SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 7, 2022

SB 712  Senator Kagan
CONSUMER PROTECTION – SCANNING OR SWIPING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER’S LICENSES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from using a scanning device to scan or swipe an identification card or a driver’s license of an individual to obtain the personal information of the individual; prohibiting a person from retaining, selling, or transferring to another person any information collected from scanning or swiping an individual’s identification card or driver’s license under certain circumstances; providing that a violation of the Act constitutes a certain unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain penalties; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) and (xxxv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvi) and 14-1327 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 713  Senator Reilly
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING GEAR

Establishing that certain fishing gear restrictions applicable in certain Anne Arundel County waters apply only to commercial finfish harvesters; and authorizing a person to use archery equipment to commercially harvest finfish in certain Anne Arundel County waters.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
NR, § 4-714 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 714  Senator Reilly

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL ASSISTANTS – CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION

Establishing a certification and regulatory scheme to certify dental assistants to perform certain intraoral procedures; specifying the intraoral procedures a dental assistant is authorized to perform without being certified by the State Board of Dental Examiners and the intraoral procedures that require certification; and authorizing the Board to penalize a licensed dentist who allows a dental assistant to provide dental care in an unauthorized manner or without required instruction or supervision.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, Various Sections - added and §§ 4-205(a)(1)(iii), 4-301(b)(5), 4-315(a)(36) and (37), and 4-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 715  Senator Reilly

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATORS – AGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Prohibiting a transportation network operator from using a motor vehicle that is more than 15 model years old to provide transportation network services.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 10-408 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 716  Senators Simonaire and Bailey

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE WORKERS LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING

Establishing the Maryland Health Care Workers Loan Assistance Program to provide assistance to health care workers in repaying health care–related education loans; establishing the Maryland Health Care Workers Loan Assistance Program Fund to be used for the repayment of health care–related education loans of health care workers and the administrative expenses of the program; and requiring the Governor in fiscal years, 2024, 2025, and 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $35,000,000 for the Fund. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

HG, §§ 24-1801 through 24-1807 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 and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 717  Senators Simonaire and Rosapepe
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL EDUCATION DAYS – AUTHORIZATION

Providing that a county board of education may authorize a county superintendent of schools, under certain circumstances, to provide virtual education days to students instead of closing the public schools in the county because of severe weather conditions; requiring a county board that authorizes a county superintendent to provide a virtual education day to adequately design the virtual education day model before implementation of the first virtual education day; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-103.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 718  Senator Simonaire
FAMILY LAW – ALIMONY – MODIFICATION

Altering the circumstances under which a court is authorized to modify the amount of alimony awarded.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, §§ 11-107(b) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 719  Senator Benson
HUMAN SERVICES – OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS – UNIFORM REDETERMINATION PROCESS

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to develop a certain redetermination process to assist eligible energy customers who are at least 65 years old in enrolling in energy assistance programs; requiring an annual update of the process developed; requiring local administering agencies to establish a policy of reasonable accommodation for applicants who are homebound or request accommodation by arranging for a home visit or allowing an individual to apply on behalf of an eligible energy customer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HU, § 5-5A-09 - added
Assigned to: Finance
**SB 720**  
*Senator Kelley, et al*

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – RENAMING AND LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS**

Renaming the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to be the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators; establishing a licensing and regulatory system for assisted living managers under the Board; requiring, as of October 1, 2024, an individual to be licensed by the Board before practicing as an assisted living manager; providing that a license expires two years from its effective date unless renewed for an additional 2-year term; authorizing the Board to impose certain civil fines under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 721**  
*Senators Waldstreicher and McCray*

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE – ACCELERATION**

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: Finance

**SB 722**  
*Senator Waldstreicher*

**MEDICAL CANNABIS – LICENSEES – OWNERSHIP LIMITATION EXEMPTION**

Exempting certain ownership of publicly traded securities of a medical cannabis grower, dispensary, or processor from the prohibition on a person having an ownership interest in multiple medical cannabis growers, dispensaries, or processors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 13-3306(a)(2)(v), 13-3307(d), and 13-3309(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance
SB 723  Senators King and Guzzone
SALES AND USE TAX – DIGITAL PRODUCT – DEFINITION
Altering the definition of “digital product” for purposes of the application of the sales and use tax to exclude certain products where the purchaser has a certain property interest and certain types of computer software.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 11-101(c-4) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 724  Senator King
GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON SHORT–TERM LEASE OR RENTAL OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT – ALTERATIONS
Exempting governments from the tax on gross receipts from the short–term lease or rental of heavy equipment property; and repealing a requirement that a person with gross receipts subject to tax to report certain information to the county or municipal corporation where the heavy equipment rental business is located.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
LG, § 20-609 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 725  Senator McCray
HEALTH INSURANCE – PHYSICAL THERAPY – COPAYMENTS, COINSURANCE, AND DEDUCTIBLES
Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for covered physical therapy services that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible imposed for a primary care visit under the same plan or contract; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
IN, § 15-856 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 726  Senator McCray, et al

TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – REVENUE AND DISTRIBUTION

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 727  Senator Rosapepe

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System, on or before December 31 each year, to require each alternative investment vehicle in which it invests to disclose at least annually certain information pertaining to fees and expenses for the preceding fiscal year; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to report certain information pertaining to the disclosures.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SP, § 21-315(h) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 728  Senator Lam

HEALTH INSURANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENT STATE SUBSIDY PROGRAM (ACCESS TO CARE ACT)

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund to include the provision of funding for the establishment and operation of the Qualified Resident State Subsidy Program; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program to provide State premium assistance and cost-sharing reductions to qualified residents; and providing that the implementation of the Program is contingent on approval of a certain waiver application.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
IN, §§ 31-101(u-1), 31-123, and 31-124 - added and §§ 31-107, 31-108(b)(1), and 31-115(b)(7) - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 729  Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – USE OF HIGHWAY USER REVENUES FOR TRAFFIC FUNCTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT – MODIFICATION

Altering a certain limitation applicable to Baltimore City relating to the use of highway user revenues to pay or finance costs incurred for carrying out traffic functions and enforcing traffic laws; and authorizing Kent County to use highway user revenues for costs incurred by its police department for carrying out traffic functions and enforcing the traffic laws.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, § 8-408(a) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 730  Senator Watson, et al

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – CLAIMS AGAINST AN ESTATE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Altering the statute of limitations for the filing of certain claims against a decedent’s estate; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ET, § 8-103 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 731  Senator Watson, et al

VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – SECURED PARTIES – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION

Requiring a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify any secured party electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the secured party in a writing or by electronic communication.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 21-10A-04 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 732  Senator Watson, et al
ACTION TO COLLECT A PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
Prohibiting private education lenders and private education loan collectors from initiating a certain action unless the private education lenders or private education loan collectors possess certain documents; requiring a private education lender or private education loan collector to introduce certain information in a certain action; and requiring a private education loan collector to provide certain information to a student loan borrower in a certain communication and on request of the student loan borrower.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, §§ 5-1301 through 5-1304 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 733  Senator Kramer
COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
Repealing the requirement that a community solar energy generating system be located in the same electric service territory as a subscriber for the subscriber to receive monthly electric bill credits; requiring the Public Service Commission to require an electric company to file a revised tariff and protocol related to the application of bill credits by November 1, 2022; and requiring the Commission by January 31, 2023 to approve or amend and approve the required tariffs and protocols.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-306.2(a) - amended and § 7-306.2(f) - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 734  Senator Lam

HEALTH AND HEALTH INSURANCE – PRIMARY CARE REFORM COMMISSION

Establishing the Primary Care Reform Commission to review, examine, and make certain determinations and recommendations regarding primary care spending by certain payors of health care services and improvements to the quality of and access to primary care services; and requiring the Commission to report by December 1 each year, beginning in 2023, to the Governor and the General Assembly including an analysis of primary care spending over the preceding year in relation to total health care spending over the previous year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 20-2201 and 20-2202 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 735  Senator Simonaire, et al

REPEAL THE NETFLIX TAX ACT OF 2022

Repealing the application of the sales and use tax to certain digital codes and digital products.

EMERGENCY BILL
ED, § 5-206(f) - amended and TG, Various Sections - amended and repealed
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 736  Senator Simonaire, et al

REAL LOCAL TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF 2022

Altering the calculation of a certain grant to certain counties under certain circumstances; decreasing, from 2.25% to 1%, the minimum tax rate that a county is required to impose on an individual’s Maryland taxable income; and applying the Act to all taxable years Beginning after December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
LG, § 16-501 and TG, § 10-106 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 737  Senator Simonaire, et al

COST OF LIVING ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2022

Altering the motor fuel tax rate.

EMERGENCY BILL
TG, § 9-305 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 738  Senator Simonaire, et al
SECURE ELECTIONS ACT OF 2022

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct an audit of absentee ballots cast in each statewide election; requiring that the audit consist of verifying the voter’s signature for each ballot selected for audit; requiring that the audit be expanded if a certain threshold is exceeded; and requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations that include the method for verifying voter signatures and a deadline for submission of a new signature as provided under the Act.
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
EL, § 11-310 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 739  Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – COMPENSATION

Authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay certain financial incentives under certain circumstances and to adjust compensation for certain employees in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, § 21-122(f)(2) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 740  Senator Elfreth, et al
PUBLIC HEALTH – PARKINSON’S DISEASE REGISTRY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing a Parkinson’s Disease Registry in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to establish a Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory Committee to determine what data shall be collected and stored in the Registry; authorizing the Department to share certain information in the Registry with certain entities under certain conditions; requiring a nurse practitioner, physician, or physician assistant who diagnoses patients with Parkinson’s disease and related parkinsonism to report each case to the Registry; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 18-1201 through 18-1207 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 741  Senator Jackson
CHARLES COUNTY – BLIGHTED PROPERTY – SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

Authorizing the governing body of Charles County to set a special property tax rate that is 12.5% greater than the tax rate that is generally applicable to real property for a class of real property that is defined as blighted by local law; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 6-302 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 742  Senator Washington
ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS – RISK–LIMITING AUDITS

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; and requiring the State Board, in collaboration with certain local boards, to conduct pilot risk–limiting audits after the November 2022 statewide general election.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
EL, § 11-309 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 743  Senator Washington
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AFFORDABLE ASSISTED LIVING ENHANCED CARE PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Affordable Assisted Living Enhanced Care Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish affordable assisted living enhanced care residences for the provision of enhanced care to eligible adults who are at least 60 years old; prohibiting a residence selected for the Pilot Program from being prohibited from admitting into the residence certain individuals who are not eligible for the Pilot Program; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations from the Program by November 1, 2024.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, § 15-150 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 744  Senator Hettleman

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – LISTING AND DISPOSAL OF EXCESS REAL PROPERTY

Requiring the Department of Planning to provide a list of excess real property owned by the State to the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to determine whether any of the listed properties are suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring units of State government to develop proposals to donate or sell excess real property determined to be suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HS, § 2-203 - added and § 4-504(e) - amended and SF, § 5-310(d) - added and §§ 10-305(b) and 10-306(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 745  Senator Hough, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS – EXCEPTION

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual’s passenger.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 746  Senator Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan in effect on the day prior to the day that the Sheriff begins a term of office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 2-324(b) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 747 Senator Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – SEMIANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND IMPOSITION OF INTEREST

Altering the circumstances under which interest may be imposed by Frederick County on certain property taxes not paid on or before October 1 of the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 20, 2022.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

PLL of Frederick Co, Art. 11, § 2-7-3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 748 Senator King

MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for sign language interpreters under the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund to be used exclusively to cover the documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the Board’s duties including development of programs to assist licensure of marginalized interpreters, development of certain mentorship programs, and financial assistance for certain applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, §§ 8-403(58) and 9-2410 through 9-2436 - added and §§ 9-2401 and 9-2403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 749 Senators Kagan and Reilly

PUBLIC SAFETY – 3–1–1 SYSTEMS – NONEMERGENCY INFORMATION

Establishing the Maryland 3–1–1 Board to establish requirements, procedures, and standards for the establishment of statewide and county 3–1–1 systems; establishing a statewide 3–1–1 system under the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to provide certain nonemergency information, subject to certain requirements; requiring a county to be responsible for certain costs and expenses associated with a county 3–1–1 system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PS, §§ 14-1201 through 14-1212 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 750  Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Towing

Authorizing Baltimore City to tow vehicles blocking access to driveways, alleys, transit lanes, or parking facilities.

Effective October 1, 2022

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (35)(e) and (f) – amended and § (35)(g) – added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 751  Senator Simonaire

First Responders and Emergency Responders – Definition – 9–1–1 Dispatchers Included

Including employees who receive and process requests for emergency services and dispatch certain services to the scene of an emergency within the definitions of “first responder” and “emergency responder” in certain provisions of law.

Effective October 1, 2022

AB, CR, ED, HG, HU, PS, and TR, Various Sections – amended and ED, § 7-1501(f) – added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 752  Senator Jackson

Public Safety – Use of Force Incident Reports

Altering a reporting requirement applicable to a law enforcement officer or police officer involved in a use of force incident in the line of duty; and requiring, by July 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, a local law enforcement agency to publish on its public website the aggregate data reported of police officers’ use of force; requiring a local law enforcement agency, by January 1, 2023 and every 3 months thereafter, to publish on its public website the total number of use of force incidents reported; etc.

Various Effective Dates

PS, § 3-514 – amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 753  Senator Hester

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – CYBERSECURITY

Establishing the Cybersecurity Workforce Accelerator Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County to increase the cybersecurity workforce in the State, increase the investment of the State in cybersecurity workforce programs and educational programs at certain institutions, and for other purposes related to the cybersecurity workforce in the State; requiring the Department of Commerce and the Maryland Department of Labor to assist in administering the Accelerator Program as necessary; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
LE, § 11-606 - added
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 754  Senator Hester

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBERSECURITY – COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS (LOCAL CYBERSECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2022)

Establishing the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing certain responsibilities of the Unit; requiring certain local entities to report certain cybersecurity incidents in a certain manner and under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Joint Operations Center to notify appropriate agencies of a cybersecurity incident in a certain manner; establishing the Cybersecurity Fusion Center in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CP, HG, HU, IN, NR, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and PS, § 14-104.1, SF, Various Sections, and SG, § 2-1224(i) - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 755  Senators Hester and Rosapepe

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS – FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND COORDINATION UNIT – ESTABLISHED

Establishing a Federal Infrastructure Investment and Coordination Unit in the Governor’s Grants Office for the purpose of tracking federal infrastructure grants and assisting State agencies in the award of the grants under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SF, § 2-211 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 756  Senator Hester

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – COUNTY SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the County School Technology Pilot Program, implemented and administered by the University System of Maryland, to identify opportunities to apply computer-based analytical processes for more efficient school redistricting that are not subject to personal or political influence and, to the extent practicable, to predict the number of prekindergarten seats that will be needed within the following 3 years; requiring the Governor to include $200,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal year 2024 for the Program; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 12-124 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 757  Senator Hayes

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue certain licenses in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, §§ 12-1002.1, 12-1603(c), and 12-2005(d) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 758  Senator Hayes, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIVE VIDEO STREAMING OF PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS (THE JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT 2.0)

Requiring the court to make available to the public live video streaming of all public proceedings for criminal cases involving a crime of violence; and prohibiting a certain live video streaming from depicting a juror or an alleged victim of a sexual offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 759  Senator Hayes, et al

REAL PROPERTY – GROUND RENT REDEMPTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Ground Rent Redemption Fund for the purpose of providing grants to individuals for the redemption of ground rent.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 8-813 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 760  Senator Hayes

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – RELIGIOUS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION – THIRD–PARTY LEASES

Providing that real property owned by a religious group or organization that is leased to a third party does not qualify for a certain property tax exemption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 7-204 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
**SB 761 Senator Rosapepe**

**FUNDING FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER WORKERS**

Requiring that, in certain fiscal years, certain funding provided in the legislative appropriation to the Medical Care Programs Administration for medical care provider reimbursements be used for wage increases for health care workers and staff in nursing homes who provide direct care to residents. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

HG, § 16-201.4(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 762 Senator Sydnor**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; requiring, beginning October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter, a law enforcement agency that uses or contracts for the use of facial recognition technology to complete an audit to determine compliance with the Act; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

CP, §§ 2-501 through 2-510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 763 Senator Sydnor**

**COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF CRIMINAL CASE AND PROSECUTORIAL INFORMATION**

Establishing requirements for the collection and dissemination of certain information relating to the Office of the State’s Attorney in each county and Baltimore City, coordinated in a certain manner by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

CP, §§ 15-501 through 15-506 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 764  Senator Sydnor

CHILDHOOD EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE – HEALTH AND SOCIAL IMPACTS – PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WORKGROUP

Establishing the Childhood Exposure to Violence Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup to develop a public awareness and prevention campaign relating to the health and social impacts of children exposed to violence; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations for the public awareness campaign to the Senate Finance and House Health and Government Operations Committees by December 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Assigned to: Finance

SB 765  Senator Sydnor

PROBATION – PROBATION WORK READINESS PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program to provide dedicated services for individuals placed on probation to obtain and retain employment; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish a pilot program in at least two counties in the State; and requiring the Department to submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2023 and October 1, 2024 that evaluates the Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CJ, §§ 3-2301 and 3-2302 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 766  Senator Sydnor

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY

Regulating the use of genetic data by direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies, including by requiring a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company to provide consumers with certain information regarding the company’s policies and procedures and obtain certain consents from consumers before collecting, using, or disclosing the consumer’s genetic data.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

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

Assigned to: Finance
SB 767  Senator Lee

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – VACATUR AND EXPUNGEMENT

Altering certain requirements relating to a court granting a motion to vacate a certain conviction relating to human trafficking under certain circumstances including requirements for dismissal of charges, dissemination of expungement information, and timing; and requiring certain pleadings and records filed with the court to be sealed by the court and a certain hearing to be closed to the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 8-302 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 768  Senators Lee and Watson

CRIMINAL LAW – VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING – SAFE HARBOR AND SERVICE RESPONSE

Altering procedures that a law enforcement officer and a court are required to follow when the law enforcement officer or a court has reason to believe that a child who has been detained is a victim of sex trafficking; providing that a minor may not be criminally prosecuted or proceeded against as a delinquent child for a certain crime or civil offense if the minor committed the crime or civil offense as a direct result of sex trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 769  Senator Lee

MINORS CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – TRANSFER TO JUVENILE COURT

Requiring a court to consider certain factors before sentencing a minor convicted as an adult; establishing a presumption that the sentencing of a minor convicted as an adult should be transferred to the juvenile court, under certain circumstances, and authorizing the court to do so; and requiring the juvenile court to make a juvenile determination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 6-235 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 770  Senator Ferguson
PUBLIC UTILITIES – HOMEOWNER UTILITY REPAIR FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Homeowner Utility Repair Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to offset the costs a low- to middle-income residential customer may incur for costs associated with a utility company’s routine maintenance, repairs, or upgrades; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-315 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 771  Senator Ferguson
BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES

Altering certain hours of sale and a certain license fee for the holder of a public market license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board to waive certain distance restrictions for an application for the transfer of a license into a certain area; extending for a certain number of years the expiration date of a certain Class B beer and wine license; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, §§ 12-1002.1(g) and (h), 12-1605(a), and 12-2204 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 772  Senator Carter
CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – MARIJUANA USE

Providing that the use of marijuana by a parent or certain other individuals does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, § 3-801(s) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 773  Senator Carter
PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS DEALERS – STORAGE VAULTS FOR REGULATED FIREARMS

Requiring an applicant for a regulated firearms dealer’s license to provide evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State Police that the applicant’s proposed place of business has a certain vault to store all regulated firearms to be offered for sale; requiring a licensee to store all regulated firearms for sale in a certain vault when the licensee’s place of business is closed; and requiring certain licensees to comply with the storage requirement on or before July 1, 2023.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, § 5-110.1 - added and § 5-114 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 774  Senator Carter
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, § 7-309 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 775  Senator Carter
COURTS – PAYMENT FOR JURY SERVICE

Increasing from $15 to $30 the State per diem for jury service under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 8-426 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 776  Senator Carter, et al

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM SUPPORT (PREVENTION OF FORCED INFANT SEPARATION ACT)

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for a certain time period; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, §§ 3-901 through 3-903 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 777  Senator Carter

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – RECORDS RELATING TO POLICE MISCONDUCT – FEES

Prohibiting an official custodian from charging a fee for the search and preparation of the first 500 pages of a certain record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a police officer.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
GP, § 4-206 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 778  Senator Lam

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (HEALTHY BABIES EQUITY ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive medical care and other health care services to noncitizen pregnant women who would qualify for the Program but for their immigration status and their children up to the age of 1 year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii) - amended and § 15-103(a)(2)(xviii) - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 779  Senator King

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – ACCESS TO RECORDS – ATTORNEY GENERAL

Requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to provide the Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee with any record that the Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee requests for the purpose of conducting a legal compliance audit of potential bias in the operation of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 5-311 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 780  Senator Hester

CYBERSECURITY GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2022

Establishing the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology, certain Office positions, and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; establishing certain responsibilities and authority of the Office; centralizing authority and control of the procurement of all information technology for the Executive Branch of State government in the Department of Information Technology; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, HG, HU, IN, NR, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended, SF and SG, Various Sections - added, and SF, § 3.5-306 - repealed
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation
SB 781  Senator Hester
PUBLIC SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT
Requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to take certain actions related to the inclusion of performance data and information in reports and the creation of a scorecard of quantifiable safety indicators; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 for the Maryland Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence; establishing a behavioral health screening grant program within the Department; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 7.5-901 and 13-4207, PS, § 1-306(h), and SG, §§ 9-3501 through 9-3503 - added and HG, § 13-4202 and PS, § 1-306(b)(15) - amended
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 782  Senators Hester and Rosapepe
WORKGROUP ON THE POST–COVID–19 CRISIS ECONOMIC TRANSITION
Establishing the Workgroup on the Post–COVID–19 Crisis Economic Transition to make recommendations regarding how the State may adjust its economic development and other strategies in the context of changes resulting from crises in certain sectors; and requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2022, and a final report on or before December 1, 2023, to the Governor and the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 783  Senator Smith, 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 784  Senator Carter
CRIMINAL LAW – USE OR POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE – DE MINIMIS QUANTITY

Making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; altering a certain provision of law to require a court to order a person who commits a certain violation, regardless of the age of the person, to attend a certain drug education program, refer the person to an assessment for mental health or substance use disorder, and refer the person to substance use or mental health treatment under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, §§ 5-601 and 5-601.1 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 785  The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – COLLECTION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CORRECTIONS, AND JUVENILE SERVICES

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Department of State Police, the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, and the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to provide certain information related to public safety and criminal justice in a certain manner to the Department of Legislative Services on or before a certain date each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SG, § 2-1261 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 786  Senator Carozza, et al
EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRICULUM PUBLICATION (CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLICATION ACT)

Requiring each public school to post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school’s publicly accessible website not less than 60 days after the curriculum is approved or revised; and requiring each county board of education to ensure that public schools post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school’s publicly accessible website.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 4-141 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 787  Senator Feldman

MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HIV POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OFFENSES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting managed care organizations and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement for prescription drugs used as postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV if the drug is prescribed to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
HG, § 15-103(b)(31) and IN, § 15-857 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 788  Senator Feldman

CANNABIS – REGULATION – REVISIONS

Prohibiting a person from knowingly producing plants, or any part of a plant, that exceed a certain concentration of delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol; altering the definition of “marijuana” for purposes of the Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances act to include certain products made through a process that includes the use of hemp; defining “medical cannabis” for the purposes of provisions of law regulating medical cannabis; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
AG, §§ 14-101(c) and 14-309(a), CR, § 5-101(r), and HG, § 13-3301(l) through (p) - amended and HG, § 13-3301(l) added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 789  Senator Feldman

PUBLIC UTILITIES – UNDERGROUND FACILITIES – ONE-CALL SYSTEM

Requiring a person notifying the one-call system before performing an excavation or demolition to select a specific start work date; altering the information that must be provided to a one-call system; requiring the ticket generated by the one-call system to include a response date and time that corresponds with the work date selected by the person; altering the time frame during which a ticket is valid; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, §§ 12-124 and 12-126 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 790  Senator Hettleman

CRIMINAL LAW – EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS – OBSTRUCTION

Prohibiting a person from obstructing or impeding or attempting to obstruct or impede an official proceeding of the Executive or Legislative Branch.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 9-306 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 791  Senator Elfreth

NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND CONSERVATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS AND PROGRAMS (MARYLAND THE BEAUTIFUL ACT)

Establishing certain goals and programs related to land conservation; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program to provide loans to certain land trusts to purchase land for conservation purposes; establishing a Land Preservation Rapid Response Advisory Committee to review loan applications and make recommendations on which projects to fund; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Fund; requiring the Governor to include $10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2024 budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
NR, Various Sections and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and NR, § 5-307(f) and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 792  Senator Guzzone

HORSE RACING – SATELLITE SIMULCAST BETTING FACILITIES AND PERMIT HOLDERS – ALTERATIONS

Providing that zoning approval is not required to use a facility for satellite simulcast betting if the facility is properly zoned for operation of a video lottery facility, a sports wagering facility or electronic bingo or tip jar machines; authorizing the State Racing Commission to waive review of an applicant for a satellite simulcast betting permit if the applicant is licensed to conduct certain gaming activities; repealing certain requirements for the standard of and amenities offered by a satellite simulcast facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
BR, §§ 11-817, 11-818, and 11-825 - amended and SG, § 9-1E-04(c) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 793  Senator Guzzone

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX – READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS

Establishing the alcoholic beverage tax rates for ready-to-drink cocktails is 40 cents for each gallon or 10.57 cents for each liter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 5-101(k) - added and §§ 5-101(k) through (o) and 5-105 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 794  Senator Guzzone

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PROCUREMENT AND PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Education to appoint or hire employees of the State Department of Education who are not subject to or controlled by certain provisions of law that govern the State Personnel Management System; requiring the State Board to establish certain policies and guidelines governing the hiring or appointment, compensation, advancement, and termination of certain personnel; providing that certain provisions of procurement law do not apply to certain procurements by the State Department of Education; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
ED, SF, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended and ED and SF, Various Sections - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 795  Senator Guzzone

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FUNDING

Requiring certain funding to be provided to community colleges in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring certain funding to be provided to private nonprofit institutions of higher education in fiscal year 2024 and in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 796  Senator Guzzone

INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS – REPEAL OF THE PRE-PRINTED TICKET REQUIREMENT

Altering a requirement that the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency ensure that certain instant ticket lottery machines operate in the same manner as certain electronic instant bingo machines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 797  Senator Guzzone

HUMAN SERVICES – CASH CAMPAIGN – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

Increasing, from $200,000 to $500,000 beginning in fiscal year 2024, the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to provide in the annual budget bill for the CASH Campaign of Maryland.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HU, § 6-801 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 798  Senator Guzzone

SALES AND USE TAX – VENDOR COLLECTION CREDIT – ALTERATION

Repealing the limitation on the total amount of the credit allowed for the expense of collecting and paying the sales and use tax that a qualified job training organization may claim during a calendar year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 11-105(d)(2) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 799  Senator Guzzone

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND RESIDENCY WAIVERS – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2024, to include in the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission an appropriation of $10,000,000 to fund State–mandated community college tuition and residency waivers.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 16-322 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 800  Senator Guzzone

SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES – EXEMPTION

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of electricity used for agricultural purposes under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 11-201(a) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 801  Senator Guzzone
STATE HEALTH PLAN – CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION – RETIREES

Including employment with the Chesapeake Bay Commission as eligible service with the State for participation as a retiree in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and providing that the State shall pay the employer share of certain costs for retired participants in the Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, § 2-511 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 802  Senator Guzzone
MARYLAND CONSORTIUM ON COORDINATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS – MEMBERSHIP AND COORDINATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PARTNERSHIP FUND – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports, including membership, terms of members, appointment of the chair, staff, and memorandum of understanding for technical assistance; and altering certain provisions of law regarding the administration of the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ED, § 7-447.1 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 803  Senator Guzzone
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DRINKING DRIVER MONITOR PROGRAM – POSITION REQUIREMENT

Requiring the establishment of a new Monitor III employee position classification in the Drinking Driver Monitor Program in the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and requiring the salary of the new position to be not less than Grade 13, Step 1 in the Standard Pay Plan established by the Secretary of Budget and Management.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings
SB 804  Senator Beidle
CONTINUING CARE AT HOME – CERTIFICATE OF NEED – EXEMPTION
Providing that the definition of a health care facility, for the purpose of providing an exemption from the certificate of need requirement, does not include certain facilities that are for the exclusive use of the provider’s subscribers who have executed continuing care at home agreements and paid certain entrance fees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 19-114(d)(2)(ii) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 805  Senator King
INCOME TAX – CHILD TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION
Altering the definition of “qualified child” to mean a dependent of a taxpayer that is under the age of 6 years or is under the age of 17 years and a child with a disability; altering income eligibility requirements for purposes of qualifying for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; and repealing a certain provision of law reducing the amount of the tax credit under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-751 - amended and added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 806  Senator King
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYEES – BONUSES
Establishing funding for, the award of, and the distribution of bonuses for child care providers and employees; and requiring, in fiscal year 2024, the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of $16,000,000 to the State Department of Education to carry out the Act.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 807  Senator Hough
FREDERICK COUNTY – MENTAL HEALTH LAW – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Pilot Program in Frederick County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, §§ 10-6A-01 through 10-6A-12 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 808  Senator Carozza
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS

Requiring a physician assistant to practice under a collaboration agreement with a signing physician rather than under a delegation agreement with a primary supervising physician; requiring a physician assistant to submit a collaboration agreement to the State Board of Physicians before October 1, 2023; altering the scope of practice for a licensed physician assistant; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 809  Senator Hayes
HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EASY APPLICATION AND AUTOMATIC RENEWAL

Requiring the Comptroller to include on the Maryland resident individual income tax return form a certain notification concerning the homeowners’ property tax credit and a certain separate form that a taxpayer may use to apply for the homeowners’ property tax credit; and requiring that certain qualifying homeowners receive the homeowners’ property tax credit for subsequent taxable years without being required to file an application for the credit.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
TG, § 2-116 and TP, § 9-104(v) - added and TP, § 9-104(l)(2) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 810  Senator Hester

CYBERSECURITY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY ACT OF 2022)

Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to take action to reduce the disaster risk and vulnerability of critical infrastructure; establishing the Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Grant Program in the Department to leverage certain funds to make cybersecurity improvements to critical infrastructure; altering the duties and staffing requirements of the Public Service Commission to include cybersecurity; authorizing the Office of People’s Counsel to retain or hire an expert in cybersecurity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

PS, §§ 14-101, 14-102(a), and 14-103 - amended and § 14-118 - added and PU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 811  Senator Hester

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY–RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (MODERNIZE MARYLAND ACT OF 2022)

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds and, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, finance projects related to information technology and cybersecurity–related State government infrastructure; establishing an Information Technology and Cybersecurity Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing a Statewide Reporting Framework and Oversight Commission in the Department; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EC, § 10-628(a) and SF, Various Sections - amended and EC, §§10-628(d), 10-650.1, and 10-657.5 and SF, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 812  Senator Hester  
STATE GOVERNMENT – CYBERSECURITY – COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE

Establishing the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; centralizing authority and control of the procurement of all information technology for the Executive Branch of State government in DoIT; exempting meetings of the Council from the Open Meetings Act; requiring each unit of the Executive Branch of State government and certain local entities to report certain cybersecurity incidents; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, HG, HU, IN, NR, and SF, Various Sections - amended, PS, § 14-104.1 and SF, Various Sections - added, and SF, § 3.5-306 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 813  Senators Hester and Edwards  
INCOME TAX – CALCULATION OF TAXABLE INCOME – INVESTMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain capital gains invested in or realized from a certain sustainable materials management project under certain circumstances; and requiring certain taxpayers to add certain capital gains previously excluded from income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income or Maryland modified income under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, §§ 10-205(n), 10-207(mm), and 10-208(bb) - added and §§ 10-306(b), 10-307(g), and 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 814    Senator Hester
PUBLIC SAFETY – RESILIENT MARYLAND REVOLVING LOAN FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund to provide for loans to be made to the Department of Housing and Community Development and local governments; authorizing the Fund to include money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; requiring a portion of the Fund to be reserved for the hazard mitigation of buildings; and authorizing loan forgiveness under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, § 14-110.4 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 815    Senator Lee
CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – DAMAGES

Establishing that a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet may be liable to the owner of the pet for noneconomic damages; and establishing an exception to the cap on compensatory and noneconomic damages for a tortfeasor who acted with gross negligence, intent, or malice or in violation of the Maryland Declaration of Rights.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 11-110 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 816    Senator Lee
REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION – PET PROTECTIONS

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to develop and publish a fact sheet on the care and protection of pets in the event of an eviction or other loss of possession of real property to be included with a certain notice or summons; requiring a sheriff, constable, or other official to return a pet to a tenant or certain other person or to contact an animal shelter or rescue organization and provide certain notice; prohibiting leaving of a pet on public property; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
RP, §§ 14-701 through 14-706 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 817  Senator Jackson

EMPLOYMENT OF PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS – STATE AGENCIES AND YOUTH CAMPS

Prohibiting a certain State agency from declining to hire an applicant solely on the basis that the applicant has been convicted of a crime under certain circumstances; requiring the operator of a certain youth camp to request a certain determination from the Maryland Department of Health before making a certain offer of employment to a job applicant; requiring the Department to issue a certain determination to a youth camp at a certain time; and providing that a certain determination is binding under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 1-209 and HG, § 14-407 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 818  Senator Ellis

ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SCREENING

Requiring a person applying for a certain permit from the Department of the Environment to include in the application the EJ Score from the Maryland EJScreen mapping tool for the address where the applicant is seeking the permit; requiring the Department, on receiving a certain permit application, to conduct an environmental justice analysis of the address where the applicant is seeking a permit using the Maryland EJScreen mapping tool; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
EN, §§ 1-101 and 1-602 - amended and § 1-205 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 819  Senator Hettleman

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – APPOINTMENT

Requiring the Governor to appoint the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services with the advice and consent of the Senate.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-3501 and 9-3502 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 820  Senator Lam (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – INVESTIGATIONS – TIMELINESS
Requiring a local department of social services that fails to conduct a child
abuse or neglect investigation or complete a certain report within certain
statutory time frames to report the delay and the reason for the delay in a certain
manner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, § 5-706 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 821  Senator Lam
MEDICAL EXCELLENCE ZONE COMPACT
Entering into the Medical Excellence Zone Compact for the purpose of
authorizing licensed physicians to practice medicine through telehealth in other
compact states; establishing the Medical Excellence Zone Commission; and
providing for the withdrawal from the Compact.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HO, § 14-3B-01 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 822  Senator Carozza
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP
– 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS
Authorizing certain 9–1–1 specialists to become members of the Law
Enforcement Officers’ Pension System as employees of a participating
governmental unit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 823  Senator Kramer

PHARMACY SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CONTRACTS

Requiring pharmacy benefits managers or group purchasing organizations, rather than pharmacy services administrative organizations, to submit contracts between pharmacy services administrative organizations and pharmacy benefits managers or group purchasing organizations to the Maryland Insurance Administration; repealing the prohibition on pharmacy services administrative organizations entering into agreements or contracts with pharmacy benefits managers under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Finance

SB 824  Senator Kramer

HEALTH – ACCESSIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to coordinate the accessibility of electronic advance care planning documents in the State; requiring health care facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, managed care organizations, and carriers to take certain actions relating to electronic advance care planning documents; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to submit a report regarding the implementation of certain provisions of law relating to advance directives; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and HG, §§ 15-103(b)(9)(xvii) and (xviii), 19-145, and 19-1401.4 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 825  Senator Kramer

CONSUMER CREDIT – COMMERCIAL FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of special offers; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) and (xxxv) - amended and § 13-301(14)(xxxvi) - added and FI, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 826  Senator Klausmeier, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WATERMEN’S MICROLOAN PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program in the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans to qualified commercial fishermen to continue commercial operations in the State; providing, beginning July 1, 2025, that generational watermen, beginner watermen, and seafood processing businesses are eligible to receive loans under the Program; requiring a loan made under the Program to be at least $7,000 and not more than $15,000.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EC, § 10-526 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 827  Senator Klausmeier

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COMPUTATION OF EARNED RATE OF CONTRIBUTION – APPLICABLE TABLE OF RATES

Requiring that the earned rate of contributions for calendar year 2023 be calculated using Table B of the Table of Rates if the Unemployment Insurance Fund balance on September 30, 2022, allows for the earned rate of contributions to be calculated using either Table A or Table B of the Table of Rates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

LE, § 8-612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance
SB 828  Senator Klausmeier

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY, WORK EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND REPORTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the manner in which certain work activities may be reported for a certain work participation rate in the Family Investment Program; altering the manner in which the Department of Human Services may require a certain individual to verify the hours worked in work activities; establishing a limit on the hours the Department may require a certain individual to participate in work activities; and establishing that a certain individual may participate in certain work experience or community service work activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HU, §§ 5-301, 5-308, and 5-322 - amended and §§ 5-308.1 and 5-308.2 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 829  Senator Klausmeier

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – CONTRACT AND PROGRAM REVIEW

Requiring certain contractors with the Family Investment Program to provide services in a manner that complies with federal law; requiring certain Family Investment Program contracts with nongovernmental entities to be performance–based and with certain incentives; requiring the Department of Human Services annually to review certain contracts; and requiring the Department to hire a consultant to conduct a certain review of the Family Investment Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HU, § 5-306 - amended and § 5-323 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 830  Senator Elfreth, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTERS – SPAT, SHELLS, AND SUBSTRATE

Establishing various programs, goals, research requirements, planning requirements, and funding requirements related to oyster spat, oyster shells, and oyster substrate; requiring the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans and grants up to a certain amount to finance the eligible costs of certain eligible seafood processing projects; replacing the oyster shell recycling tax credit with an annual grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EC, § 10-519.1 - added, TG, § 10-724.1 - repealed, and NR, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

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

SB 831  Senators Zucker and King

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS – WORKGROUP AND BONUS

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals to determine what percentage of education support professionals in the State earn a living wage and to study increasing the wages of education support professionals to attract and retain skilled workers; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to provide a bonus to noncertificated public school employees in fiscal year 2024 under certain circumstances.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 832  Senator Feldman

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS – CASE MANAGER

Requiring each public institution of higher education to designate a case manager for students with chronic health conditions; and specifying the duties of the case manager.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 15-134 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 833  Senator Feldman

CANNABIS – LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION

Establishing that on or after July 1, 2023, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may use and possess cannabis; altering certain provisions relating to penalties, charging procedures, expungement, and sentencing for certain offenses involving cannabis; and establishing a system for the regulation and taxation of the market for the production and sale of cannabis in the State.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added, CR, CP, HG, SF, TG, & TR, Various Sections - added and amended, and CR, § 5-101(r) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 834  Senators Beidle and Kelley

HEALTH INSURANCE – TWO-SIDED INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPITATED PAYMENTS – AUTHORIZATION

Providing that value–based arrangements established under certain provisions of federal law are exempt from certain provisions of State law regulating health care practitioner referrals; providing that a health care practitioner or set of health care practitioners that accepts capitated payments in a certain manner but does not perform certain other acts is not considered to be performing acts of an insurance business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, § 1-302(d)(12) and IN, §§ 4-205(a), 15-113, and 15-1008(b) - amended and IN, §§ 15-2101 and 15-2102 - added

Assigned to: Finance
SB 835  Senator Beidle

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE AND COLLISION DAMAGE WAIVER

Requiring that the lessor of certain vehicles under a rental agreement or a loaner agreement containing a collision damage waiver provide the waiver in a specified form; requiring motor vehicle insurance policies that include collision or comprehensive coverage to include coverage for certain Class E vehicles, vehicles used as replacement vehicles, and vehicles rented under a peer-to-peer car sharing agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CL, § 14-2101 and IN, § 19-512 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 836  Senator Jennings

PROCUREMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CLOUD-BASED VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to issue a request for proposals for or make a certain determination on the implementation of a certain model and ongoing maintenance of cloud-based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit of State government as desktop support and management systems; requiring the Department to review certain contracts entered into by other states and consider participating in certain agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 837  Senator Jennings

VEHICLE LAWS – SURRENDER OF REGISTRATION CARD AND REGISTRATION PLATES – REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refund a prorated amount of a vehicle registration fee for each full month remaining in the registration period on surrender of the registration card and registration plates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, § 13-413 - amended and § 13-413.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 838  
**Senator Young**  
**TRANSPORTATION – ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – COUNTY FUNDING**  
Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to identify separately within the Department of Transportation’s annual budget at least $4,305,908 of funding in fiscal year 2024 and a certain amount of funding in all subsequent fiscal years to be used for county elderly and handicapped transportation service. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
TR, § 2-103.3(b) - amended  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 839  
**Senators Rosapepe and King**  
**MARYLAND VOLUNTARY COVID–19 VACCINE PASSPORT**  
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that the Maryland MyIR Mobile immunization record service meets certain design requirements for its voluntary use as a vaccine passport for displaying COVID–19 vaccination information on a mobile device; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022  
HG, § 18-9A-05 - added  
Assigned to: Finance

SB 840  
**Senator Rosapepe**  
**COVID–19 RESPONSE ACT OF 2022**  
Establishing and altering certain requirements related to COVID–19, including requirements related to planning by institutions of higher education, home health agencies, nursing homes, and assisted living programs, the provision of coverage by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland MyIR Mobile immunization record service, and reporting by the Maryland Department of Health; establishing that certain urgent care centers are not subject to the rate–setting jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL  
ED, HG, HO, and Chapters 29 and 31 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2021, Various Sections - amended and added  
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation
SB 841  Senator Ferguson

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION – DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY WITH VERY HIGH RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Establishing a goal for Morgan State University to achieve the status of doctoral university with very high research activity as identified by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education by sustaining annual research expenditures between $50,000,000 and $75,000,000 and emphasizing research on issues that disproportionately impact communities of color.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ED, §§ 11-105(b)(5)(iii), 14-101(b), and 14-104(n)(1) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 842  Senator Benson

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO MODIFY OR REDUCE SENTENCE (MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT)

Authorizing a person who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; providing that a certain petitioner is entitled to assistance of counsel and, if indigent, representation by the Office of the Public Defender; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 8-501 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 843  Senator Sydnor

PERINATAL CARE – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING AND SCREENING – CONSENT

Prohibiting health care providers from administering a drug or alcohol test or screen to pregnant and perinatal patients and newborn infants, except under certain circumstances; and requiring that a certain form provided by the Maryland Department of Health describe medical, legal, and collateral consequences of a positive drug or alcohol test or screen result.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 20-120 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 844  Senator Carter

MEDICAL CANNABIS – DISPENSARIES – OPERATION AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Requiring an applicant for a medical cannabis dispensary license to provide the number of locations the applicant intends to operate under the license and the physical addresses of the locations; providing that a medical cannabis dispensary license authorizes the licensee to operate at up to four locations under the license; and requiring a dispensary licensee that operates at more than one location to report certain information for each location and in aggregate.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 13-3307(b), (d), and (l) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 845  Senators Edwards and Corderman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – RURAL BUSINESS INNOVATION INITIATIVE FUND

Establishing the Rural Business Innovation Initiative Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide assistance to start-up and small technology-based businesses in the rural areas of the State; requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include $500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, § 10-487 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 846  Senators Edwards and Corderman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to establish a program in Western Maryland to support the innovation economy by incentivizing the Development of advanced industry infrastructure and resources that build on the existing strengths of the region’s economy; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority; and establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, §§ 10-4C-01 through 10-4C-10 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 847  Senator Edwards, et al

LIBRARIES – CAPITAL PROJECTS – STATE SHARE ADJUSTMENTS

Providing for a certain adjustment to the State share percentage for a county library capital project a county’s median household income is in the bottom quartile in the State, and the State share percentage for a county library capital project is 50%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 23-509 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 848  Senator Edwards

GARRETT COUNTY AND ALLEGANY COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL EDUCATION DAYS PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Virtual Education Days Pilot Program in Garrett County and Allegany County; authorizing the Garrett County Superintendent and the Allegany County Superintendent to order a virtual education day instead of closing a public school in the event of inclement weather; requiring a principal to notify students, parents, and school staff of a decision to have a virtual education day; requiring that accommodations be made for students and staff who do not have easy access to the Internet; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 849 Senator West

CHILD CUSTODY – LEGAL DECISION–MAKING AND PARENTING TIME

Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” in certain instances and substituting the terms “legal decision–making” and “parenting time” in certain instances; authorizing the court, in determining certain legal decision–making authority and parenting time in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision–making to both parents or make other modifications to a custody or visitation order under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, §§ 5-203(d) and 9-107 - repealed and Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 850 Senator West

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

Establishing the Restorative Justice Program within the Victim Services Unit of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; and establishing the position of Restorative Justice Legal Specialist, the Restorative Justice Program Revolving Fund, and the Maryland Restorative Justice Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, § 9-618 and CP, §§ 11-502 and 11-1201 through 11-1206 - added and CP, § 11-914(9) and SG, § 9-3209(b)(2) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 851 Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – USER NAME AND PASSWORD PRIVACY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY EXEMPTION

Exempting certain law enforcement agencies from the prohibition against employers requiring employees or applicants to disclose the means for accessing a personal account or service through an electronic communications device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LE, § 3-712 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 852  Senator Carter

EDUCATION – COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION

Requiring each county board of education to create a health educator position to oversee the implementation of age-appropriate health education instruction and to gather detailed data regarding the operation and effectiveness of health education instruction in public schools in the county.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 4-141 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 853  Senator Eckardt

MARYLAND REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER–ON–DEATH (TOD) ACT

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer–on–death deed for real property; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop an informational sheet regarding transfer–on–death deeds for use at courthouses and on the website for the Maryland courts; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer–on–death deed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, RP, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 854  Senator Eckardt

GRAYWATER SYSTEMS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the use of a certain graywater system to serve a public or private building that is located on a former dredge site or is located in a remote area with minimal public access and operates on a seasonal basis; and requiring the owner or operator of a building using a graywater system to safely dispose of graywater in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 9-1112.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 855  Senator Eckardt

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS – DEPOSITS BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Authorizing a person to receive a deposit for more than one-third of a home improvement contract price before or at the time of the execution of the home improvement contract if the full amount of the deposit is being financed by a financial institution supervised under the Financial Institutions Article.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
BR, § 8-617 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 856  Senator Eckardt

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HEALTH SERVICES – SCHOOL NURSES

Requiring each county board of education to provide a full-time registered nurse at each public school.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-401 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 857  Senator Klausmeier

HOSPITAL FLU VACCINES

Requiring hospitals to immunize patients against the influenza virus and pneumococcal disease except under certain circumstances; and providing for the manner of obtaining consent for and conducting the immunizations for a hospital patient.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 18-404 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 858  Senator Guzzone

GAMING – ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MACHINES

Allowing an entity licensed to offer instant bingo under a commercial bingo license on July 1, 2007, to operate not more than 200 electronic machines if the entity operated fewer than 200 electronic machines on February 28, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CR, § 12-308 and Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012, § 3 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 859 Senator Watson
PUBLIC HEALTH – SICKLE CELL DISEASE REGISTRY – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish and maintain a registry of individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease for use as a single repository of accurate, complete records to aid in promoting the siting of certain health care providers in areas with statistically high populations of individuals with sickle cell disease; and requiring the Department to periodically publish information identifying areas with statistically high populations of individuals with sickle cell disease.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 18-508 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 860 Senator King
PROPERTY TAX – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – AGRI VOLTAICS

Exempting certain community solar energy generating systems from personal property taxes; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to assess certain land used by a community solar energy generating system in a certain manner; requiring the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a tax credit against the property tax imposed on real property on which a certain community solar energy generating system is installed; establishing a tax credit against the State property tax imposed on certain real property; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, §§ 7-237 and 8-209(e) - amended and § 9-112 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 861 Senator Beidle
MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland State Police Gun Center as a statewide firearms enforcement center for the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearm crimes committed in the State; and requiring the Center to create and maintain a statewide database to track certain information related to crimes committed with crime firearms.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, §§ 5-701 through 5-704 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 862  Senator McCray

BALTIMORE CITY – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ridership on transit vehicles to certain students of the Baltimore City Public School System; and prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from seeking certain fees or reimbursement.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TR, § 7-710 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 863  Senator McCray

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PERSONAL CARE AIDES – REIMBURSEMENT AND REQUIRED WAGE

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to increase the reimbursement rate for Program long–term services and supports by 15% on or before July 1, 2023; requiring a provider agency to pay to certain personal care aides a wage rate of at least $16 per hour on or before July 1, 2023; requiring a provider agency to submit certain cost reports to the Maryland Department of Health; authorizing the Department to take certain enforcement actions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 15-150 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 864  Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICERS – EMERGENCY TERMINATION

Authorizing the chief of a law enforcement agency, or the chief’s designee, to terminate the employment of a police officer under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police officer to appeal the police officer’s termination from employment under the Act in a certain court.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
PS, § 3-107(c) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 865  Senator Ready

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN AND LONG-TERM OXYGEN USE PATIENTS (CONTINUITY OF CARE ACT OF 2022)

Altering certain requirements related to the provision of information regarding opioid use disorder by the Maryland Department of Health, the prescribing of opioids, and the filling of prescriptions for monitored prescription drugs; establishing certain civil and criminal immunity; requiring a health care provider to make a good-faith effort to maintain the previous dosage of and regimen for a controlled dangerous substance and make certain referrals for a certain patient; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 8-407(a)(1) and 21-2A-04.2(e) and (f) and HO, § 1-223 - amended and HO, §§ 1-223.1 and 1-1101 through 1-1103 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 866  Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CONSENT DECREE – EXCEPTIONS TO STATE LAW

Providing that if certain provisions or requirements of State law are determined by a certain court to be inconsistent with a certain consent decree between the United States of America, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the Baltimore Police Department, those provisions or requirements of State law will have no force or effect under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
SG, § 6-106.2 - amended and PS, § 3-115 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 867 Senator Lee

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM – REQUIREMENTS (EQUAL LOVE FOR EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide Maryland Medical Assistance Program services for individuals under the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program in accordance with certain requirements; prohibiting a certain individual from receiving EID Program services; prohibiting the consideration of certain assets in determining an individual’s eligibility for certain programs; prohibiting the Department from limiting eligibility to receive services under the EID Program based on certain criteria; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, § 15-138 - repealed and added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 868 Senator Lee

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SELF–DIRECTED SERVICES (SELF–DIRECTION ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to establish and provide training materials to coordinators of community services on self–directed services; requiring coordinators of community services to educate a certain recipient on self–directed services at certain times; providing for the services and manner of delivering services that the Administration provides to a recipient who receives self–directed services; requiring that home– and community–based services waiver recipients receive support broker services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 7-101 - amended and §§ 7-408 through 7-410 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 869 Senator Washington, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES – ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish certain requirements and take certain actions with regard to the location of and use of a property as a small box discount store.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
LU, § 10-306 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 870  Senator Washington

BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH DATA HUB – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub for the purpose of promoting well-being of youth and improving access to and cost-efficiency of youth programs; providing that a Youth Data Hub is an integrated, electronic data management systems that links data about youth from any provider; establishing an executive committee and providing for a manager to operate the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub; authorizing certain entities to provide data to the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
LG, §§ 31-101 through 31-110 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 871  Senator Washington

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AUTHORIZATION AND PROMOTION ACT

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2023, each legislative body to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use subject to certain requirements; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LU, Various Sections - added and amended and RP, § 2-126 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 872  Senator Washington

PROCUREMENT – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, AND BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Altering the requirements for procurement policies of the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to authorize rather than require, to the maximum extent practicable, the purchasing of supplies and services in accordance with certain procurement preferences.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SF, § 11-203(e)(4) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 873  Senators Waldstreicher and Smith
PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS – PUBLIC NUISANCE
Prohibiting a certain firearm industry member from knowingly or recklessly engaging in conduct that is unlawful or unreasonable in the State and that endangers the safety or health of the public; requiring a firearm industry member to establish and use certain reasonable controls and procedures to prevent a certain product from being possessed, used, marketed, or sold unlawfully in the State; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
PS, §§ 5-701 through 5-704 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 874  Senator Waldstreicher, et al
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST FATALITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW (VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2022)
Requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal street and identify deficiencies in engineering, traffic control, and operations and appropriate corrective actions; and requiring the Administration to complete the review within 6 months and publish the review on its website.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TR, § 8-204.2 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 875  Senator Waldstreicher

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND NATIONAL ORIGIN

Stating the policy of the State to provide fair housing, regardless of certain citizenship or immigration status; prohibiting certain discrimination related to the sale or rental of a dwelling on the basis of citizenship or immigration status, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting a person from inquiring about a person’s citizenship, immigration status, or national origin in connection with the rental of a dwelling; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 20-701(c), 20-702, 20-705, 20-707, 20-901, 20-1020(e), and 20-1103 - amended and § 20-708.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 876  Senator Bailey

WATER POLLUTION – CIVIL PENALTY SURCHARGE – OYSTER REPLETION FUND

Establishing a surcharge on civil penalties imposed for certain violations that result in the discharge of pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries; establishing the Oyster Repletion Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to finance the repletion of natural oyster bars in waters impacted by water pollution violations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
EN, § 9-342 - amended and NR, § 4-209.1 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 877  Senator Waldstreicher

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – PETITION FOR COSTS FOR CARE OF SEIZED ANIMAL

Establishing procedures to authorize a certain officer or agent of a humane society or a police officer or certain other public official to recover reasonable costs of care from the owner or custodian of a certain seized animal.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 10-615 - amended and § 10-615.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 878  Senator Waldstreicher

MARYLAND TRUST ACT – TRUSTEE LIABILITY – RELEASE BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Altering a provision of law providing that a trustee seeking a release of the trustee from liability for administration of a trust send a certain interested party from whom the trustee is seeking the release a certain report; providing for the submission of a statement by an interested party to a trust under the Maryland Trust Act that the interested party does not object to the release from liability of a trustee for administration of the trust under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ET, § 14.5-907 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 879  Senator Waldstreicher

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS

Establishing a process by which a defective corporate act may be ratified by a corporation or its stockholders; requiring a corporation ratifying a defective corporate act that would have required a filing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to file articles of validation with the Department; authorizing an adversely affected person or entity to file an action contesting a ratification under the Act; and applying the Act to real estate investment trusts.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CA, §§ 1-101(f), 1-203(b)(1), 1-301, and 8-601.1 - amended and §§ 2-701 through 2-707 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 880  Senator Waldstreicher, et al

SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL (SAFE) ROADS ACT OF 2022

Requiring the Department of Transportation, under certain circumstances, to recommend and implement certain design elements for pedestrian and bicycle safety 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: Finance
SB 881  Senator Waldstreicher, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2022)

Prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made a false statement, report, or complaint to a governmental emergency report recipient with reckless disregard of causing bodily harm; and providing that a person who violates this Act is civilly liable to an individual harmed by the violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 882  Chair, Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – POLYGRAPH TESTING

+Authorizing, instead of requiring, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to require an individual to pass a polygraph examination before being appointed to serve as a correctional officer in a correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CS, § 3-215(f) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 883  Senator Watson

PUBLIC HEALTH – SICKLE CELL DISEASE – TESTING AT A COMMUNITY–BASED HEALTH FAIR

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to authorize qualified persons to offer and perform testing for detecting sickle cell disease at a community–based health fair; and authorizing the person to provide information on and resources for living with sickle cell disease while performing testing at a community–based health fair.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 18-508 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 884  Senators Watson and Smith

DRIVER’S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – EXCEPTION

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive if the obligor’s family income is not greater than 300% of the federal poverty level.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 885  Senators Griffith and Elfreth

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND EQUITY INVESTMENT FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Equity Investment Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; providing for the investment of certain General Fund surplus in certain private equity and venture capital in the State for a certain purpose through the Fund; altering, for fiscal year 2024, the distribution of certain unappropriated General Fund surplus; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EC, § 10-487 and SF, § 7-311(j)(1)(v) - added and SF, § 7-311(j)(1)(iii) and (iv) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 886  Senator Lee

VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – INCENTIVES

Requiring an affiliate of a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to offer certain incentives to all dealers of the same line make under certain circumstances; requiring a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or affiliate to offer certain incentives to all purchasers of vehicles of the same line make under certain circumstances; requiring that any system operated by a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or affiliate for allocating new vehicles to dealers be reasonable and fair; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 15-207(h)(1) - amended and § 15-208(f) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 887  Senator Lee
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – TITLE IX – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (HEAR OUR VOICES ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the State Board of Education, by March 31, 2023, to develop policies and procedures for reporting, administering, investigating, and resolving complaints related to incidents of sexual misconduct and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and authorizing a person to bring a civil action against a local system that fails to comply with certain policies and procedures and to recover damages, reasonable costs, and attorney’s fees.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-450 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 888  Senator Lee
EDUCATION – AMERICAN STUDIES AND SOCIAL EQUITY STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD – ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND MODEL POLICY

Establishing the American Studies and Social Equity Standards Advisory Board; requiring the Advisory Board to review and develop recommendations for academic standards for American studies and develop a model policy on ethnic and social equity in public schools; requiring each county board of education to adopt a policy on ethnic and social equity in schools and implement a curriculum for American studies before the 2025–2026 school year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-129 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 889  Senator Lee
FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY ACTIONS – CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF MINOR CHILDREN

Establishing a rebuttable presumption that certain minor children in certain actions involving child custody or child access have considered judgment; requiring a child advocate attorney to be appointed to represent a certain child under certain circumstances; and authorizing a certain child to take certain actions as though the child were a party under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
FL, § 1-202.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 890  Senator Kelley, et al

ABORTION CARE ACCESS ACT

Establishing the Abortion Clinical Care Training Program in the Maryland Department of Health; establishing and altering certain requirements regarding abortion services, including requirements related to who may perform abortions in the State and the provision and coverage of abortion care services; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to adopt regulations to provide a certain subsidy to cover the cost of insurance premiums for certain young adults; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, IN, and SF, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 891  Senator Carozza, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – MEDICAL PROCEDURES – PARENT OR GUARDIAN NOTICE

Altering the women on whom a physician is prohibited from performing an abortion without first providing notice to a parent or guardian of the woman; altering the circumstances under which a physician may perform certain medical procedures without first providing notice to a parent or guardian; and establishing a process for a certain individual to seek a judicial waiver of the requirement that a parent or guardian be notified of a medical procedure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 20-103 - amended and § 20-111 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 892  Senators Carozza and Eckardt

WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Wicomico County Board of Education to submit a certain expenditure report to the Wicomico County Council on or before November 1 and March 1 of each fiscal year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 5-106 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 893  Senator Smith
PUBLIC SAFETY – SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND AND TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Safer Communities Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grant assistance to local governments to promote robust and holistic investments in noncarceral safety; and establishing the Safer Communities Task Force to promote noncarceral strategies for safety.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
PS, §§ 4-1601 through 4-1604 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 894  Senator Smith
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES – RELEASE OF INFORMATION – CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Requiring the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to provide information on a judge’s criminal activity to applicable law enforcement and prosecuting officials, including a grand jury if the information is requested by subpoena.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 13-404 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 895  Senator Smith
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – CAMPAIGN FINANCING RIGHT TO KNOW

Establishing that every individual has a right to know in an open, timely, and transparent manner about how, when, and by whom money is spent and from whom money is raised to influence the vote of the individual for candidates for office and ballot questions; and establishing that a publicly financed election is a right of the people.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT
Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 896  Senator Smith
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS – REVISIONS

Renaming the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to be the Independent Investigations Division; altering the jurisdiction of the Independent Investigations Division to investigate certain incidents; establishing certain requirements for law enforcement agencies in relation to an investigation under the Act; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief to enforce provisions of the Act; and establishing procedures for the prosecution of a police officer.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, § 3-527 and SG, § 6-106.2 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 897  Senator Smith
COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – COURT FINES – PAYMENT

Requiring the court to investigate a certain defendant’s ability to pay court fines; altering an authorization for a court to order an individual committed to a correctional facility for nonpayment of court fees; and authorizing the court to authorize the clerk of the court to approve a certain payment plan under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, §§ 7-504 and 7-504.1 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 898  Senator Kagan
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR RESILIENCE LOAN PROGRAM AND GUARANTEE FUND

Requiring a financial institution to establish a process to classify a loan issued to a participant in the Domestic Violence Survivor Resilience Loan Program as a domestic violence survivor resilience loan; establishing the Domestic Violence Survivor Resilience Loan Program within the Office of the Secretary of State to establish eligibility for a domestic violence survivor resilience loan and provide loan guarantees; establishing the Domestic Violence Survivor Resilience Loan Guarantee Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Finance
SB 899  Senator Kagan

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – AUTHORITY OVER STAFFING AND INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS

Establishing that the Secretary of Health has authority over the infrastructure operations of health occupations boards and commissions; altering the method of selecting officers of certain health occupations boards; specifying the term of the president or chair of certain health occupations boards; establishing procedures for the filling of certain vacancies on certain health occupations boards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HO, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 900  Cecil County Senators

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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 901  Senator Hershey

PROPERTY TAX – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND VETERANS TAX CREDIT – AMOUNT AND DURATION

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to determine the amount and duration of a certain tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of certain elderly individuals and veterans.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-258 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 902  Senator Hershey

DAMS WITH HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS – ANNUAL COMPENSATION FEE

Requiring the owner of a dam associated with a certain hydroelectric power plant to pay an annual compensation fee to the Department of the Environment for the use of State land and waterways beginning January 1, 2023; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the average price of a Tier 2 renewable energy credit for certain renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-217 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 903  Senators Hershey and Edwards

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – QUALIFYING BIOMASS AND THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS

Altering the components of fuels that qualify a generating facility as a Tier 1 renewable source under the renewable energy portfolio standard by altering the definitions of “qualifying biomass” and “thermal biomass system”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PU, § 7-701(l) and (r) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 904  Senator Benson

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Formerly Incarcerated Youth Grant Program to be administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Office to award a grant of State matching funds to certain students who attend an institution of postsecondary education and receive a federal Pell Grant; and requiring the Division of Parole and Probation and the Department of Juvenile Services to provide information about the Program to individuals who may be eligible for a grant.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, §§ 18-3901 through 18-3904 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 905  Senator Benson
HUMAN SERVICES – SILVER ENERGY SAVERS PROGRAM AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to establish a Silver Energy Savers Program to provide bill assistance to eligible energy customers who are at least 60 years old; requiring the Office to approve a third-party supplier to provide assistance through the Program; requiring the Office to designate four centers in certain regions of the State to administer the Program; and establishing the Office of Home Energy Programs Energy Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to administer the Program.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HU, § 5-5A-09 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 4, 2022

SB 548  Senator Lam, et al
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
Reassigned to: Finance
SB 560  Senators Feldman and Rosapepe
MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – STUDENT HOUSING REQUIREMENTS – LEASES AND HEALTH OR SAFETY EMERGENCIES

Requiring residential leases between the Maryland Economic Development Corporation and certain students living in student housing owned by the Corporation to be presented in a certain manner and include a certain notice; requiring the Corporation to give certain notice and abide by certain protocols regarding University System of Maryland students living in student housing owned by the Corporation if the University closes the institution or center the student attends due to a health or safety emergency; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, §§ 10-131 and 10-132 - added
Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 633  Senators Kagan and Reilly
PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS

Making alterations to the 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System in the State; altering the classification and compensation of 9–1–1 specialists; authorizing 9–1–1 specialists to seek certain treatment confidentially; requiring the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to establish certain procedures governing vacancies on the Board; altering the powers and duties of the Board with respect to public safety answering point personnel and cybersecurity standards; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
PS, §§ 1-301, 1-302.1, 1-304.2, 1-305(e), 1-306(b)(15) & (e), 1-309.1, 1-310(f), & 1-311 - amended and § 1-305(d) - repealed and added
Reassigned to: Finance