PLEAS NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 21, 2022

SB 340 Senator Hershey
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County to exempt up to four licenses held on behalf of corporations or limited liability companies from certain ownership requirements; and prohibiting the Board from granting an exemption within the Kent Narrows Commercial Management and Waterfront Improvement District.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, § 27-1403 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
**SB 341**  
**Caroline County Senators**  
**CAROLINE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF – SALARIES**  
Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**  
CJ, § 2-319 and CP, § 15-406 - amended  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 342**  
**Senator Hershey**  
**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**  
Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**  
NR, § 10-410(a) - amended  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 343**  
**Senator Hershey**  
**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE**  
Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**  
GP, § 7-318 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 344**  
**Senators Hershey and Elfreth**  
**RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2022**  
Allowing individuals with less than $100,000 of federal adjusted gross income a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax if the individual is receiving old age or survivor Social Security benefits or is at least 65 years old and not employed full–time; providing that the subtraction modification may not include income that is included under another subtraction modification; etc.  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**  
TG, § 10-207(mm) - added and § 10-209 - amended  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 345  Senator Jennings

AGRICULTURE – RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES

Stating the findings of the General Assembly relating to equine activities; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to engage in equine activities subject to regulations and restrictions under laws enacted by the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
AG, § 2-702.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 346  Senator Jackson

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) from 30 to 32; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP from 5 to 7; and authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the DROP.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, § 24-401.1(c) and (d) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 347  Senator Beidle, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – PROCEDURES FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT

Authorizing a landlord in Anne Arundel County to repossess property in a certain manner for the failure of a tenant to pay rent under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession in Anne Arundel County; providing for the disposition of certain personal property; establishing that the Act does not restrict the authority of Anne Arundel County to enact certain legislation; and applying the Act prospectively.
EMERGENCY BILL
RP, § 8-401(f), (g), and (h) - amended and § 8-401(g) - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 348  Senator Elfreth, et al

CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT

Providing that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain cost sharing programs to participate in and receive compensation from greenhouse gas markets, carbon credits, or soil carbon programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay–for–success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AG, EN, NR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 349  Senator Hettleman, et al

BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED A HARDSHIP

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling that is owned by a homeowner whose combined gross income exceeds $60,000 if the homeowner demonstrates certain criteria, including that the homeowner or member of the homeowner’s immediate family suffered a hardship related to an illness or an accident or a property casualty event at the homeowners dwelling.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
TP, § 9-305(h) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 350  Senator Sydnor

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning July 1, 2023, to provide community violence prevention services; establishing requirements for prevention professionals seeking certification as a certified violence prevention professional and entities that employ or contract with certified violence prevention professionals; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to approve at least one accredited training and certification program for violence prevention professionals by January 1, 2023; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xviii) and 15-141.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 351  Senator Carozza

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS L LICENSE

Establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer’s license; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; providing the hours of sale are the same as those for the underlying manufacturer’s license; and establishing an annual license fee of $250.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
AB, § 33-907 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 352  Senator Lam

ELECTION LAW – BALLOTS – PROCESSING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

Altering the procedures for the canvassing of absentee and provisional ballots; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations requiring a local board to notify a voter of a problem with a ballot envelope and provide the voter and opportunity to correct the problem in order to have the ballot counted; and requiring the regulations to allow a voter to supply a certain signature and to choose among multiple methods of communicating with the local board to correct a problem on a ballot envelope.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 11-302 and 11-303(d) - amended and § 11-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 353  Senator Lam, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION INSULIN DRUGS – LIMITS ON COPAYMENT AND COINSURANCE (INSULIN COST REDUCTION ACT)

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug to not more than $30 for a 30–day supply.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

IN, § 15-822.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance
SB 354  Senators Elfreth and Pinsky

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

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide a certain intended use plan to the General Assembly within 5 days of the plan’s publication for public comment; altering the definition of “privately owned wastewater facility” as it relates to the awarding of grants from the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to report on or provide certain information regarding funding for privately owned wastewater facilities to the General Assembly and the Department of Budget and Management; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EN, §§ 9-1605(a)(1), 9-1605.2(i)(1) and (k) and 9-1605.4(q) - amended and § 9-1605(f) - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 355  Senator Lam

HIV PREVENTION DRUGS – PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING BY PHARMACISTS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide drugs that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for HIV prevention; prohibiting managed care organizations, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for certain drugs for HIV prevention; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
HO, § 12-101(x)(1)(xi) and (xii) and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii) - amended and HO, HG, and IN, Various Sections - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 356  Senators West and Ready

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – ENTITLEMENT

Providing that a person is not entitled to expungement of certain records if the court ordered the person to register as a certain sex offender in connection with the disposition of a certain charge or the person has not satisfied an obligation to pay court costs, fines, or restitution imposed by the court in connection with the disposition of a certain charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 10-105(e) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 357  Senator Benson, et al

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – VULNERABLE ADULTS REGISTRY – INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND WORKGROUP STUDY

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 358  Senator Pinsky, et al

PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Altering the candidates authorized to receive public contributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to include candidates for State Senator and member of the House of Delegates.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023
EL, §§ 13-235, 15-102(d) and (i), 15-103, 15-104, 15-106 through 15-109, 15-111, and 15-113(b) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 359  Senators Pinsky and Beidle

STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SF, § 7-240 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 360  Senator Pinsky, et al

CORPORATE TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022

Requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be included in the numerator of the sales factor used for apportioning a corporation’s income to the State under certain circumstances; requiring certain corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain combined reporting method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using a certain method; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
ED, § 5-206(f) and TG, §§ 2-613.1, 2-614, 10-402(d), and 10-811 - amended and TG, § 10-402.1 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 361  Senator Pinsky, et al

INCOME TAX – CARRIED INTEREST – ADDITIONAL TAX

Imposing a tax of 17% on the Maryland taxable income attributable to certain investment management services of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; and terminating the Act if certain federal legislation is enacted into law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-102.1(a), (b), and (d) - amended and § 10-102.2 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 362  Senator Pinsky, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – VIRTUAL SCHOOLS – REVISIONS

Altering the requirements for virtual schools established by the State Department of Education or a county board of education by requiring a teacher education program to include training in the skills and techniques for teaching effectively in a virtual learning environment; authorizing a county board to establish one virtual school but may not include classes for prekindergarten or kindergarten students; prohibiting more than 10% of the students from a single public school to enroll in a virtual school in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, §§ 6-121(a) and 7-1401 through 7-1408 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 363  Senator Simonaire
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – HEALTH EDUCATION – GAMBLING
DANGERS AND ADDICTION

Requiring the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2023, to
develop a program of education on the dangers of gambling and gambling
addiction to be provided in public high schools; requiring the program to be
coordinated with other State agencies responsible for gambling addiction
education; authorizing a county board of education, beginning in the 2023–
2024 school year, to require each public high school in the county to include
instruction on the dangers of gambling one time for students in grades 9 through
12; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-450 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 364  Senator Simonaire
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – PARENT’S
RIGHT TO CHALLENGE CURRICULUM ACT

Authorizing a parent or guardian to sponsor, sign, and circulate a petition to
challenge the use of certain curriculum in a course taught in a public school in
Anne Arundel County; and establishing requirements for the contents of a
petition, public hearings, a vote on the subject of a certain petition, and public
notice of certain processes and hearings.
EMERGENCY BILL
ED, § 4-141 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 365  Senator Simonaire
STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION –
MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission by adding a
representative of the Reserve Organization of America.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, § 9-917(a) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 366  Senator Simonaire

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND – USE OF FUNDS (CHESAPEAKE BAY LOCKBOX PROTECTION ACT OF 2022)

Establishing a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to provide financial resources for certain nonpoint source pollution control projects in the State; and prohibiting the transfer of funds in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State except under certain circumstances.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53A - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 367  Senator Pinsky, et al

PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member of the Patuxent River Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SF, § 5-814 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 368  Senator Waldstreicher

MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LG, §§ 4-304(b) and 4-305(f) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 369  Senator King

INCOME TAX – RETURN PREPARATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW–INCOME FAMILIES

Establishing the Income Tax Return Preparation Assistance Program for Low–Income Families; requiring the Comptroller, for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, to prepare, as a part of the Program, certain income tax returns and amended income tax returns for certain eligible taxpayers who may be eligible for but failed to claim the State earned income tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain notice to eligible taxpayers concerning the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
TG, § 2-116 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 370  Senator King

EDUCATION – EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop regulations for the certification of educational interpreters on or before July 1, 2023; providing that individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or a contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified and capable of performing because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 6-704(a) - amended and § 6-704.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 371  Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Repealing provisions relating to obtaining a criminal history records check in Carroll County; and authorizing the Department of Human Resources in Carroll County to request, along with a submission of two complete sets of an employee’s or volunteers fingerprints and certain fees, from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CP, § 10-232 - repealed and added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 372  Senator Kagan

ENVIRONMENT – COAL TAR SEALANT PRODUCTS – PROHIBITIONS (SAFER SEALANT ACT OF 2022)

Prohibiting, on or after October 1, 2023, a person from supplying, selling, or offering for sale a high-PAH coal tar sealant product for application to a driveway or parking area in the State; prohibiting, on or after October 1, 2023, a person from supplying, selling, offering for sale, or manufacturing a coal tar sealant product for application to a driveway or parking area in the State unless the product is labeled in accordance with standards adopted by the Department of the Environment; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
EN, § 9-320(b)(3) and (4) and (c)(6) - amended and §§ 9-320(b)(5) and 9-2401 through 9-2405 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 373  Senator Kagan

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – SOCIOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Prohibiting a definition of “sociological information” adopted in rules or regulations by an official custodian for certain purposes from including a certain notice or a list of the recipients of a certain notice; requiring a custodian to deny inspection under the Public Information Act of only a certain part of a certain distribution list, rather than the full distribution list; requiring a custodian to allow the inspection of a certain notice or a list of recipients of a certain notice under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
GP, §§ 4-330 and 4-341 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs


WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS

Providing that a 9–1–1 specialist who is diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with post–traumatic stress disorder is presumed to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable under the workers’ compensation law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LE, § 9-503 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 375  Senator Lee

CRIMES – INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – EXCEPTION FOR IMMINENT DANGER

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication when the person reasonably believes that the person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, or a violation of a protective order.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 376  Senator Lee
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING INVESTMENT ACT

Authorizing a certain county or municipality to convert its street lighting service to a customer–owned street lighting tariff, acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and request that an electric company remove certain street lighting equipment in the county’s or municipality’s jurisdiction; authorizing certain street lighting disputes to be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
LG, § 1-1309 - amended and PU, § 4-212 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 377  Senator Lee
MARRIAGE RECORDS – NAME CHANGE

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

SB 378  Senator Jackson
TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – FUNDING FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Requiring the Governor to appropriate $900,000 to the Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring the funds appropriated under the Act to be used for the purpose of funding the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, § 13-611 and SF, §§ 7-114(b), 7-118(b)(2), and 7-317(f) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 21, 2022

SJ 4  The President (By Request)

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS

Establishing the compensation of the members of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, the circuit courts, and the District Court of Maryland.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation