



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 4, 2022**  
**Schedule 18**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 3:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 4, 2022**

**SB 652** Senator Cassilly

CRIMINAL LAW – MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER (OFFICER KEONA HOLLEY PUBLIC SAFETY ACT)

Prohibiting a person from committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit murder in the first degree of a police officer under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit murder in the second degree of a police officer under certain circumstances; and providing that a person convicted and sentenced under the provisions of the Act is ineligible for parole.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, § 2-211 and CS, § 7-301(f) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**SB 653 Senator Waldstreicher****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)1. and 2., (2)(i), and (4) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 654 Senator Klausmeier****VETERANS AFFAIRS – OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – VETERANS ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SG, §§ 9-940 through 9-944 and 9-946 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 655 Senator Klausmeier****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – FEDERAL EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 656**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## CHILDREN – RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS – EDUCATION FUNDING

Authorizing certain core service agencies, local behavioral health authorities, and local addictions authorities to approve certain funding for certain youths' educational costs incurred during admission to residential treatment centers under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 10-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 657**     **Senator Benson**

## 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 658**     **Senator Lam, et al**

## TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS COMMISSION

Establishing the Maryland Aviation Infrastructure Impacts Commission to study the health and environmental impacts of commercial aviation in certain communities in Maryland; and requiring, for fiscal years 2024 through 2017, the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of at least \$430,000 to the Commission.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, § 5-1301 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 659**     **Senator Benson, et al****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: Finance

**SB 660**     **Senator Benson, et al****INCOME TAX – CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax equal to 30% of the qualified expenses paid or incurred to provide care or support to certain qualifying family members; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 661**     **Senator Benson, et al****REIMBURSEMENT OF PHARMACIST FOR SERVICES RENDERED**

Altering certain definitions of “health care provider” to include pharmacists for the purposes of provisions of law related to health care malpractice claims, destruction of medical records, and HIV testing; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided by a pharmacist at the same rate as the same services provided by a physician, physician’s assistant, or nurse practitioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, HG, and IN, Various Sections - amended and HG, § 4-403(a)(xxi) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 662**     **Senator Zucker, et al**

## ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS SPECIAL FUND – FUNDING

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute \$11,800,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund for fiscal year 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CL, § 17-317(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 663**     **Senators Corderman and Edwards**

## WASHINGTON COUNTY – ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX EXEMPTION – ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

Prohibiting Washington County or a municipal corporation located in Washington County from imposing the admissions and amusement tax on gross receipts derived from any charge within an arts and entertainment district.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 4-103(c) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 664**     **Senator Corderman, et al**

## INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT – FILMING LOCATIONS

Requiring the Secretary of Commerce to make available, for film production activities in Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, or Wicomico counties, 20% of the total amount of tax credits that the Secretary may approve in a fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-730(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 665**     **Senator Corderman, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – HEALING HUNTING AND FISHING FUND – NO-COST LICENSES AND STAMPS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 666**     **Senators McCray and Waldstreicher****SCHOOLS, PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS, AND COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – DISCRIMINATION**

Prohibiting county boards of education and certain schools and prekindergarten programs from taking certain discriminatory actions because of a person's race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; requiring each county board and certain schools and prekindergarten programs to print a certain statement in their student handbook; providing for the filing of a complaint under the Act with the State Superintendent of Schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 2-303(b) and 4-108 - amended and §§ 26-701 through 26-705 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 667**     **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – FIREARM DESTRUCTION, SEIZURE, AND RECOVERY – REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Baltimore Police Department to report certain information to the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly regarding firearms destroyed, seized, or recovered by the Department each year; and providing that if the Baltimore Police Department does not submit a report as required under the Act, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services may not make any grant funds available to the Baltimore Police Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 3-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 668 Senator Smith (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM – EXPANSION**

Expanding, renaming, and altering certain provisions relating to a certain truancy reduction program in certain juvenile courts; and authorizing a county or circuit administrative judge to establish a certain Truancy Reduction and School Engagement Program in certain juvenile courts in accordance with rules adopted by the Court of Appeals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ and ED, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 669 Senator Smith****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 670 Senator Smith****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION RENEWAL – INSPECTION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require, if applicable, the submission of a valid registration renewal inspection certificate before renewing a motor vehicle registration; requiring a registration renewal inspection to include a certain examination of certain motor vehicle equipment; providing that a registration renewal inspection certificate shall remain valid for 90 days; requiring a registration renewal inspection certificate to include certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 13-412(a) - amended and § 23-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 671**     **Senator Kramer****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE JOB CREATION INCENTIVES**

Prohibiting a certain entity from qualifying for a certain State job creation incentive unless certain positions created or maintained by the entity satisfy certain standards; requiring an entity that receives a State job creation incentive to report certain information on wages, benefits and taxes to the unit of State government that administers the incentive at least once per year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BR, § 19-107 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 672**     **Senator Kramer****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PENALTIES**

Establishing increased penalties of imprisonment for up to 3 years and a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both for the abuse or neglect of an animal if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; and authorizing the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a period of time determined by the Court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, § 10-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 673**     **Senator Bailey****NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE – EMPLOYEES – AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY**

Altering the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources with respect to hiring, promoting, and transferring employees of the Natural Resources Police Force; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include advertising that is targeted toward certain underrepresented racial and ethnic communities when advertising for or recruiting new Natural Resources police officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

NR, § 1-107 - repealed, §§ 1-201 and 1-203.1 - added, and § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 674**     **Senators Edwards and Corderman****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND – FUNDING AND SUNSET – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the amount of the appropriation, beginning in fiscal year 2024, that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000; and repealing the termination of certain provisions of law relating to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

NR, § 8-205 and Chapter 698 of the Acts of 2018, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 675**     **Senators Edwards and Corderman****PROPERTY AND INCOME TAXES – CREDITS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASE OF HOUSING IN WESTERN MARYLAND**

Requiring the governing body of certain counties and municipal corporations located in Western Maryland to grant a property tax credit on certain newly constructed dwellings; allowing certain persons who construct more than 10 middle-income homes in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County to claim a credit against the State income tax; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 and TP, § 9-327 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 676**     **Senators Smith and Beidle****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

CR, § 4-104 - amended and HG, § 13-39A-01 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 677**     **Senator Kelley**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – NURSING HOMES –  
AUDIT

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a certain annual audit of cost trends, labor issues, and financial performance of nursing homes in the State; requiring the Commission to conduct an annual survey of the nursing home workforce to include questions on working conditions, wages, hours and mandatory or voluntary overtime, and interactions with management and residents in the facility; and requiring the Commission to establish a fee to be paid by each nursing home subject to the audit to cover the cost of the audit.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 19-138 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 678**     **Senator Hayes**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT OF SALE – BUYER  
PRIVACY

Prohibiting a residential contract of sale for a single family residential real property from containing the name of the buyer.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 10-713 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 679**     **Cecil County Senators**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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 680 Senator Gallion****STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY – COMMUNICATION BOARDS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct a communication board in each public playground by October 1, 2027; defining “communication board” as a device that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to express themselves and communicate; and providing for the funding of communication board construction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

NR, §§ 5-2001 through 5-2003 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 681 Senator Benson****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – FEE IN LIEU OF DEPOSIT**

Authorizing a landlord to offer the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit in a residential lease, subject to certain requirements; requiring a landlord to purchase certain insurance coverage using a fee in lieu of a security deposit; establishing certain procedural requirements for a landlord and an insurer relating to certain insurance claims; authorizing a tenant to dispute certain claims by a landlord; providing that claims by a landlord or an insurer are void under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 8-203(a)(3) - amended and § 8-203.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 682 Senator Washington, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT (TRANS HEALTH EQUITY ACT OF 2022)**

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender–affirming treatment; and prohibiting the Program from issuing an adverse benefit determination related to gender–affirming treatment unless a health care provider with experience prescribing or delivering gender–affirming treatment has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xviii) and 15-150 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 683**     **Senator Kagan****RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM**

Establishing the Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; authorizing nonprofit organizations to apply for and obtain loans from the Program for the purchase and installation of qualifying renewable energy systems; establishing the Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Governor to provide \$5,000,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2024 through 2026; etc.

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

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

SG, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2107 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 684**     **Senators Kagan and West****VEHICLE LAWS – DRUGGED DRIVING – ORAL FLUID TESTS**

Authorizing a police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that an individual has been driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance to request that the individual submit to an oral fluid test; prohibiting a police officer from using the results of a test as the only guide in deciding whether charges should be filed; prohibiting the results of a test from being introduced as evidence in any court action; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

TR, § 16-205.2 - amended and § 16-205.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 685**     **Senator Ellis**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CHARLES COUNTY MULTICULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND AMPHITHEATRE FACILITIES

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review certain matters and make certain recommendations relating to the Charles County Multicultural Recreational and Amphitheatre Facilities; authorizing the Authority to acquire and finance by certain means a Charles County Multicultural Recreational and Amphitheatre Facilities site or an interest in the site; and establishing the Charles County Multicultural Recreational and Amphitheatre Facilities Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EC, Various Sections and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and EC, Various Sections and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 686**     **Senator Ellis**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF LEAD-BASED FUEL USE BY AVIATION INDUSTRY

Requiring the Department of the Environment to study the environmental impacts of the use of lead-based fuel in the State by the aviation industry and develop recommendations for mitigating the environmental impacts; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 687**     **Senator Young, et al**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ZERO-EMISSION MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES – REGULATIONS (ZERO-EMISSION TRUCK ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2022, establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium and heavy duty vehicles in the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

EN, § 2-1103.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 688**     **Senator Ready****HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW FOR COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES – EXPEDITED APPEALS**

Establishing certain requirements on utilization review of prescription drug and device coverage by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; providing that a denial of coverage for a prescription drug or device made during the course of utilization review is eligible for an expedited appeal under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

IN, § 15-1012 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 689**     **Senator Ready****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking certain actions related to pricing, the participation of a pharmacy or pharmacist in a policy or contract with the pharmacy benefits manager, fees, and the use of a mail order pharmacy by beneficiaries; providing that certain provisions of the Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

HG, § 15-102.3(j) and IN, § 15-1601(u) - added and IN, §§ 15-1601(s), (u), (v) and (w), 15-1611, and 15-1611.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 690**     **Senator Ready****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITIONS OF CARRIER, ERISA, AND PURCHASER**

Repealing the definitions of “carrier” and “ERISA” and altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purpose of applying certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits in the State through plans or programs subject to ERISA; and repealing a certain provision that restricts applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

IN, Various Sections - amended and § 15-1633 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 691**     **Senator Carter****JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**

Altering provisions of law relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the juvenile intake process, and the placement of a certain child in detention or community detention; altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the juvenile court in making a disposition on a certain petition; specifying the authority of the juvenile court to place a child on probation under certain circumstances; requiring a certain report from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

CJ, CP, and ED, Various Sections - amended, CJ, PS, and SG, Various Sections - added, and CJ, § 3-8A-15(e) - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 692**     **Senator Carter****CANNABIS – LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION (CANNABIS LEGALIZATION AND REPARATIONS FOR THE WAR ON DRUGS ACT)**

Legalizing the use and possession of a certain amount of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age; providing for the clearing of criminal records and disposition of certain charges relating to the use and possession of cannabis; and establishing a system for the regulation and taxation of the market for the production and sale of cannabis in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CR, CP, EC, HG, and TG, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 693**     **Senators West and Hester****INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY – RECOUPLING WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Repealing Maryland income tax modifications for certain deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-210.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 694**     **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF DISABLED PERSONS – COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS**

Requiring the State to pay reasonable attorney's fees incurred in representing an alleged disabled person who is indigent in a petition for the appointment of a guardian of the property of the person; and requiring the court, under certain circumstances, to appoint, for the alleged disabled person, an attorney who has contracted with the Department of Human Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, § 13-211 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 695**     **Senators Carozza and Bailey****NATURAL RESOURCES – VOLUNTARY FIREWOOD TREATMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Voluntary Firewood Treatment Certification Program in the Department of Natural Resources to certify forest product operators who export firewood to other states and use heat treatment and other procedures to prevent the presence of wood boring pest infestations, wood inhabiting pests, and plant disease pathogens in the firewood products.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 5-608.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 696**     **Senator Beidle, et al****MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT FOR NURSES AND NURSING WORKERS – PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING**

Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Fund for Nurses and Nursing Workers to assist certain nurses and nursing workers with the repayment of certain education loans; establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Fund for Nurses and Nursing Workers; requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of money of certain fees received by the State Board of Nursing to make certain grants for the Program under certain circumstances in certain years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 24-1801 through 24-1807 - added and HO, § 8-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation



**SB 697 Senator Beidle****VEHICLE LAWS – MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS – INSURANCE RESERVES**

Requiring an insurance policy of an obligor under a mechanical repair contract to provide certain coverage for contract nonperformance; and authorizing certain insurance reserves for mechanical repair contracts to be maintained with certain risk retention groups.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 15-311.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 698 Senator Zucker****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARYLAND ALCOHOL MANUFACTURING AND PROMOTION**

Repealing the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Advisory Commission on Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce as the successor to the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion Fund to provide grants that promote the advantages and attributes of State breweries, distilleries, and wineries and their products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AG, §§ 2-1101, 2-1102, and 10-1201 through 10-1206 - repealed, EC, §§ 5-1901 through 5-1912 - added, and TG, §§ 2-301 and 5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 699 Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – FINANCIAL LITERACY – CURRICULUM, GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Maryland Council on Economic Education, to develop curriculum content for a certain course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the curriculum in every public high school beginning in the 2025–2026 school year; requiring the completion of a certain financial literacy course in order to graduate from high school beginning in 2029; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 700**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PREVENT WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WORKGROUP

Requiring the Secretary of Health to establish the Prevent Workplace Violence in Health Care Settings Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup to develop a public awareness campaign on preventing workplace violence in health care settings and to create a plan for implementing the campaign.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 701**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## VEHICLE LAWS – WINDOW TINTING MATERIALS – PRIVATE DETECTIVES

Exempting under certain circumstances a vehicle owned or leased by a private detective or a private detective agency from the prohibition against affixing certain aftermarket window tinting materials on a vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 22-406(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 702**     **Senators Hough and Young**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY – CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – SALE OF COFFEE

Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity directed at or organized by students with individualized education programs in a public high school in Baltimore County or Frederick County; and repealing a certain exception that prohibited the sale of coffee in certain public high schools in Baltimore County except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 703**     **Senators Hough and Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION –  
EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS**

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts operating on certain county highways in Frederick County; providing that a person operating a golf cart without registration may do so only on a county highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour, between dawn and dusk, and with certain lighting devices; and authorizing Frederick County to designate county highways on which a person may operate a golf cart and to establish further safety requirements and conditions for the operation of golf carts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 704**     **Senator Hettleman****CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE – HOME DETENTION  
MONITORING – ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION**

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary to provide certain payments to private home detention monitoring agencies for certain costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to submit a report of its recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pre-trial home detention monitoring systems to the General Assembly by December 31 each year; stating the intent of the General Assembly to fund certain requirements with State or federal funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

CP, § 5-201 and Chapter 597 of the Acts of 2021, §§ 2(g), 3, and 4 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 705 Senator Zucker, et al****EDUCATION – PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION – LIMITATIONS, REPORTING, AND TRAINING**

Prohibiting a public agency from using seclusion as a behavioral health intervention for a student; prohibiting a public agency from using physical restraint and a nonpublic school from using physical restraint or seclusion as a behavioral health intervention for a student, except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to develop an accountability system to measure compliance with regulations adopted on the use of physical restraint and seclusion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 7-1101, 7-1104, and 7-1106 - amended and §§ 7-1102 and 7-1103 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 706 Senators Zucker and Elfreth****NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – COSTS OF TEACHER SALARIES**

Requiring the State and certain counties to pay for costs of salaries for teachers at nonpublic educational programs in a certain amount and proportion.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 8-415(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 707 Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – COVERAGE FOR NONPARTICIPATION**

Requiring each carrier to inform members and beneficiaries of the right to request a referral to a specialist or nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; establishing certain requirements on certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations related to the coverage of certain mental health and substance use disorder services provided to a member by a nonparticipating provider; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

HG, § 19-710(p) and IN, § 15-830 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 708**     **Senators Lam and Hettleman**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AUDITS

Providing that there is a Compliance Officer within the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health; authorizing the Inspector General and the Compliance Officer to investigate behavior in the Department that threatens public safety or demonstrates negligence, incompetence, or malfeasance; and requiring the Board of Public Works to submit a certain audit to the Secretary of Health after the Department awards an emergency procurement contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 2-502.2 and SF, § 13-228 - added and HG, § 2-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 709**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES  
FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (DAVID PEREZ MILITARY HEROES ACT  
(END 22 A DAY))

Establishing the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Alternative Therapies Fund to support the study of the effectiveness of and improving access to alternative therapies for post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans; providing that the fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget and any other money from any source accepted for the benefit of the fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 24-1801 and 24-1802 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

**SB 710**     **Senator Patterson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS –  
MODIFICATIONS

Authorizing the expungement of certain arrest warrants under certain circumstances; altering the waiting periods for applying for expungement of certain records; altering the convictions for which an individual may seek expungement; and prohibiting certain records from being expunged by obliteration for a certain period of time and limiting access to the records during that time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, §§ 10-101(h), 10-105(a), (c), and (e), and 10-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 711**     **Senator Beidle****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS – DRY NEEDLING REGISTRATION**

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to register licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles or a mechanical device into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and relate tissues.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, § 14-5D-10.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 4, 2022****SJ 8**     **Senator Ready, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION – LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL POWER**

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal government and for the members of the U.S. Congress.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs