PLEASE NOTE: February 11 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 10.
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 31, 2022

HB 544 Delegate Qi, et al

HEALTH FACILITIES – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Requiring residential service agencies receiving Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of home care or similar services by personal care aides to report by October 1 each year to the Maryland Department of Health information as to the personal care aides hourly pay rate, and whether the aides are classified as employees or independent contractors, whether the aides have health insurance and are covered by worker’s compensation through the agency, and whether the aides have earned sick and safe leave provided by the agency.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 19-4A-11(c) - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 545  Delegates Grammer and Cox  
PUBLIC SAFETY – PERSISTENT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE  
Prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a unit, agency, or political subdivision of the State to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation, subject to certain exceptions.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022  
PS, § 3-530 - added  
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 546  Delegate Arentz, et al  
PEDESTRIANS – KENT ISLAND DRAWBRIDGE – FISHING PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting a pedestrian from catching or attempting to catch fish by any means on or under the Maryland Route 18 Kent Island Drawbridge over the Kent Narrows in Queen Anne’s County.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
TR, § 21-507(k) - added  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 547  Delegate Guyton, et al  
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EQUIVALENT ACCESS STANDARDS – DIGITAL TOOLS (NONVISUAL ACCESS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FOR K–12 EDUCATION)  
Requiring a local school system to provide equivalent access to digital tools for students with disabilities, including the development, purchase, and provision of certain digital tools; requiring a local school system to establish a process to evaluate a digital tool under consideration for purchase for nonvisual access by a certain employee of the school system; requiring a vendor who provided a digital tool that fails to meet equivalent access standards to modify the digital tool at the vendor’s expense; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
ED, § 7-910 - amended  
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 548  Delegate Patterson, et al
GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MONTFORD POINT MARINES COMMEMORATION DAY
Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim July 1 as Montford Point Marines Commemoration Day.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
GP, § 7-413 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 549  Delegates McKay and Kipke
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD – VICTIM COMPENSATION
Increasing the maximum compensation, from $10,000 to $45,000, that may be awarded by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for psychiatric, psychological, or mental health counseling; and prohibiting the Board from setting maximum compensation thresholds lower than the thresholds established in a certain provision of law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 11-811 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 550  Delegates Watson and Brooks
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF–SITE PERMITS – SUNSET EXTENSION
Extending, from December 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the termination date for various provisions relating to alcoholic beverages manufacturer’s licenses and off–site permits, including provisions that authorize most manufacturers to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to consumers under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Chapters 359 and 360 of the Acts of 2021, § 4 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 551 Delegate Wells

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – RENT INCREASE RESTRICTIONS

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing rent on a certain restricted rental unit by more than 2% each year for a lease of a year or more and by more than 1% every 6 months for a month-to-month lease, subject to certain exceptions; providing additional restrictions on rent increases during and following a state of emergency; and providing that rent restrictions for restricted rental units do not apply once rent reaches at least $2,250 each month.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, § 8-209 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 552 Delegate Adams

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – RETENTION PROCEEDS

Requiring that undisputed retention proceeds retained by a unit or a certain contractor under a State procurement contract be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SF, § 13-225 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 553 Delegate Arentz

CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALTERATIONS

Providing that certain property insurance requirements are applicable to certain elements and units under certain circumstances; providing that for detached units, the requirement that each unit owner is an insured person under a certain insurance policy with respect to certain liability applies only to common elements; providing that a loss for attached or multifamily dwelling units covered by a certain policy be adjusted with the council of unit owners in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, § 11-114 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 554 Delegate Rosenberg
ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS – SIGNATURES

Altering the manner in which an individual is required to sign a petition; altering the circumstances under which signatures on a petition must be validated and counted or invalidated; and repealing the prohibition on a person willfully and knowingly signing a petition more than once.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
EL, §§ 6-203 and 16-401 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 555 Delegate Arentz, et al
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County to exempt up to four licenses held on behalf of corporations or limited liability companies from certain ownership requirements; and prohibiting the Board from granting an exemption within the Kent Narrows Commercial Management and Waterfront Improvement District.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, § 27-1403 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 556 Delegate Arentz, et al
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-410(a) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 557 Delegate Atterbeary

DRUNK DRIVING OFFENSES – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug or drug combination or a combination of drugs and alcohol, to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 16-404.1(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i). and 2., (2)(i), and (4) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 558 Delegate Clark

LAND USE – AGRITOURISM – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “agritourism” to include camping and incidental stays for the purpose of a certain provision of law authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of “agritourism”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LU, § 4-212 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 559 Delegate W. Fisher, et al

PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS – PROBATION NOT DEPORTATION

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing the court and a certain defendant to enter into a probation agreement before the defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 6-220(b) and (e)(1) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 560  Delegate Hornberger, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Authorizing a person who is at least 18 years old and meets certain requirements to purchase, possess, and use certain consumer fireworks; prohibiting a person from intentionally igniting or discharging certain consumer fireworks in certain circumstances; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, §§ 10-101, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-110 - amended and §§ 10-102.1 and 10-114 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 561  Delegate W. Fisher

CHILD CUSTODY – CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – TRAINING FOR JUDGES

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with domestic violence and child abuse organizations, to develop a training program for judges presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence and to review and update the training program at least once every 2 years; requiring the training program to include certain information; and requiring a judge who hears child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence to receive certain child custody training or continued training.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
FL, § 9-101.3 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 562  Delegate Hornberger, et al

CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – FARM EQUIPMENT

Requiring a farm equipment manufacturer to make available certain documentation, updates, or information to an independent repair provider or owner of farm equipment to allow for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the farm equipment; prohibiting a farm equipment manufacturer from knowingly misrepresenting or withholding farm equipment part numbers from a customer for a certain purpose; applying the Act prospectively: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxiii) and 14-4401 through 14-4405 - added and § 13-301(14)(xxxiii) through (xxxv) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 563 Delegate Carey

INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES BROKERS – POLICY FEES

Repealing limitations on amounts of charges that a surplus lines broker may charge as a policy fee for policies issued by surplus lines insurers or authorized providers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
IN, § 27-216(d) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 564 Delegate Cox, et al

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – DISEASE OR ILLNESS

Prohibiting a disease or an illness of a party that has not required hospitalization from being considered by a court as a factor for denying the party child custody or visitation in a custody or visitation proceeding.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, § 9-107 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 565 Delegate W. Fisher, et al

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY – RULE OF INTERPRETATION AND REPLACEMENT OF COLUMBUS DAY

Replacing references to Columbus Day in certain provisions of law with references to Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and establishing that Indigenous Peoples’ Day is to be observed on October 12 or, if the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Columbus Day, the day designated by the United States Congress.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CL, § 14-301(b), ED, § 7-103(c)(3), FL, § 5-705, GP, § 1-111, and SP, § 9-201 - amended and GP, § 1-111.1 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 566  Delegate Boyce
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – DESIGN DOCUMENTS – WASTE DISPOSAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt certain regulations for county boards of education to include waste disposal infrastructure in the design documents submitted to the Interagency Commission for the construction of a new school building utilizing State funding; defining “waste disposal infrastructure” as a place for the disposal of trash, recyclables, food scraps, and a sink for liquid waste; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 5-327 - added
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 567  Delegate D. Barnes
PRINCE GEORGE’S FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION – FUNDING
Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2024, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $420,000 to the Department of Commerce to be used to provide an operating grant to the Prince George’s Financial Services Corporation.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 568  Delegate Carey
REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS – COMPENSATION – PAYMENT FROM TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCER
Authorizing a licensed title insurance producer to pay compensation for the provision of real estate brokerage services to associate real estate brokers, real estate salespersons, or certain business entities on behalf of a real estate broker in accordance with a written disbursement authorization provided by the real estate broker.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
BOP, §§ 17-322(b)(21) and 17-604 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 569  Delegate Carey

ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND STORAGE PROJECTS – REQUIRED COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT AND LABOR STANDARDS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to condition the approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain generating station or qualified generator lead line and an exemption from the requirement for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on the requirement that the developer of the project take all reasonable actions to enter into a community benefits agreement and adhere to certain labor standards and reporting requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, §§ 7-207(h), 7-207.1(g), and 7-207.3 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 570  Delegate Stein

PESTICIDES – MOSQUITO CONTROL PRODUCTS AND PFAS CHEMICALS

Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to require the submission of a certain affidavit relating to mosquito control products and PFAS chemicals for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to the registration of pesticides in the State; prohibiting the State, a local government, or a certified applicator or a person working under the supervision of a certified applicator from using a mosquito control product that contains PFAS chemicals; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
AG, § 5-105(a) and (f) - amended and § 5-405.2 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 571  Delegate Rosenberg

ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS SPECIAL FUND – ALTERATION

Altering the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to include money received by the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General from a settlement, an agreement, or a judgment relating to an investigation or enforcement of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act for an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice for rental residential property, excluding money received by the aggrieved party and the costs of the action the Attorney General is entitled to recover.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
RP, § 8-909(e) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 572  Delegate Solomon

PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS – GENDER–INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE

Requiring that single–occupancy public restrooms be marked with gender–inclusive signage that does not indicate a specific gender, contains certain descriptive language and contains a picture or icon that does not indicate a specific gender, in certain places of public accommodation and certain public buildings; providing that a county is responsible for enforcing the signage requirement in places of public accommodation; and authorizing a county to set certain fines for second and subsequent violations after a certain period of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SF, §§ 2-801 and 2-803 - amended and § 2-803 - added and SG, § 20-307 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 573  Delegate Belcastro

SCHOOL WELLNESS AND RECESS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the School Wellness and Recess Grant Program to ensure that public schools, nonpublic schools, and Judy Centers have strong, comprehensive, and written wellness policies that address the whole school, whole community, whole child (WSCC) model, and encourage students of all ages to participate fully in recess and physical activity; requiring that grants be awarded on the basis of quantifiable need and other factors; requiring the Governor to include $500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-129 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 574  Delegate McKay, et al
HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing a private career school to award scholarships under the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 18-601(b),(d)(1), and (f) - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 575  Delegate Cox
PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY LIMITATIONS (CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED ACT)

Altering provisions relating to the Governor’s authority to declare and enforce a state of emergency; and providing for the burden of proof in a certain action authorizing a certain person to seek damages from a certain defendant by proving certain matters.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, §§ 14-107, 14-303, 14-304, 14-3A-02, and 14-3A-08(a) - amended, § 14-302 - repealed, and §§ 14-3B-01 thru 14-3B-06 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 576  Delegate W. Fisher, et al
WILLS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS – ELECTRONIC EXECUTION

Authorizing a person to execute an electronic will or remotely witnessed will without a notary public if the supervising attorney creates a certified will that contains a certain form attached or annexed to the will; prohibiting a supervising attorney from being a witness to an electronic will or remotely witnessed will if the will is executed without a notary public; and authorizing a notary public located in the State to perform a notarial act using communication technology for a remotely located individual for a trust instrument.
EMERGENCY BILL
ET, § 4-102 and SG, § 18-214(a) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 577  Delegate Cox
MOTOR FUEL TAX AND SALES AND USE TAX – TAX HOLIDAY
Requiring the Comptroller to reduce certain motor fuel tax rates that would otherwise be imposed during a certain period of time by 15 cents and announce the reduced motor fuel tax rates for that period; and providing that the sales and use tax rate imposed on certain retail sales and the use of certain property and services purchased during a certain period of time shall be 0%.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 578  Delegate Kaiser, et al
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR DRUG PRODUCTS TO TREAT AN OPIOID USE DISORDER – PROHIBITION
Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program from applying a prior authorization requirement for certain drug products when used to treat an opioid use disorder.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 15-150 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 579  Delegate Cox, et al
MILITARY VETERANS TRUST FUND – CAM FOR VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (DAVID PEREZ MILITARY HEROES ACT (END 22 A DAY))
Establishing the CAM for Veterans Grant Program to provide grants to veterans suffering from post–traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, or stress for financial assistance to obtain complementary and alternative medical treatments; requiring the Maryland Veterans Trust to implement and administer the Program; and requiring the Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide grants under the Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-901 and 9-914.2 - amended and § 9-914.4 - added
Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 580  Delegates P. Young and Ebersole

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORS AND SERGEANTS

Adding sergeants and supervisors within the Maryland Transit Administration Police to the list of employees authorized to collectively bargain with the Maryland Transit Administration.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, § 7-601 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 581  Delegate P. Young, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to issue a report on certain best practices relating to peer support counseling for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities and to make certain information regarding peer support counseling publicly available on the Administration’s website.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 7-404 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 582  Delegate Hornberger, et al

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – OPTIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TOLLS AND CIVIL PENALTIES

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide, to the greatest extent feasible, E-ZPass account holders and users of transportation facilities projects a range of options to pay for certain toll transactions and penalties; requiring the Authority to offer a certain installment plan agreement to certain persons for the payment of certain tolls and penalties; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, § 3-302 and TR, § 21-1414 - amended and TR, § 4-408 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 583 Delegate Cox, et al
PUBLIC HEALTH – ABORTIONS – PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS OF DOWN SYNDROME (DOWN SYNDROME DIGNITY ACT)

Providing that the prohibition on State interference with the decision of a woman to terminate a pregnancy at a certain time does not apply to a decision to terminate a pregnancy because the fetus has a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome except in cases where the fetus was conceived as a result of rape or incest or in cases of medical emergency.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 20-209 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 584 Delegates Hornberger and Kaiser
VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR – RECONCILIATION OF PROCEEDS – UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT

Altering the definition of “proceeds” to allow a video lottery operator, under certain circumstances, to reduce the amount of proceeds received from video lottery terminals and table games by the amount of certain uncollectible negotiable instruments for up to 7 days following a determination that a counter check is uncollectable; requiring a video lottery operator to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly at least quarterly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u) and 9-1A-26(e) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 585 Delegate P. Young
Baltimore County – Orphans’ Court Judges and Surviving Spouses – Pensions

Requiring Baltimore County to pay Orphans’ Court judges, if the judge was in office on or after January 1, 2022, and their surviving spouses a certain pension under certain circumstances.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ET, § 2-108(x)(1), (7), and (8) - amended and § 2-108(x)(7) - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 586  Delegate Arentz, et al
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM

Adding Queen Anne’s County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards; and exempting a building used for agritourism in Queen Anne’s County from a certain permit requirement under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, § 12-508 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 587  Delegate Carey
MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL PROTECTION PRODUCT AGREEMENTS ACT

Establishing requirements applicable to motor vehicle financial protection product agreements, including requirements related to the circumstances under which motor vehicle financial protection product agreements can be canceled and disclosed; authorizing creditors to insure obligations under debt waiver agreements; establishing requirements for insurance policies providing coverage for obligations under debt waiver agreements; authorizing certain penalties for violation of the Act; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
IN, §§ 33-101 through 33-401 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 588  Delegate Bagnall, et al
LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Requiring local health departments and community action agencies to make available to any women enrolled in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program feminine hygiene products in an amount sufficient to meet the needs of the woman obtaining the feminine hygiene products; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill funding an amount estimated to be sufficient for providing feminine hygiene products as required by the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 3-501 - added and HS, § 8-107 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 589 Delegate W. Fisher, et al
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – VULNERABLE ADULTS REGISTRY – INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND WORKGROUP STUDY

Establishing certain requirements and procedures relating to the reporting, disclosure, investigation, and appeal of civil allegations and findings of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults; authorizing the Social Services Administration to establish and maintain a centralized confidential database for abused and neglected vulnerable adults; establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 590 Delegate Cox, et al
HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS – AUTHORITY TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND FORESTS

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting an individual to whom a handgun permit has been issued from wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun in a State park or forest.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
NR, § 5-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 591 Delegate Moon
PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – BODY–WORN CAMERAS

Requiring certain law enforcement agencies, on or before July 1, 2025, to require the use of body–worn cameras by certain law enforcement officers, subject to certain policies.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
PS, § 3-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 592 Delegate Jacobs, et al
DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – HUNTING ON STATE LAND LEASED
BY PERMIT HOLDER – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit to
use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department
to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in a certain
manner on State land leased by a permit holder for the purpose of cultivating
crops.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-415(d) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 593 Delegate Jacobs, et al
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER SHELL
DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply, on or before July 1,
2022, to the Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on certain oyster bars; and
requiring that any shell removed from the oyster bars be relocated to public
oyster bottom identified by the county oyster committees and the Oyster
Recovery Partnership’s Board of Directors.
EMERGENCY BILL
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 594 Delegate W. Fisher, et al
STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION
– ESTABLISHMENT (HARRIET TUBMAN COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to develop and administer
a program to provide compensatory benefits to the descendants of individuals
enslaved in the State; providing that any individual whose ancestors were
enslaved in the State is eligible to receive certain benefits; authorizing the
Commission to seek the assistance of State agencies to develop and evaluate
processes and applications; requiring the Governor to include in the annual
budget bill such sums as necessary to carry out the Act; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-3501 through 9-3508 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 595  Delegate Mangione

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS DATABASE

Requiring the Department of the Environment to create and maintain a database of supplemental environmental projects that the Department may consider for implementation as part of a settlement of an enforcement action; and requiring the Department to prioritize the selection of a supplemental environmental project located in the same geographic area as the alleged violation and to ensure that the scope and cost of a chosen project are sufficient to allow the Department and the alleged violator to reach a settlement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 1-306 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 596  Delegate W. Fisher, et al

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland to establish that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and sustainable environment; and requiring the State to serve as the trustee of the State’s natural resources, including the air, land, water, wildlife, and ecosystems of the State, and to conserve, protect, and enhance the State’s natural resources for the benefit of every person, including present and future generations.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 597  Delegate Mangione, et al
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATIONS FOR MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME (HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE ACT OF 2022)

Lowering, from 55 to 50, the age at which residents are eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income and certain retirement income attributable to the resident’s employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; and increasing, from $15,000 to $30,000, the amount of the subtraction modifications for certain military and public safety retirement income.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, §§ 10-207(q) and 10-209 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 598  Delegate Solomon
HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSFER PLATFORM – ESTABLISHED (TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT 2.0)

Requiring each community college and 4–year institution that receives State funds to participate in a transfer platform that the Maryland Higher Education Commission establishes to facilitate the transfer of students from community colleges to 4–year institutions of higher education; and altering a certain report that public institutions of higher education must submit.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 11-207 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 599  Delegate Griffith
HARFORD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIMITATIONS ON VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Prohibiting the Harford County Board of Education from holding a meeting virtually on a day that teachers must teach students in person or school employees must report to work in school buildings except under certain circumstances.
EMERGENCY BILL
ED, § 3-6A-06 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 600  Delegate Moon
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of an inmate when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the inmate and the Commission; and requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by inmates who are at least 60 years old.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 601  Delegate Jacobs, et al
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; requiring a certain annual report on the program by December 1, 2023; establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings by December 1, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
NR, § 4-745.1 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 602  Delegate Crosby, et al
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – SOTTERLEY PLANTATION – OPERATING GRANT

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 for the Board of Public Works to provide an operating grant to the Board of Trustees of the Historic Sotterley, Inc., to be used for the design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and general operations and expenses of Sotterley Plantation, located in Hollywood.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 603 Delegate Griffith

HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – APPOINTED MEMBERS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the number of appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education from three members to one member and altering the process for appointing those members.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 3-6A-01(b), (d), (e), and (f) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 604 Delegate Davis, et al

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Ombudsman to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Ombudsman to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings when appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CS, §§ 8-114 and 8-117 - amended and SG, §§ 6-601 through 6-608 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 605 Delegate Reznik, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE – HIRING AND PROMOTION PLAN – REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Natural Resources Police Force, to develop, implement, and adhere to a hiring and promotion plan to transition the composition of the Natural Resources Police Force to reflect the demographics of the State; prohibiting the Department from initiating or continuing any promotion process for the Natural Resources Police Force before the plan is published; requiring the plan be completed and published by October 1, 2023; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
NR, § 1-203.1 - added
Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 606  Delegates Cox and Parrott

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS – RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

Prohibiting a certain individual registered with the State sex offender registry from moving to and residing within 1,000 feet of a school, a child care facility, a park, a playground, a school bus stop, or a place where children regularly congregate; providing that the Act does not require a certain person to relocate in certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CP, § 11-722.1 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 607  Delegate Davis, et al

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – GRAND JURY – TRANSCRIPTION OF TESTIMONY

Requiring a jury judge for a county to order a court reporter to take and transcribe testimony given before a grand jury for the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, 2-503 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 608  Delegates Jalisi and Patterson

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM – MANDATED FUNDING

Altering from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000, beginning in fiscal year 2024 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill or the capital budget bill for the Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HS, § 4-216 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 609  Delegates Pena–Melnyk and Pendergrass

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS – REMOVAL – GROUNDS AND PROCESS

Repealing a provision of law providing that a health officer serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Health and the governing body of the county; establishing that a health officer may be removed from office for reasons of immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty; and requiring the Secretary to provide a certain written notice to include an opportunity for the health officer to request a hearing related to a removal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 3-302 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 610  Delegate Ruth, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single–payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
HG, §§ 13-4401 through 13-4403 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 611  Delegate Valderrama, et al

PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY

Applying the Prevailing Wage Law to a certain contract for the construction of a public work by expanding the definition of “construction” to include services provided under a mechanical systems service contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SF, §§ 17-201 and 17-202 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 612  Delegate Lisanti, et al

OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORTING

Altering the responsibilities of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to include maintaining an estimate of the number of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the State and requiring the Office to include the estimate in its annual report; and requiring the Office to identify and facilitate opportunities for underinsured individuals to gain equal and affordable access to hearing aids.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, §§ 9-2403 and 9-2407 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 613  Delegate Griffith, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY EXPENDITURES – INCREASE

Increasing from $10,000,000 to $20,000,000 certain annual appropriations for certain school safety expenditures beginning in fiscal year 2024. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 7-1508(g) and 7-1512(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 614  Delegates Valderrama and Charkoudian

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – MEDICAL CANNABIS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Altering the circumstances under which a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers’ compensation law to include circumstances related to the use of medical cannabis; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a covered employee except under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

LE, §§ 9-506(b) and 9-660(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations
HB 615  Delegates Healey and Holmes
REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Altering the procedures for dispute settlement between a council of unit owners or a board of directors and an alleged violator under the Maryland Condominium Act; establishing procedures for dispute settlement between a board of directors or other governing body and an alleged violator under the Maryland Homeowners Association Act; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, § 11-113 - amended and § 11B-111.10 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 616  Delegates Healey and Holmes
COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND EVICTION PROCEDURES

Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act; specifying that the dispute settlement mechanism does not apply to complaints or demands arising out of a cooperative housing member’s failure to pay certain assessments; repealing a prohibition on the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation bringing an action in court to evict a member based solely on the member’s failure to pay assessments under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CA, § 5-6B-30 - amended and § 5-6B-31 - repealed
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 617  Delegate Lisanti, et al
PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of a certain surviving spouse of a fallen service member who died while on active duty from injury or disease which was incurred in the line of duty.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-267 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 618  Delegate Cox, et al

MARYLAND PARENTAL RIGHTS ACT

Requiring that the State Board of Education and county boards of education allow a certain amount of time for certain testimony at public board meetings; prohibiting an employee of a school district from withholding certain information relating to a child’s health or well-being from the child’s parent or guardian; requiring each county board to establish and adopt a certain policy regarding the promotion of parent involvement in the public school system; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, §§ 2-204(a) and 3-104 - amended and ED, FL, and HG, Various Sections - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 619  Delegate Mangione, et al

ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES AT CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Requiring local boards of elections to establish separate precincts at certain continuing care retirement communities if requested; and requiring the continuing care retirement communities to provide to the local boards facilities that meet certain requirements to be used as polling places and assistance in recruiting election judges from among the residents of the communities.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
EL, § 2-303(a) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 620 Delegates Ghrist and Jacobs

CAROLINE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF – SALARIES

Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 2-319 and CP, § 15-406 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 621  Delegate Grammer

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS – EFFLUENT DISCHARGES – MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND INSPECTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to monitor effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants, evaluate whether the effluent and any nutrients in the effluent impacts midge populations in the surrounding land and water areas, and hire an inspector for certain sewage treatment plants; requiring the Department, beginning in 2023, to report to the General Assembly by October 1 each year on the actions it has undertaken pursuant to the Act.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
EN, § 9-321.3 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 622  Delegate Brooks

ELECTRICITY – OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

Altering the process for purchasing offshore wind renewable energy credits to satisfy the offshore wind energy component of the renewable energy portfolio standard; and requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations establishing a certain cost recovery mechanism.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-704.2(c) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 623  Delegate Brooks

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Allowing, for taxable years 2021 and 2022, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of $2,000 for essential health care workers; and defining “essential health care worker” as a licensed physician, a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or an emergency medical services provider who performed a duty or work responsibility during a state of emergency declared by the Governor and that could not performed remotely.
EMERGENCY BILL
TG, § 10-208(bb) - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 624  Delegate Brooks
ELECTRICITY – STANDARD OFFER SERVICE – RENEWABLE ENERGY

Requiring an electric company to contract for renewable energy credits and electricity generated from certain Tier 1 renewable sources to meet a portion of the renewable energy portfolio standard for the electric company starting in 2023; authorizing an electric company to receive annual remuneration for contracts; authorizing an electric company to account for the purchase of contracts as a regulatory asset, but prohibiting the collection of an additional return on the regulatory asset; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-703.1 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 625  Delegate Kelly
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE CRISIS IN MARYLAND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 626  Delegate Williams, et al
PREGNANT PERSON’S FREEDOM ACT OF 2022

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the termination of a pregnancy and investigations of or criminal penalties or civil liabilities for a pregnant person or a person assisting a pregnant person; prohibiting a certain provision of law that requires the termination of a pregnancy by a licensed physician from being construed to apply to a pregnant person who terminates the person’s own pregnancy under any circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 2-103 and HG, §§ 20-207 through 20-209 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 627  Delegate Kelly  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS – REIMBURSEMENT  
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide reimbursement for applied behavior analysis services provided by registered behavior technicians under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, the Department from requiring as a condition of reimbursement that an individual receive a certain certification to provide applied behavior analysis services as a registered behavior technician to Program recipients.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022  
HG, § 15-114.2 - added  
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 628  Delegate K. Young, et al  
EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS  
Altering the circumstances under which a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers’ compensation law to include circumstances related to the use of medical cannabis; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a certain covered employee under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022  
LE, §§ 9-506(b) and 9-660(a) and SG, § 20-606(a) - amended and SG, § 20-606(g) - added  
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 629  Delegate Palakovich Carr
ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES AND EARLY VOTING CENTERS – ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Authorizing individuals who are authorized to access a voting room to use electronic devices at polling places and early voting centers, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing voters to use an electronic device to photograph or record video of the voter or the voter’s ballot at a voting booth; authorizing certain election officials, law enforcement officers, fire or rescue personnel, medical technicians, and other emergency services personnel to use an electronic device at a polling center in the performance of official duties; etc. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
EL, § 10-316 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 630  Delegate Brooks, et al
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – FINANCIAL LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the State Board of Education to establish a Financial Literacy Pilot Program for public school students, including public charter school students, in Grades 11 and 12; requiring the curriculum content to include lessons on budgeting, saving money, debt, investments, amortization, interest and other issues as appropriate; authorizing each public school to implement the curriculum content beginning in the 2023–2024 school year; and requiring a report to the General Assembly on the status of the Program by January 1, 2027. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-205.5 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 631  Delegates Ghrist and Jacobs
CAROLINE COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – AUTHORIZATIONS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt certain game birds and game mammals on Sundays in Caroline County; and authorizing the Department to allow Sunday hunting on certain public land in Caroline County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-410(a) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 632 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

BALTIMORE EAST–WEST CORRIDOR – TRANSIT STUDY – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Department of Transportation promptly to undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process and secure a record of decision for the Red Line transit project and a MARC rail extension to the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center; requiring the Department to prepare a plan for the funding and financing of the construction and operation of the Red Line transit project and MARC rail extension to the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, § 7-714 - added and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 633 Delegate Ghrist, et al

EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership and qualifications of members of the Accountability and Implementation Board; and requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee to submit a certain slate of nominees to the Governor on or before August 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 5-402(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 634 Delegate McIntosh, et al

MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor, each fiscal year, to include a $1,000,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Maryland Center for History and Culture to assist the Center in preserving its collection, maintaining a historical museum, and providing access to the public, including educational programs.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, § 5A-331 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 635 Delegate Rogers, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that certain taxes, assessments, fees, or charges imposed by Anne Arundel County in certain special taxing districts do not apply to certain property that is exempt from taxation.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

LG, §§ 21-306 and 21-519 and NR, § 8-708(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 636 Delegate Belcastro

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Office of Health Care Quality, the Maryland Long–Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Medicaid Administration, the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study regarding the quality of care by assisted living programs with nine or fewer beds; and requiring the Commission to report its recommendations, including any draft legislation, to the Governor, the Department of Health, and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 637 Delegate Carey

INSURANCE – TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCERS – ANNUAL REVIEW

Authorizing a title insurer to conduct a required annual review of a title insurance producer in person, remotely by using mail, overnight delivery, or electronic means, or by a combination of in–person and remote methods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

IN, § 10-121(k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 638  Delegate Atterbeary

STATE GOVERNMENT – ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Renaming the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to be the Independent Investigations Division; authorizing the Attorney General or individuals designated by the Attorney General to seek certain injunctive relief or issue a subpoena under certain circumstances; authorizing the Independent Investigations Division or a certain State’s Attorney to prosecute a police officer under certain circumstances; and requiring the Governor to annually include certain funding in the State budget. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SG, § 6-106.2 - amended and §§ 6-601 and 6-603 through 6-605 - added and
PS, § 3-527 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 639  Delegate Atterbeary

FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, § 7-102 - repealed and § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 640  Delegate Carey

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – APPLICATION

Altering the exemption from the application of the Healthy Working Families Act for employees employed in the construction industry; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, § 3-1303 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 641  Delegate Atterbeary
INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT
Allowing certain theatrical production entities to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred for certain theatrical productions within the State; making the credit refundable under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-754 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 642  Delegate C. Branch, et al
BALTIMORE CITY – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NOTICE
Requiring Baltimore City to mail a certain notice of the homestead property tax credit to certain homeowners in Baltimore City whose dwellings have increased in value by more than 10%.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TP, § 9-105.1 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 643  Delegate Bagnall
HEALTH – DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – PENALTY
Altering the penalty for the knowing refusal by a health care provider to disclose a medical record within a certain time; and altering the definition of “medical record” to include certain electronic data or information.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 4-301(j) and 4-309(a) - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 644  Cecil County Delegation
CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS
Adding Cecil County to a list of counties to which certain riparian laws do not apply; prohibiting a person from placing nets or establishing a haul seine fishery to catch fish for commercial use in the waters of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, §§ 4-712 and 4-717 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 645  Delegate Jackson

HATE CRIMES – FALSE STATEMENT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Clarifying that the making of a certain false statement to a law enforcement officer may form the basis for a certain hate crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 10-304 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 646  Delegates Proctor and R. Jones

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – FUNDING FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Requiring the Governor to appropriate $900,000 to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring the funds appropriated under the Act to be used for the purpose of funding the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, § 13-611 and SF, §§ 7-114(b), 7-118(b)(2), and 7-317(f) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 647  Delegate Moon

COURTS – REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS

Requiring each court in the State to provide remote audio–visual access to all public court proceedings, unless a proceeding is deemed closed, confidential, or restricted by federal or State law; and authorizing a presiding judge to prohibit a certain broadcast under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 1-206 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 648  Delegate Washington
MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in fiscal year 2024, an appropriation of $7,000,000 for the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 11-1107 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 649  Delegate Love, et al
ENVIRONMENT – DISCHARGE PERMITS – INSPECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUATIONS

Limiting the period of time for which the Department of the Environment may administratively continue certain water pollution discharge permits; establishing inspection and reporting requirements for certain permit holders; establishing administrative penalties for certain permit holders determined to be in significant noncompliance of certain State or federal water quality standards, effluent limitations, or other requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EN, § 9-328 - amended and § 9-328.1 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 650  Delegate Brooks
EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers’ compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 11-504(i) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 651  Delegate Grammer

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NO–KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law relating to “no–knock” search warrants.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 1-203 and PS, §§ 3-207(a)(24) and 3-525(a) and (b) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 652  Delegate Guyton

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER–FOCUSED STUDENTS ACT OF 2022

Requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education; requiring certain county boards to provide a method for certain individuals to not authorize the release of a student’s personal information and certain results to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring a county board to pay for a student to take an apprenticeship or industrial certification exam under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 4-141 - added and § 7-203.1 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 653  Delegate Love, et al

CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT

Providing that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain cost sharing programs to participate in and receive compensation from greenhouse gas markets, carbon credits, or soil carbon programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay–for–success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AG, EN, NR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 654  Delegate Long
BACK RIVER AND PATAPSCO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WATER QUALITY TESTING AND OVERFLOW AND PIPELINE BREAKAGE NOTIFICATION (ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2022)

Requiring an independent third party to oversee all water quality testing conducted at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant; requiring the Department of the Environment to select the independent third party; specifying the duties of the independent third party; and establishing certain notification requirements for sewage overflows and breaks in certain sewage pipelines at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
EN, §§ 9-255.1 and 9-331.2 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 655  Delegate Boyce
DRIVING WITHOUT REQUIRED SECURITY – REPEAL OF INCARCERATION PENALTIES

Repealing certain incarceration penalties for the offenses of driving or knowingly allowing to be driven a motor vehicle that is not covered by the required security.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 17-107 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 656  Delegate Charkoudian
SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL (SAFE) ROADS ACT OF 2022

Requiring the Department of Transportation, under certain circumstances, to recommend and implement certain design elements when developing certain projects; requiring the Department to implement certain safety improvements for certain projects; requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct a certain analysis and study; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for certain purposes; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TR, §§ 2-103.1(c-1) and 2-609 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations
HB 657  Delegate Guyton, et al
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STANDARDIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR STUDENTS – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for developing a standardized behavioral health screening to identify students with behavioral health services needs; requiring that the screening be given to the parent or guardian of each student when the student enrolls for school and every year thereafter; and requiring each behavioral health services coordinator to develop and implement a certain standardized behavioral health screening.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-447(c) - amended and § 7-447.1(i) - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 658  Cecil County Delegation
FAIR HILL IMPROVEMENT FUND – SPECIAL EVENT AREA AND OPERATIONS

Requiring that certain funds credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund be used exclusively for the grounds and facilities within the special event area at Fair Hill; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,800,000 to the Fund; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use certain funds for certain grants to certain entities for certain purposes.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
NR, § 5-908 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 659  Delegate Stein, et al
FIREARM SAFETY – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION (JAELYNN’S LAW)

Altering a certain provision relating to the storage of firearms and ammunition in a location that can be accessed by an unsupervised minor; and requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide, with recommendations from a stakeholder committee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 660  Delegate Guyton, et al
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DIVISION OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (STUDENT JOB TRAINING REFORMATION ACT)

Establishing the Commission to Study the Division of Rehabilitative Services to evaluate and make recommendations on improving various aspects of the Division of Rehabilitative Services’ programs and services; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 661  Delegates Fennell and D. Barnes
HEALTH – FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – BEVERAGE OPTIONS WITH CHILDREN’S MEALS

Requiring a food service facility that offers children’s meals to offer certain beverages, plain water, whole, nonfat, or low fat unsweetened milk, a certain nondairy beverage, or a beverage consisting of 6 ounces or less of 100% fruit or vegetable juice or a combination of both, as the default beverages included with the meal.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 21-330.3 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 662  Delegate Guyton
ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM–RELATED NEEDS, INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD, AND THE STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY – MEMBERSHIP, STAFFING, AND APPOINTMENT

Altering the membership and staffing of the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs; requiring the Governor to appoint the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy; and adding the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Interagency Disabilities Board.
EMERGENCY BILL
HU, §§ 7-111(a), 7-112(b) and (d), and 7-128 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 663  Delegate Kaiser, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIAL ACTS – FEES AND USE OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Increasing the maximum fees from $4 to $25 for an original notarial act and, subject to certain regulations, to $50 for performance of a notarial act using communication technology; repealing a certain prohibition on performing a notarial act using communication technology with respect to a will or a trust; authorizing a notary public to use communication technology to take an acknowledgement of a signature remotely under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for a notary public to confirm a record remotely; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SG, §§ 18-107, 18-214, 18-222(a), and 18-223(b) through (f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 664  Delegate Guyton, et al

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM – INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Requiring a child care program to provide to parents or guardians of a child under the age of 3 years information about the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program and contact information for the local lead agency responsible for administering the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program; and requiring a child care program to assist a parent or guardian, at their request, with scheduling a time and location for the administering agency of the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program to provide a certain screening.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 9.5-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 665  Delegate Jackson, et al  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AIR QUALITY TESTING – POSTING ONLINE  
Requiring each county board of education to retain the services of a qualified indoor air quality investigator to conduct any indoor air quality tests the board chooses to have conducted in a public school in the county; and requiring a county board and the State Department of Education, on receipt of the results of an indoor air quality test, to post the results on their websites written in a manner that is clear and easy for the public to understand and posted in a conspicuous location that is easy for the public to find and access.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
ED, § 7-447.2 - added  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 666  Delegate Grammer  
LAW ENFORCEMENT – QUOTAS  
Altering a certain prohibition on using quotas for promotion, demotion, dismissal, and transfer of an officer; and prohibiting law enforcement agencies from requesting or directing an officer to act for the purpose of increasing the number of citations or arrests delivered by the officer.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022  
PS, § 3-504(b) - amended  
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 667  Delegate Lisanti  
HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – RESTAURANTS  
Repealing a requirement that a restaurant applying for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County must have been in full–time operation for the 6 months prior to filing the application.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
AB, § 22-902(b) - amended  
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 668 Delegate Lisanti
PUBLIC HEALTH – REMOVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER
Establishing a process through which a county’s Senate Delegation and House Delegation to the General Assembly may vote to support or oppose the removal of the health officer of the county; and requiring that a meeting of a delegation related to the removal of a health officer be closed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 3-302(g) - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 669 Delegate Wilkins
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DOULA SERVICES – COVERAGE
Requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to provide doula services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 15-141.3 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 670 Delegates Wilkins and Charles
MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – STUDY ON EXPANSION OF INTERSTATE TELEHEALTH
Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with certain State agencies and stakeholders, to study ways that interstate telehealth can be expanded to allow State residents to use telehealth to receive health services from out-of-state practitioners; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 671 Delegate Otto

SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ABOLISHMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND DISPENSARY SYSTEM

Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Somerset County; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail to consumers at the place described in the license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license; providing an annual license fee of $5,000; abolishing the liquor control board and the alcoholic beverages dispensary system in Somerset County; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 672 Delegate Otto

WORCESTER COUNTY – TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season on private property and certain public land in Worcester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 10-410(a)(6) and (15) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 673 Delegate Hartman, et al

LAND USE – AGRITOURISM – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “agritourism” to include special events and occasions conducted on a farm that generates income from an agricultural activity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LU, § 4-212 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 674 Delegate Stewart, et al

LANDLORD AND TENANT – STAY OF EVICTION PROCEEDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE DETERMINATION

Providing for the stay of certain eviction proceedings when a tenant is waiting for a determination on a good faith application for rental assistance.

EMERGENCY BILL

RP, § 8-401 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 675  Delegate Hartman, et al
HEALTH INSURANCE – CHANGES TO COVERAGE, BENEFITS, AND DRUG FORMULARIES – TIMING

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from making changes to coverage, benefits, or drug formularies under a health insurance policy or contract during the term of the health insurance policy or contract; and authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to make certain changes to coverage, benefits, and drug formularies on renewal of a health insurance policy or contract.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
IN, § 15-146 - added and § 15-831 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 676  Delegate Hartman, et al
HANDGUN PERMITS – QUALIFICATIONS – HIGH–RISK OCCUPATIONS

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a certain permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun to a person who meets certain requirements and is employed in a certain profession.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, § 5-306(a) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 677  Delegate Hartman, et al
HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PORTABILITY OF VALUE TO NEW DWELLING

Establishing the taxable assessment of a new dwelling if a homeowner who previously received the homestead property tax credit purchases a new dwelling within 3 years.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-105(d)(1) and (e)(1) - amended and § 9-105(f) - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 678  Delegate Guyton

EDUCATION – FINE ARTS – CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT, STUDY, AND REPORT (ARTS EQUITY IN EDUCATION ACT)

Requiring, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, county boards of education to provide in public schools a certain instructional program in fine arts; requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations on or before July 31, 2023, regarding compliance with a certain regulation relating to instructional programs in fine arts; requiring, for fiscal years 2024 through 2026, the Governor to include $25,000,000 in the annual budget to carry out the Act; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 4-111.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 679  Delegate Stein, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSING OF BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS – DEFINITION OF VEHICLE SALESMAN

Altering the definition of “vehicle salesman” as it relates to certain vehicle laws governing the licensing of businesses and occupations to include certain individuals who, for a commission or other compensation, negotiate with or induce other persons to enter into a financial security, insurance, or warranty agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 15-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 680  Delegate Brooks, et al

BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes construction of a new supermarket or any substantial renovation of an existing supermarket and is located in a food desert retail incentive area; and requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 9-305(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 681  Delegate D. Jones, et al
INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PET–FRIENDLY RENTAL DWELLING UNITS
Allowing certain landlords a credit against the State income tax for rental dwelling units in which, during the taxable year, a landlord permits residential tenants to reside with companion animals; requiring the Comptroller to maintain and publish on the Comptroller’s website a list of landlords who claim the credit and the properties at which each landlord permits tenants to reside with companion animals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-754 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 682  Delegate Brooks, et al
Baltimore County – Hunting – Nongame Birds and Mammals
Repealing a prohibition in Baltimore County against hunting or attempting to hunt nongame birds and mammals without first obtaining a hunting license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-301(b) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 683  Delegate Saab, et al
Anne Arundel County – Republican Party Central Committee – Elections
Altering, from three to two, the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Anne Arundel County to the Anne Arundel County Republican Party Central Committee.
EMERGENCY BILL
EL, § 4-203(a) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 684  Delegate Bagnall
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT CARE – ADMISSIONS RESTRICTIONS (PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS EQUITY ACT)

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from limiting or restricting admission of a Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient for inpatient care at a special psychiatric hospital or an acute general care hospital with separately identified inpatient psychiatric service except under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 15-103.6(a) - amended and § 15-103.8 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 685  Delegate C. Branch, et al
EDUCATION – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND LIBRARIES – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for certain regional resource centers and each county public library system for certain fiscal years.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, §§ 23-205(c) and 23-503 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 686  Delegate Solomon, et al
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HEALTH AND SAFETY – CARBON DIOXIDE MONITORING IN CLASSROOMS (SAFE SCHOOL INDOOR AIR ACT)

Establishing the Safe School Indoor Air Program in the Maryland Department of the Environment to improve indoor air quality in public school classrooms; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education, to administer the Program; requiring public schools to monitor carbon dioxide levels in each classroom in a school at least twice each school year; requiring certain remediation measures; and requiring each county board of education to develop a certain policy and implementation plan.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EN, §§ 2-1601 through 2-1607 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations
HB 687  Delegate Jalisi

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 providing for emergency or temporary situations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, § 21-1118(c) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 688  Delegate Jalisi

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT OF SALE – BUYER IDENTIFICATION

Authorizing a buyer who executes a residential contract of sale for a single family residential real property with a real estate broker to mask the buyer’s identity; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, § 10-713 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 689  Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Altering the term of and scholarship for the student representative on the Carroll County Board of Education by prohibiting a student representative from serving more than one term; and altering the compensation of the president of the county board from $9,000 to $13,000 and for the voting members of the county board from $8,000 to $12,000 in annual compensation.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, §§ 3-401(f) and 3-403 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 690  Delegate Jalisi

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF CREDIT HISTORY IN RATING POLICY

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; and repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance subject to certain limitations and requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 691  Delegate Wells

LANDLORD AND TENANT AND WRONGFUL DETAINER ACTIONS – EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES

Requiring the court to grant a recess or a continuance in certain landlord and tenant actions and actions for wrongful detainer for certain purposes, including for the purpose of obtaining eviction prevention services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, § 8-119 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation

HB 692  Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE

Prohibiting the State’s Attorney in Carroll County from engaging in the private practice of law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 15-407 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 693 Delegate Clippinger

COURTS – SURCHARGES AND PAYMENT TO SPECIAL FUNDS

Increasing certain surcharges on certain fees, charges, and costs in certain civil cases in the circuit courts and the District Court; requiring that certain surcharges collected be deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund and directed to certain special funds in the State; establishing the Rental Assistance Special Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Rental Assistance Special Fund to be credited to the Rental Assistance Special Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, §§ 8-219 & 8-220 & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and CJ, §§ 7-202(d) & 7-301(c) & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. & 145. - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 694 Delegate Charkoudian

HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT

Establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including a requirement that the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Human Services develop a process for identifying and informing patients who qualify for reimbursement and that hospitals reimburse certain patients; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 19-214.1(b)(1) - amended and § 19-214.4 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 695  Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

ENVIRONMENT – CLIMATE CRISIS PLAN – REQUIREMENT (BETTER TOGETHER TO SAVE OUR WEATHER ACT OF 2022)

Requiring each county to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change in the county; requiring each county to submit its plan to the Department of the Environment for review and feedback on or before June 1, 2023; requiring the Department to provide feedback to each county on or before November 1, 2023; requiring each county to finalize its plan on or before January 1, 2024; and requiring each county to review and update its plan once every 3 years.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
EN, § 2-1209 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 696  Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing an electric school bus pilot program; requiring the Public Service Commission to implement and administer the pilot program; authorizing investor–owned electric companies to apply to the Commission to implement an electric school bus pilot program with a participating school system if the pilot program meets certain standards; and authorizing investor–owned electric companies to recover certain costs under the pilot program, subject to the approval of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
PU, § 7-217 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 697  Delegate Munoz, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND COHABITANTS

Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit for certain residential real property in Anne Arundel County owned by a certain disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker, surviving spouse, or cohabitant; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-210 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 698 Delegate Turner, et al
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE – INCREASE

Increasing the State minimum wage rates in effect for certain periods of time; and repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase to the State minimum wage rate.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
LE, § 3-413 - amended and § 3-413.1 - repealed
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 699 Delegate Lehman, et al
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – GRIEF COUNSELING SERVICES

Requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, in coordination with the Behavioral Health Administration, to establish a grief counseling services program; and authorizing the use of funds from the Opioid Restitution Fund to support the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and Behavioral Health Administration in providing grief counseling services and resources on grief.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 5-311.1 - added and SF, § 7-331 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 700 Delegate Love, et al
ENVIRONMENT – PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING – LABELING, MARKETING, AND ADVERTISING FOR RECYCLING

Altering certain plastic resin labeling requirements for rigid plastic containers and plastic bottles; prohibiting the display of a certain symbol on rigid plastic containers and plastic bottles if the containers and bottles do not meet certain requirements; prohibiting a person from making certain environmental marketing claims; prohibiting a person from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing into the State any product or packaging labeled with or depicting certain environmental marketing claims; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
EN, § 9-1710 - amended and §§ 9-2401 through 9-2406 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
HB 701 Delegate Cox

PUBLIC SAFETY – GOVERNOR’S HEALTH EMERGENCY POWERS – REPEAL

Repealing the authorization and requirements for the Governor to issue, renew, and rescind a proclamation declaring the existence of a catastrophic health emergency and the Governor’s powers relating to the emergency declaration; and repealing the powers of the Secretary of Health relating to a catastrophic health emergency proclamation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, §§ 14-3A-01 through 14-3A-08 - repealed
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 702 Delegate Hill

ELECTION JUDGES – TRAINING AND SIGNS – ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VOTERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Requiring that training materials used by the program of instruction for election judges include oral and written instruction in the various methods an election judge may use to assist or accommodate elderly and disabled voters in voting; and establishing requirements for the development and placement of a sign that states the various methods election judges may use to assist or accommodate elderly and disabled voters in voting.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
EL, §§ 10-206 and 10-306 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 703 Delegate Lehman

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – JUDGMENT FOR TENANTS AND PROOF OF RENTAL LICENSURE

Authorizing the District Court to find in favor of the tenant and award costs and expenses in an action to repossess residential rental property for a certain breach of lease assertion made in bad faith or without substantial justification; requiring a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with certain local rental property licensure requirements and prove in court by a certain evidentiary standard that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
RP, §§ 8-401(b)(2), 8-402(b)(1)(i), and 8-402.1 - amended and § 8-406 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 704  Delegate Buckel, et al

HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY – NET WORTH

Increasing, from $200,000 to $600,000, the restriction on a homeowner’s net worth for purposes of eligibility for the homeowners’ property tax credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 9-104(j)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 705  Delegates Barve and Stein

LAND USE – REPORTING – ANNUAL REPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING

Repealing a certain exemption to the requirement to report certain measures and indicators in a certain annual report; requiring a county or municipal corporation to submit an annual report to the Department of Planning that contains certain information on residential building permits issued in the previous calendar year; and requiring the Department of Planning to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the development of housing in the State during the previous calendar year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LU, §§ 1-208(c)(1), 1-401, and 10-103 - amended, § 1-208(c)(3) - repealed, and § 1-209 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 706  Delegates Sample–Hughes and Watson

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

Establishing the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; requiring the Director of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer to direct the Office of Resilience; requiring the Chief Resilience Officer to coordinate State and local efforts to build resilience to risks identified in the Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan; and requiring certain State entities to appoint liaisons to the Office of Resilience for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, §§ 14-1201 through 14-1204 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 707  Delegates Barve and Stein

ELECTION LAW – DEADLINE FOR SELECTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Altering the timeline for and requirements related to the selection of a candidate for Lieutenant Governor by a candidate for Governor.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 1B - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 708  Delegates Barve and Stein

COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions through the use of various measures, including the alteration of statewide greenhouse gas emissions goals, the establishment of a net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions goal, requiring gas companies and electric companies to provide certain programs and services, and requiring electric companies to increase their annual incremental gross energy savings through certain programs and services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

EN, NR, PU, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 709  Delegate R. Lewis, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

Establishing a Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program in the State to provide subsidies to small business and nonprofit employers and their employees for the purchase of qualified health benefit plans on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

IN, § 31-107 - amended and § 31-123 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 710 Delegate J. Lewis, et al
EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSIT–ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT
Altering the More Jobs for Marylanders Program to allow certain businesses located in certain transit–oriented developments to qualify for certain Program benefits; extending the deadline after which the Department of Commerce may not certify certain businesses to participate in the Program; establishing the Transit–Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance related to transit–oriented development; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, TR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and TR, §§ 7-103 and 7-1201 through 7-1205 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 711 Joint Committee on Federal Relations (By Request)
POTOMAC RIVER COMPACT – CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AMENDMENTS
Clarifying that the State considers certain amendments to the Potomac River Compact to be in effect.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 712 Delegate Rosenberg
LANDLORD AND TENANT – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS SPECIAL FUND – MANDATORY APPROPRIATION
Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to appropriate a certain amount of federal rental assistance money to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; and requiring certain excess federal rental assistance funds to be appropriated to the Fund.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
RP, § 8-909 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 713  Delegate Lehman, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – HORSE RIDING – HELMET REQUIREMENT FOR MINORS

Prohibiting an adult from allowing a minor to ride a horse on certain property unless the minor is wearing a helmet that meets certain standards; and providing certain penalties ranging from a written warning for a first offense to a fine of $100 for a third and subsequent offenses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 21-104 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 714  Delegate Stein

BAY RESTORATION FUND – INTENDED USE PLANS AND PRIVATELY OWNED WASTEWATER FACILITIES

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide a certain intended use plan to the General Assembly within 5 days of a plan’s publication for public comment; altering the definition of “privately owned wastewater facility” as it relates to the awarding of grants from the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to report on or provide certain information regarding funding for privately owned wastewater facilities to the General Assembly and the Department of Budget and Management; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EN, §§ 9-1605(a)(1), 9-1605.2(i)(1) and (k) and 9-1605.4(q) - amended and § 9-1605(f) - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 715  Delegate Valentino–Smith

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS – REQUIREMENTS FOR RETRACTION, REPAYMENT, OR MITIGATION OF CLAIMS

Prohibiting an administrative services organization that administers the delivery of specialty mental health services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from retracting, requiring repayment of, or seeking mitigation of certain claims made by health care providers unless the administrative services organization provides to the health care providers certain forms and information; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
HG, § 15-103(b)(21)(vi) - amended and § 15-103.8 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 716  Delegate Lehman, et al
PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member of the Patuxent River Commission.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SF, § 5-814 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 717  Delegate Cardin
HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE – AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR – DISPOSITIVE ISSUES OF LAW

Authorizing the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to rule on dispositive issues of law under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 3-2A-05 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 718  Delegate Rogers, et al
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

Increasing, from 15 to 16, the number of members of the local development council for a video lottery facility located in Anne Arundel County; and requiring the County Executive of Anne Arundel County to appoint three Delegates who represent the district where the communities surrounding the facility are located or the Delegates’ designees.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SG, § 9-1A-31(c) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 719  Delegate Queen

EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS – WORK PERMITS – INFORMATION SHARING

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, unless the parent or guardian of the minor has opted out, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit and certain information of the employer of the minor to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested the information.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LE, § 3-206 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 2022

HJ 5  Delegate Cox, et al

REMEMBRANCE OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

 Declaring that the General Assembly pays tribute to and honors the men and women who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor, the past and present residents of Maryland who defended our nation during the attack, and those who served in the armed forces of the United States in World War II, offers thanksgiving for the victory of the United States in the war, and appreciates the veteran support community.
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 21, 2022

HB 369  Delegate Belcastro

MARRIAGE RECORDS – NAME CHANGE

Establishing certain procedures for the issuance of a new marriage record when the name of a party to the marriage has been changed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, § 2-504 - added
Reassigned to: Judiciary