



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2023 Budget Bill

HB200
Chapter 101

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2024)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

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2023 Chapters – Emergency Bills

HB 279 **Chapter 39**

Delegate Cullison

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

SB 202 **Chapter 40**

Senator Feldman

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SB 667 **Chapter 49**

The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

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- SB 877**
Chapter 50 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects; and generally repealing and reenacting without amendments certain Acts of the General Assembly that may be subject to possible title defects in order to validate those Acts.
- HB 30**
Chapter 66 **Delegate Stein**
ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – BOARD, FEES, AND PENALTIES
Altering the composition of the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals; clarifying and altering the distribution of certain fees and penalties; and clarifying the application of certain license requirements and penalties.
- SB 7**
Chapter 67 **Senator West**
ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – BOARD, FEES, AND PENALTIES
Altering the composition of the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals; clarifying and altering the distribution of certain fees and penalties; and clarifying the application of certain license requirements and penalties.
- SB 551**
Chapter 99 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION AND MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAYS – ESTABLISHED (SERVING EVERY REGION THROUGH VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION ACT OF 2023)
Establishing the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; providing that the purpose of the Department is to promote service and volunteerism in the State; establishing the Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation and the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary; altering the provisions of the Maryland Corps Program, including requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway Fund; providing for the purposes, use, administration, and contents of the Fund; etc.

- HB 386**
Chapter 104 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH
FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT
Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.
- SB 80**
Chapter 105 **Senator Bailey**
NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH
FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT
Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.
- SB 974**
Chapter 106 **Senator Bailey, et al**
STATE-OWNED NURSING HOMES – DEFICIENCIES, CITATIONS,
AND FINES – CONTRACTOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Requiring contractors operating State-owned nursing homes to promptly provide notice of certain deficiencies, enforcement actions, citations, and fines to the Governor, the State agency overseeing the nursing home, certain committees of the General Assembly, and members of the General Assembly who represent the district in which the nursing home is located; etc.
- HB 716**
Chapter 108 **Delegate Guzzone, et al**
MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – RETROACTIVE DENIAL
OF REIMBURSEMENT – INFORMATION IN WRITTEN
STATEMENT
Altering the information that must be included in a written statement provided by a managed care organization to a health care provider when retroactively denying reimbursement as a result of coordination of benefits.

SB 474
Chapter 109**Senator Klausmeier****MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – RETROACTIVE DENIAL OF REIMBURSEMENT – INFORMATION IN WRITTEN STATEMENT**

Altering the information that must be included in a written statement provided by a managed care organization to a health care provider when retroactively denying reimbursement as a result of coordination of benefits.

SB 959
Chapter 113**Senator Benson, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – REFORM**

Abolishing and repealing the Maryland 529 Board; specifying that the State Treasurer is the successor to the Maryland 529 Board; transferring to the Office of the State Treasurer the responsibility for administering the Maryland 529 Program, including the Maryland Prepaid College Trust, the Maryland College Investment Plan, the Maryland Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan, and the Maryland ABLE Program; authorizing and requiring the State Treasurer to take certain actions in administering the Maryland 529 Program; etc.

Except Section 1**HB 770**
Chapter 119**Delegate Atterbeary (By Request – Accountability and Implementation Board)****BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – VARIOUS POLICIES AND PREKINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT AND FUNDING – ALTERATIONS**

Delaying the school year by which a public school is required to collect a certain alternative income eligibility form until after the State Department of Education has adopted the form; altering the duties of an assistant principal on the career ladder; delaying the date on which county boards of education must select certain experts to write curriculum; altering the definition of a “Tier I child” who may be enrolled in a full–day prekindergarten program beginning in a certain school year to include children who are homeless; etc.

HB 123**Chapter 121****Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES**

Authorizing certain plug-in electric drive vehicles for which a permit has been issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicles; requiring the Administration to charge a fee, not to exceed \$20, for issuing the permit; and requiring, on or before January 1 each year, a report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effect of the use of the plug-in electric drive vehicle permits on the operation of HOV lanes.

HB 848**Chapter 122****Delegate Rose****DRINKING WATER – INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department of the Environment for the purpose of authorizing the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities; providing for the issuance of potable reuse permits under the Pilot Program; applying certain public participation requirements to potable reuse permits; requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the Pilot Program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024; etc.

SB 407**Chapter 123****Senators Ready and Hester****DRINKING WATER – INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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SB 440**Chapter 132****Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS –
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES**

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022; and requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances.

HB 655**Chapter 133****Delegate Clippinger****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS –
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES**

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022; and requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances.

SB 331**Chapter 136****Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP AND PROCUREMENT**

Altering the membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State procurement law; and altering the report on the Authority's comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy the Authority is required to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly to be due by December 15, 2023, to include any procurement activities undertaken by the Authority, and to be also submitted to the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

SB 104
Chapter 168**Senator Augustine, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP 2030
COMMISSION AND REPRESENTATION ON THE
APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

Requiring that the Apprenticeship and Training Council and consultants to the Council include representation by individuals who are Asian, Black, and Latino; establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeships to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

SB 2
Chapter 171**Senator Hester****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
TRANSFER CARDS – THEFT OF BENEFITS (PREVENT
ELECTRONIC BENEFITS THEFT ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to theft; authorizing certain households to request a certain hearing within 90 days after a certain determination; requiring the State to give preference to certain vendors in the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration; authorizing the Department to restore benefits to any household that lost benefits due to theft occurring during a certain time period under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 502
Chapter 172**Delegates R. Lewis and Watson****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
TRANSFER CARDS – THEFT OF BENEFITS (PREVENT
ELECTRONIC BENEFITS THEFT ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to restore to a beneficiary any benefits lost due to theft; authorizing certain households to request a hearing within 90 days after a certain determination; requiring the State to give preference to certain vendors in the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration; authorizing the Department to restore certain benefits; requiring the Department to take certain actions to reduce the vulnerability of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to theft; etc.

SB 880**Chapter 178****Senators Sydnor and Carter****BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

HB 843**Chapter 179****Delegate Smith, et al****BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

HB 149**Chapter 187****Delegate Hornberger****MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the entity that must administer or approve an apprenticeship program for electricians; substituting the term “uninsured” for the term “inactive” in certain provisions of law relating to liability insurance requirements for certain electricians; prohibiting a certain electrician from contracting to provide electrical services unless the electrical work is covered by certain liability insurance; specifying who is authorized and required to purchase certain insurance; etc.

HB 382
Chapter 217**Delegate Kipke, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG CLAIMS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Prescription Drug Affordability Board jointly to study certain information regarding the payment of prescription drug claims under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program during calendar years 2021 and 2022 and how to address certain inconsistencies; and requiring the Department and the Board to report the findings of the study to the Maryland Medicaid Administration and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.

HB 693
Chapter 218**Delegate Kipke, et al****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – BOARD MEMBERSHIP, DELEGATED PHARMACY ACTS, AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy to include a registered pharmacy technician; authorizing a licensed pharmacist, under certain circumstances, to delegate the entry of certain data into databases or patient charts to be performed at a remote location to a registered pharmacy technician and a registered pharmacy intern; prohibiting registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees from making decisions requiring the professional judgment of a pharmacist; etc.

HB 1146
Chapter 219**Delegate Kipke, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – DENTAL SERVICES – SURVEY AND REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, to conduct a survey of hospitals to identify the availability of hospital operating resources for dentist use; requiring the Department and the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, to develop regional plans to ensure the availability of appropriate operating space for the performance of dental procedures for Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; etc.

HB 611
Chapter 222**Delegate Kelly, et al****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION, LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS, AND BOARD OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP**

Continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the exceptions to the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse licensure requirements; providing that, for a certain period of time, the Secretary of Health, rather than the Board, has authority over the infrastructure operations of the Board; etc.

SB 960
Chapter 223**Senator Kelly****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION, LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS, AND BOARD OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP**

Continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the exceptions to the registered nursing and licensed practical nurse licensure requirements; providing that, for a certain period of time, the Secretary of Health, rather than the Board, has authority over the infrastructure operations of the Board; etc.

HB 1272
Chapter 224**Delegates Bagnall and Rosenberg****MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ENFORCEMENT – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date by 2 years for certain provisions of law relating to Maryland Insurance Commissioner enforcement duties regarding administrative services organizations that administer a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services.

HB 1274 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 227 **Health)**

EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATION – COVID-19
EXEMPTION

Exempting a certain retiree of the Employees’ Retirement and Pension Systems from a certain earnings limitation when the retiree is reemployed by a certain previous employer for a certain time period to assist with the administration of federally funded grants or projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to January 1, 2020.

SB 871 **Senator M. Washington**
Chapter 228

SOCIAL WORKERS – SUNSET EXTENSION, NOTIFICATION OF
COMPLETE APPLICATION, AND WORKGROUP ON SOCIAL
WORKER REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; establishing the Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure to make certain findings and recommendations regarding examination and licensure of social workers in the State; requiring the Workgroup to submit its final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024; etc.

HB 249 **Delegates Addison and Young**
Chapter 229

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – RETROACTIVE
EXEMPTION

Authorizing a person who applies for certain property tax exemptions for real property in Baltimore City to request that the exemption be applied retroactively for up to 3 taxable years, subject to certain requirements; requiring Baltimore City and the State to pay a refund of excess real property taxes paid due to a retroactive exemption that is granted; and requiring the Baltimore City Department of Finance to submit a report on the number of requests made and the amounts refunded by December 1 each year from 2023 to 2027.

SB 41
Chapter 230**Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION**

Authorizing a person who applies for certain property tax exemptions for real property in Baltimore City to request that the exemption be applied retroactively for up to 3 taxable years, subject to certain requirements; requiring Baltimore City and the State to pay a refund of excess real property taxes paid due to a retroactive exemption that is granted; and requiring the Baltimore City Department of Finance to submit a report on the number of requests made and the amounts refunded by December 1 each year from 2023 to 2027.

HB 872
Chapter 241**Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SERVICE NEAR REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CONTRACTS MC/PG 111–23**

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into contracts with the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a water supply, sewer, or drainage system for certain property located within a certain distance of a certain mass transit rail station and a regional transit district or neighborhood center in Prince George’s County; and requiring that a contract entered into under the Act include and address certain items.

HB 556
Chapter 254**Delegates Wilson and Atterbeary****CANNABIS REFORM**

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing the Maryland Cannabis Administration as an independent unit of State government; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult–use cannabis; imposing a sales and use tax of 9% on the sale of cannabis; requiring the Administration, by July 1, 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult–use cannabis business; etc.

SB 516
Chapter 255

Senators Feldman and Hayes

CANNABIS REFORM

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing the Maryland Cannabis Administration as an independent unit of State government; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult-use cannabis at 9%; requiring the Administration, on or before July 1 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult-use cannabis business; etc.

SB 517
Chapter 602

Cecil County Senators and Senator Augustine

PORT OF DEPOSIT STATE HISTORICAL PARK – PLANNING

Altering composition of the stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the scope and management of Port of Deposit State Historical Park; requiring the Department to make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2024; extending the deadline for the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer certain property to the Department to June 1, 2025; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$400,000 for certain purposes; etc.