forms an option for the applicant to provide the applicant’s gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the business occupation licensing boards to encourage applicants to provide gender, race, and ethnicity information; requiring business and health occupation licensing boards to include certain information related to disciplinary activities in the boards’ annual reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
BOP, § 1-209 and CJ, § 13-404 - added and HO, § 1-226 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters
HB 293  Delegate K. Young, et al

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND

Establishing the 9–8–8 Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9–8–8 as the primary phone number for the State’s behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 7.5-5A-01 through 7.5-5A-04 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 294  Delegate Crutchfield, et al

JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed certain acts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, CP, and ED, Various Sections - amended and CP, §§ 4-202, 4-202.1, 4-202.2, 10-215(a)(20), and 10-216(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 295  Delegate Qi, et al

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE MARKETPLACE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS (INFORM CONSUMERS ACT OF 2022)

Establishing certain requirements related to the disclosure of bank account, contact, and other information by high-volume third-party sellers to and on online marketplaces; and prohibiting a political subdivision from requiring an online marketplace to verify information from a high-volume third-party seller or disclose any information to a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) and (xxxv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxvi) and 14-4401 through 14-4408 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 296  Delegate Crutchfield

INTERIM AND TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS – ELECTRONIC FILING AND VIDEO CONFERENCING HEARINGS

Authorizing a petitioner receiving medical treatment at a hospital or an urgent care center to electronically file a petition for an interim or temporary protective order while at the hospital or urgent care center; requiring the court or District Court Commissioner to hold a hearing for an interim or temporary protective order through video conferencing under certain circumstances; and authorizing a hospital or urgent care center to allow an individual in their care to make an electronic filing or to attend a certain video conference.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, §§ 4-504 and 4-504.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary