



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2023 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2023

SB 555
Chapter 2

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

FAIR WAGE ACT OF 2023

Increasing the State minimum wage rate; repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the minimum wage rate; and repealing the requirement that the Governor’s budgets for certain fiscal years include certain provider rate increases.

HB 504
Chapter 15

Delegate Kaiser, et al

MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council as an independent unit of State government with the authority to conduct and support advocacy, systems change, and capacity–building efforts to promote inclusive communities and equity in services for individuals with disabilities in the State, research best practices and provide related training and technical assistance to communities in the State, and inform State and local leaders about disability issues.

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- SB 168**
Chapter 16 **Senator Guzzone**
MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT
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- SB 174**
Chapter 17 **Senator Guzzone, et al**
SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNSET EXTENSION
- Extending, until June 30, 2036, the termination date applicable to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain target redevelopment area in Baltimore County.
- HB 237**
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SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNSET EXTENSION
- Extending, until July 1, 2036, the termination date applicable to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain target redevelopment area in Baltimore County.
- SB 242**
Chapter 20 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
INCOME TAX – WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT – TECHNICAL CORRECTION
- Correcting a certain incorrect cross–reference to the federal Internal Revenue Code relating to the federal work opportunity credit.

SB 243
Chapter 21**Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller), et al****INCOME TAX – CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for the State child and dependent care tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

SB 659
Chapter 22**The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****MODERNIZATION OF STATE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS – 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Information Technology, and the Department of General Services, in consultation with a representative of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission, to develop, implement, manage, and oversee the 21st Century Financial Systems Enterprise; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller to periodically report to the General Assembly on the status of the development of the Enterprise.

HB 709
Chapter 23**The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****MODERNIZATION OF STATE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS – 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE**

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HB 379
Chapter 28**Delegate Jackson****COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE**

Establishing the name of a certain office under the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor as the Office of Financial Regulation; designating a certain appointee of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as the Deputy Commissioner for Depository Activities; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Non-Depository Activities; etc.

SB 929
Chapter 29**Senator Griffith****COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE**

Establishing the name of a certain office under the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor as the Office of Financial Regulation; designating a certain appointee of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as the Deputy Commissioner for Depository Activities; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Non-Depository Activities; etc.

HB 497
Chapter 35**Delegate Jacobs, et al****RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT REPEAL AND MID SHORE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION FUNDING**

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation in the State budget for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter to fund the operations of the Mid Shore Health Improvement Coalition.

SB 498
Chapter 36**Senators Hershey and Mautz****RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT REPEAL AND MID SHORE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION FUNDING**

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation in the State budget in certain fiscal years to the Mid Shore Health Improvement Coalition.

SB 725
Chapter 38**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****INSURANCE – PRODUCT AND SERVICE OFFERINGS**

Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to offer and provide certain products or services in conjunction with a policy at no charge or at a discounted price under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from increasing a premium or denying a claim of a policyholder if the policyholder accepts, rejects, uses, or fails to use a certain product or service.

HB 53
Chapter 43**Delegate Forbes, et al****HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

Codifying the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council as an instrumentality of the State to submit, monitor, implement, and evaluate the State Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act in conjunction with Centers for Independent Living in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to be the legal advisor to the Council.

- SB 608**
Chapter 44 **Senator M. Washington**
HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Codifying the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council as an instrumentality of the State to submit, monitor, implement, and evaluate the State Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act in conjunction with Centers for Independent Living in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to be the legal advisor to the Council.
- SB 727**
Chapter 52 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION
Continuing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners 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.
- SB 731**
Chapter 54 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – SUNSET EXTENSION
Continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals 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.
- HB 238**
Chapter 56 **Delegate Taveras, et al**
MASSAGE THERAPY – DISCIPLINE
Authorizing the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; altering the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures; etc.

SB 215
Chapter 57**Senators Ellis and Augustine****MASSAGE THERAPY – DISCIPLINE**

Authorizing the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; altering the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures; etc.

HB 401
Chapter 60**Delegate Martinez, et al****MARYLAND AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID DISPENSING, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AND MUSIC THERAPY ACT – DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION**

Altering the definition of “hearing aid dispensary” to include certain actions taken for the purpose of ordering certain hearing instruments and specifying that certain hearing instruments include prescription hearing aids; altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists; and providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain actions taken with respect to certain over–the–counter hearing aids.

SB 449
Chapter 61**Senator Gile, et al****MARYLAND AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID DISPENSING, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AND MUSIC THERAPY ACT – DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION**

Altering the definition of “hearing aid dispensing” to include certain actions taken for the purpose of ordering certain hearing instruments and specifying that certain hearing instruments include prescription hearing aids; altering the definition of “practice audiology” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists to include prescribing, ordering, selling, dispensing, or fitting hearing aids to an individual for the correction or relief of a condition for which hearing aids are worn; etc.

SB 672
Chapter 62

Senator Klausmeier

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Authorizing certain students who are at least 18 years old and under the age of 21 years to taste certain alcoholic beverages while participating in certain educational classes at certain institutions of higher education without criminal penalty to the student, instructor, or institution of higher education under certain circumstances.

HB 987
Chapter 63

Delegates Valderrama and Crosby

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Authorizing certain students who are at least 18 years old and under the age of 21 years to taste certain alcoholic beverages while participating in a course or program in enology, fermenting, brewing, or hospitality and tourism offered by a qualified institution of higher education without criminal penalty to the student, instructor, or institution of higher education under certain circumstances.

HB 492
Chapter 64

Delegate Chisholm, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SCHOOL VEHICLES – DURATION
OF OPERATION

Altering the number of years that a school vehicle may be operated in Anne Arundel County from 12 years to 15 years.

HB 644
Chapter 82

Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a Class B–GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a golf simulator facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to submit an annual gross sales report to the Board before a license may be renewed; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

- HB 679**
Chapter 83 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
DISPLAY OF LICENSE
Requiring in Frederick County a license holder to frame and
conspicuously display an alcoholic beverages license on the licensed
premises.
- HB 939**
Chapter 84 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
SALES
Altering the hours during which a licensee may sell alcoholic beverages
on Sundays in Frederick County.
- HB 991**
Chapter 85 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BASKET OF
CHEER
Repealing the requirement in Frederick County that alcoholic beverages
in a basket of cheer be produced in Maryland.
- HB 997**
Chapter 86 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONSUMPTION PERMITS
Altering the quantity of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may
consume under certain consumption permits issued in Frederick County.
- HB 1062**
Chapter 87 **Harford County Delegation**
HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION
OF LICENSE QUOTA
Altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain
alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for
Harford County may issue from one for every 3,000 individuals to one for
every 4,000 individuals.

HB 146
Chapter 88**Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUBLIC HEARING HO. CO. 13–23

Exempting applications for changing certain resident agents from the requirement that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County hold a public hearing on the applications; and authorizing the Board to hold a public hearing on certain applications if the Board determines there is good cause for the hearing.

HB 277
Chapter 89**Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOLDERS OF CLASS B–BWL (CLUBHOUSE/LODGE) LICENSE AND CLASS 7 MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE MC 16–23

Providing that the restriction on holding or having a financial interest in other retail alcoholic beverages licenses for holders of a Class 7 micro–brewery license does not apply to a holder of a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license in Montgomery County who is issued a Class 7 micro–brewery license.

HB 436
Chapter 93**Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSING PG 305–23

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County, notwithstanding a certain prohibition on the transfer of a license with an off–sale privilege, to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to a premises located in a certain alcoholic beverages district under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue a Class B–DD beer, wine, and liquor license with an off–sale privilege to certain restaurants in certain areas; etc.

HB 946
Chapter 94**Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MAIN STREET LAUREL DEVELOPMENT PG 404–23

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to issue up to five Class B–DD (Development District) beer, wine, and liquor licenses for restaurants located within the Main Street Laurel development.

HB 550
Chapter 98**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS (CLEAN TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY ACT)

Altering the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Program by extending the duration of the Program through fiscal year 2026, repealing the rebates that may be issued to retail service station dealers, and increasing the limitation on the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue in each fiscal year; altering the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program by altering the definition of “grant”; etc.

HB 982
Chapter 100**The Speaker**

STATE EMPLOYEES – PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS AND PROBATION AGENTS AND STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS

Establishing the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers; altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program to include probation agents who work for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; establishing the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarship; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make awards from the Human Services Careers Scholarship Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024; etc.

HB 524 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 112 **Stadium Authority)**

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CAMDEN YARDS SPORTS
FACILITIES FUNDS AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND

Altering the membership of the Maryland Stadium Authority; establishing the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund and the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund to enable the Maryland Stadium Authority to take certain actions; requiring the Authority to administer the funds; altering the amount the Comptroller is required to distribute from the State Lottery Fund to certain funds; establishing the Bus Rapid Transit Fund to provide grants to eligible grantees; etc.

HB 984 **Delegate J. Lewis, et al**
Chapter 114

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT

Consolidating and altering certain laws governing collective bargaining for certain public employees, including laws related to the establishment of bargaining units, election and certification of exclusive representatives, employee and employer rights, unfair labor practices, and strikes and lockouts; establishing the Public Employee Relations Board to oversee collective bargaining activities for certain public employees; etc.

SB 239 **Senator Feldman**
Chapter 120

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE
BENEFITS PROGRAM – DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Establishing that the terms “spouse”, “family”, “immediate family”, “dependent”, and any other terms that denote a spousal relationship shall be construed to include a party to a domestic partnership for purposes of the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and establishing that the provisions of the Program that apply to spouses shall apply to parties who have entered into a domestic partnership.

- SB 695**
Chapter 126 **Senator Jennings, et al**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT
- Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive service credit at the rate of 4 months for each full year of attendance at a United States service academy that interrupts the member’s employment, not to exceed a total of 16 months.
- SB 445**
Chapter 134 **Senator Hayes**
APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
- Expanding the forms of financial assistance available under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program; altering eligibility requirements for projects that may receive financial assistance under the Program; altering the time period when applications may be submitted under the Program; repealing certain restrictions on the amount of financial assistance that may be provided under the Program; etc.
- HB 625**
Chapter 135 **Delegate Amprey**
APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
- Expanding the forms of financial assistance available under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program; altering eligibility requirements for projects that may receive financial assistance under the Program; altering the time period when applications may be submitted under the Program; repealing certain restrictions on the amount of financial assistance that may be provided under the Program; etc.
- HB 809**
Chapter 137 **Delegate Harris, et al**
STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS
- Altering to July 1, 2025, the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

- SB 334**
Chapter 138 **Senator Hayes**
STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS
Altering to July 1, 2025, the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.
- SB 722**
Chapter 142 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – REPEAL
Repealing the mandatory retirement age for the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the supervisor of assessments for a county.
- HB 498**
Chapter 147 **Delegate Korman**
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC COMMENT ACT
Requiring the Board of Public Works, for meetings held on or after October 1, 2024, to allow members of the public to submit certain public comments electronically except under certain circumstances; requiring public comments to be included in certain meeting materials and posted and retained online; and requiring an additional staff position at the Board to carry out requirements of the Act.
- SB 328**
Chapter 148 **Senator Hettleman**
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC COMMENT ACT
Requiring the Board of Public Works, for meetings held on or after October 1, 2024, to allow members of the public to submit public comments on agenda items electronically except under certain circumstances; requiring public comments to be included in certain meeting materials and posted and retained online; and requiring an additional staff person at the Board to carry out requirements of the Act.

- HB 58**
Chapter 149 **Delegate Korman, et al**
OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
(MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023)
Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for the State Ethics Commission; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to livestream the open meetings of the State Ethics Commission.
- SB 35**
Chapter 150 **Senator Kagan**
OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
(MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023)
Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for the State Ethics Commission; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide the technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to live stream the open meetings of the State Ethics Commission.
- HB 276**
Chapter 158 **Delegate D. Jones, et al**
EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – FUNDING
Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- SB 205**
Chapter 159 **Senator King, et al**
EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – FUNDING
Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

HB 192
Chapter 166**Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al****CURRENCY – CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROHIBITIONS –
DISCLOSURES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Prohibiting certain persons subject to campaign finance regulation from making or accepting monetary contributions or monetary donations using any currency other than United States currency; prohibiting a campaign finance entity or a person acting on behalf of a campaign finance entity from making a monetary expenditure using any currency other than United States currency; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections or the Administrator's designee to investigate certain potential violations of the Act; etc.

SB 269
Chapter 167**Senator Rosapepe, et al****CURRENCY – CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROHIBITIONS –
DISCLOSURES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Prohibiting certain persons subject to campaign finance regulation from making or accepting monetary contributions or monetary donations using any currency other than United States currency; prohibiting a campaign finance entity or a person acting on behalf of a campaign finance entity from making a monetary expenditure using any currency other than United States currency; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections or the Administrator's designee to investigate potential violations of the Act; etc.

HB 791
Chapter 188**Delegate Hornberger, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP – EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

Authorizing membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain emergency medical technicians under certain circumstances.

SB 368
Chapter 189**Senator Jackson, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP – EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

Authorizing membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain emergency medical technicians under certain circumstances.

SB 641
Chapter 190**Senator Jackson****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – CITY OF BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRANSFERS AND PURCHASES OF SERVICE**

Authorizing a transfer of service credit to, and a purchase of service credit in, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the City of Bowie Police Department hired on or after January 1, 2007, and not later than December 31, 2015, under certain circumstances.

SB 274
Chapter 191**Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EARNABLE COMPENSATION, NONVESTED FORMER MEMBERS, AND IMMEDIATE VESTING**

Specifying that the definition of “earnable compensation” does not include certain payments; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay a nonvested former member’s accumulated contributions to the nonvested former member’s designated beneficiary or estate if the nonvested former member dies before withdrawing the member’s contributions; providing a list of individuals who immediately vest on taking certain offices; etc.

HB 541
Chapter 192**Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EARNABLE COMPENSATION, NONVESTED FORMER MEMBERS, AND IMMEDIATE VESTING**

Specifying that the definition of “earnable compensation” does not include certain payments requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay a nonvested former member’s accumulated contributions to the nonvested former member’s designated beneficiary or estate if the nonvested former member dies before withdrawing the member’s contributions; and providing a list of individuals who immediately vest on taking certain offices.

- SB 466**
Chapter 195 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES
Altering the amortization periods to be used for certain unfunded liabilities or surpluses of the State Retirement and Pension System.
- HB 804**
Chapter 196 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES
Altering the amortization periods to be used for certain unfunded liabilities or surpluses of the State Retirement and Pension System.
- HB 527**
Chapter 197 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP – MODIFICATIONS
Making certain members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in the State Employees’ Retirement System or State Employees’ Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain individuals’ Employees’ Retirement System or Employees’ Pension System service to the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System on June 30, 2024.
- SB 369**
Chapter 198 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP – MODIFICATIONS
Making certain members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in the State Employees’ Retirement System or State Employees’ Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain individuals’ Employees’ Retirement System or Employees’ Pension System service to the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System on June 30, 2024.

HB 601
Chapter 199**Delegate Forbes**

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, AND JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT – SAME-SEX SPOUSES

Authorizing the correction of the designated beneficiary election for certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System, Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or Judges' Retirement System who retired on or before December 31, 2012, if the retiree named an individual of the same sex to be a designated beneficiary and the retiree married the designated beneficiary on or after January 1, 2013.

SB 454
Chapter 200**Senator Elfreth, et al**

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, AND JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT – SAME-SEX SPOUSES

Authorizing the correction of the designated beneficiary election for certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System, Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or Judges' Retirement System who retired on or before December 31, 2012, if the retiree named an individual of the same sex to be a designated beneficiary and the retiree married the designated beneficiary on or after January 1, 2013.

SB 424
Chapter 201**Senators Elfreth and Feldman**

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring producers of eligible materials to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to assess and establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; etc.

Except Section 2

HB 261
Chapter 202**Delegate Kerr, et al****ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)**

Requiring producers of any cement or concrete mixture used in the construction of an eligible project to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials by January 1, 2026; establishing an Environmental Product Declaration Assistance Fund to support the development of certain environmental product declarations; etc.

Except Section 2**SB 425**
Chapter 203**Senator Elfreth, et al****MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST – HISTORIC PRESERVATION LOAN FUND – QUALIFIED COOPERATING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRANSFERS**

Altering the uses of the Historic Preservation Loan Fund; and authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust to transfer funds from the Fund to a qualified cooperating nonprofit organization for certain purposes.

HB 674
Chapter 204**Delegate Watson****MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST – HISTORIC PRESERVATION LOAN FUND – QUALIFIED COOPERATING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRANSFERS**

Altering the uses of the Historic Preservation Loan Fund; and authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust to transfer funds from the Fund to a qualified cooperating nonprofit organization to pay for the acquisition, restoration, or rehabilitation of certain historic properties, to provide loans for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration, or refinancing of certain properties, and for necessary administrative and programmatic expenses.

SB 773
Chapter 206**Senator Lam****STATE PROCUREMENT – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with the Procurement Improvement Council, to publish a model policy on or before January 1, 2024, concerning the inclusion and use of liquidated damages provisions in procurement contracts; requiring a unit of State government to adopt a written policy that is substantially similar to the Board’s policy; requiring a unit that decides not to include a liquidated damages clause under certain circumstances to obtain the approval of the head of unit; etc.

HB 444
Chapter 208**Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – LOW-INCOME HOUSING PG 403–23**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with an owner of real property that is used for low-income housing that is financed through the county’s Right of First Refusal program or acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated for the purposes of operating the low-income housing.

HB 529
Chapter 220**Delegates Rosenberg and Attar****GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS AND PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP – BALTIMORE CITY**

Altering the distribution of certain funds from local impact grants to Baltimore City; and altering the appointment process for certain members of the Pimlico Community Development Authority.

SB 732
Chapter 225

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)
DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – STATE COORDINATOR FOR
AUTISM STRATEGY AND MARYLAND COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES – ALTERATIONS

Transferring the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Department of Disabilities; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs; and altering the membership of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities to add one individual with a traumatic brain injury.

HB 424
Chapter 233

Delegate Simpson, et al
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONVESTED
ACCOUNTS – REGULAR INTEREST

Requiring a certain rate of interest on certain member contributions in active members' nonvested accounts in the State Retirement and Pension System if the members have not withdrawn contributions from the nonvested accounts and are not eligible to receive a certain vested allowance; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; etc.

SB 481
Chapter 234

Senators Lewis Young and Benson
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONVESTED
ACCOUNTS – REGULAR INTEREST

Requiring a certain rate of interest on certain member contributions in active members' nonvested accounts in the State Retirement and Pension System if the members have not withdrawn contributions from the nonvested accounts and are not eligible to receive a certain vested allowance; and applying the Act retroactively.

SB 341
Chapter 250**Senator Feldman, et al****PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS –
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLANS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2024, certain public senior higher education institutions, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a reproductive health services plan; requiring the University of Baltimore, in lieu of developing and implementing a reproductive health services plan, to provide students with access to over-the-counter contraception in a certain manner; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide assistance to a public senior higher education institution in developing the plan.

HB 477
Chapter 251**Delegates Kelly and Smith****PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS –
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLANS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2024, certain public senior higher education institutions, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a reproductive health services plan to provide at the institution or to refer students to a comprehensive range of reproductive health services; requiring the University of Baltimore, in lieu of developing and implementing a reproductive health services plan, to provide students with access to over-the-counter contraception through certain on-campus means; etc.

SB 601
Chapter 256**Senator Feldman, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT
PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, to conduct a study on available federal and State subsidies and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

HB 814
Chapter 257**Delegate Kerr, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT
PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, to conduct a study on available federal and State subsidies and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

SB 3
Chapter 260**Senator Augustine, et al****9–8–8 TRUST FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund.

HB 271
Chapter 261**Delegates Kelly and Bagnall****9–8–8 TRUST FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund for the purpose of designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and for developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services in the State.

HB 977
Chapter 268**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Establishing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the Maryland Department of Health to advance forensic science and carry out other duties as provided by law; renaming the State Postmortem Examiners Commission to be the Postmortem Examiners Advisory Committee; requiring and authorizing the Department and the Office to perform certain duties and powers previously performed by the Commission; authorizing the Department to contract with a physician for employment with the Office on a per diem basis; etc.

HB 57
Chapter 272**Delegate Atterbeary****PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – REQUIREMENT TO SELL**

Repealing certain limitations on the authority of certain local governments to set the time by which a property with taxes in arrears must be sold by the tax collector.

HB 21
Chapter 274**Delegate Atterbeary****PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – NOTICES AND PAYOFF AMOUNT FOR REDEMPTION**

Requiring that the holder of a certificate of sale include the e-mail address of certain persons in certain notices required to be sent to certain persons with an interest in a property that is sold at a tax sale; authorizing certain persons with an interest in owner-occupied property sold at a tax sale to request the current payoff amount to redeem the property; providing that the payoff amount to redeem the property provided by the holder of the certificate to the owner of the property is valid for 30 days; etc.

SB 362
Chapter 275**Senator Guzzone, et al****CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS –
PLANNING GRANT FUNDS AND DEMONSTRATION
APPLICATION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at the Center for Mental Health Services for federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics for fiscal year 2025; and requiring the Department to apply to the Administration for inclusion in the state certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program for fiscal year 2026.

SB 561
Chapter 277**Senator Guzzone****GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CHESAPEAKE EXCEL CENTER IN
BALTIMORE CITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the name of a recipient from the Goodwill Excel Center to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

HB 870
Chapter 281**Delegate Guyton****DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION –
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education and the Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Maryland Department of Health to enter into a memorandum of understanding, the terms of which shall include a data sharing agreement for the medical and psychological records of mutual clients in order to expedite decisions regarding eligibility for services.

SB 283
Chapter 286**Senator Augustine****MENTAL HEALTH – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – FUND ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; providing that money expended from the Fund is supplemental to and not intended to supplant other funding; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in coordination with certain other agencies, to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment by October 1, 2024.

HB 418
Chapter 287**Delegate Bagnall, et al****MENTAL HEALTH – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – FUND ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in coordination with certain entities, to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment on or before October 1, 2024, and submit the assessment to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 15, 2024.

SB 509
Chapter 288**Senator Augustine, et al****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS AND LICENSURE**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain information regarding the acquisition of a nursing home to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the Secretary of Health to consider the information before taking action regarding licensure to operate a nursing home; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of the certificate of need program over acquisitions of nursing homes and issue a report on or before December 1, 2023.

Except Section 1

HB 702
Chapter 289**Delegate Kerr, et al****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS AND LICENSURE**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain information regarding the acquisition of a nursing home to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the Secretary of Health to consider the information before taking action regarding licensure to operate a nursing home; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of the certificate of need program over acquisitions of nursing homes and report by December 1, 2023.

Except Section 1**SB 198**
Chapter 292**Senator Augustine****ELEVATOR SAFETY – PRIVATELY OWNED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an elevator installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements; prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from disclosing to the public any information about a registered elevator unit installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling; and requiring the Commissioner to delete certain registration information on the completion of the final acceptance inspection on a certain unit.

HB 505
Chapter 293**Delegate Rogers, et al****ELEVATOR SAFETY – PRIVATELY OWNED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an elevator installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements; prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from disclosing to the public any information regarding a registered elevator unit installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling; and requiring the Commissioner to delete certain registration information on the completion of the final acceptance inspection on a certain unit.

SB 154
Chapter 297**Senators Beidle and Augustine****PUBLIC HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – AWARENESS AND STATEWIDE DATABASE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to encourage the use of mental health advance directives in the State; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission jointly to study how first responders and behavioral health crisis providers can access a certain advanced directive database when responding to a behavioral health crisis and to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on their findings on or before December 1, 2023.

SB 184
Chapter 298**Senator Beidle, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST-SHARING**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023, on the financial impact of eliminating cost-sharing for diagnostic image-guided biopsies for breast cancer.

Except Section 1

HB 376
Chapter 299**Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST–SHARING**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023 on the financial impact of eliminating cost–sharing for diagnostic image–guided biopsies for breast cancer.

Except Section 1**HB 1074**
Chapter 306**Delegate D. Barnes, et al****INCOME TAX – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TAX CREDIT**

Allowing an individual or a business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for the first \$500 of the purchase price of an automated external defibrillator purchased for use at a restaurant location in the State with annual gross income of at least \$400,000; prohibiting the credit from being claimed more than once by any individual or business entity for each restaurant location; and providing certain other limitations.

SB 624
Chapter 307**Senator Zucker, et al****INCOME TAX – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TAX CREDIT (JOE SHEYA ACT)**

Allowing an individual or a business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for the first \$500 of the purchase price of an automated external defibrillator purchased for use at a restaurant location in the State with annual gross income of at least \$400,000, subject to certain limitations; prohibiting the credit from being claimed more than once by an individual or business entity for each restaurant location; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, but before January 1, 2028; etc.

HB 333
Chapter 310**Delegate Charkoudian, et al****HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS**

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; authorizing the Commission to impose a fine of up to \$50,000 per violation if a hospital fails to provide refunds to qualifying patients; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

SB 404
Chapter 311**Senators Hershey and Hayes****HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS**

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; authorizing the imposition of a fine not exceeding \$50,000 per violation if a hospital fails to provide refunds to qualifying patients; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

SB 399
Chapter 318**Senator M. Washington****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist to include a minimum of 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent quarter credit hours in certain sciences and laboratory coursework as required in regulations adopted by the Board of Environmental Health Specialists; requiring the Board to administer examinations to applicants at least once a year; and altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee.

HB 273
Chapter 319**Delegate Alston, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist; altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee to include misfeasance and malfeasance while performing the duties of an environmental health specialist; etc.

HB 242
Chapter 329**Delegate Bagnall****MASSAGE THERAPY – DEFINITION, REGISTRATION, AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering the definition of “massage therapy”; altering the date after which the option to be registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting will no longer be available; and repealing a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse certain individuals for services rendered.

SB 216
Chapter 330**Senators Ellis and Augustine****MASSAGE THERAPY – DEFINITION, REGISTRATION, AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering the definition of “massage therapy”; altering the date after which the option to be registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting will no longer be available; and repealing a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse certain individuals for services rendered.

SB 648
Chapter 333**Senator Rosapepe****ELECTRONIC HEALTH NETWORKS AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS – NURSING HOMES – RELEASE OF RECORDS**

Authorizing a nursing home that contracts with or uses an electronic health information network or electronic medical record vendor to direct the network or vendor to release electronic medical records and electronic health care transactions to a business associate of the nursing home.

SB 135
Chapter 345**Senator Carozza****WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OCEAN CITY PROMOTER’S LICENSE**

Establishing an Ocean City promoter’s license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the license to a for-profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an entertainment event that is held on premises located within the corporate limits of The Town of Ocean City, owned by the Town of Ocean City, and approved in writing by the Ocean City Police Department; and establishing a license fee of \$5,000 per entertainment event.

HB 113
Chapter 346**Delegate Hartman****WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OCEAN CITY PROMOTER’S LICENSE**

Establishing an Ocean City promoter’s license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the license to a for-profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an entertainment event that is held on premises located within the corporate limits of the Town of Ocean City, owned by the Town of Ocean City, and approved in writing by the Ocean City Police Department; and authorizing a license fee of \$5,000 per entertainment event.

HB 976
Chapter 347**Delegate Henson, et al****WORKGROUP ON MOLD STANDARDS AND REMEDIATION**

Establishing the Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation to study information on mold assessment and remediation to determine the best practices for identifying mold, preventing the development of mold within indoor environments, and remediating indoor molding conditions harmful to public health; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2024.

SB 472
Chapter 351**Senator Elfreth****CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing an art establishment beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption to a nonprofit organization primarily engaged in certain arts-related activities; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,000.

HB 520
Chapter 352**Delegate D. Jones, et al****CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing an art establishment beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption to a nonprofit organization primarily engaged in certain arts-related activities; and providing for a license fee of \$1,000.

SB 965
Chapter 353**Senator Benson, et al****CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement that the entities can require for lung cancer screening and diagnosis; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an assessment on certain outreach, education, and health disparities in cancer screening and report the results of the assessment to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2024.

Except Section 1**HB 815**
Chapter 354**Delegate Fennell, et al****CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible that the entities can require for lung cancer screening and diagnosis; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an assessment on certain outreach, education, and health disparities in cancer screening and report the results to the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.

Except Section 1**HB 571**
Chapter 356**Delegate Kipke, et al****OPIOIDS – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FUND AND OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Attorney General to direct that an Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council committee be formed if required by a court or administrative order or settlement agreement entered into by the Attorney General; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to allow certain entities to choose the formulation or dosage of an opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration with which the entity is provided through the Overdose Response Program; etc.

HB 290
Chapter 377**Delegate Bagnall, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – DENTAL SERVICES – ACCESS**

Altering the Maryland Dent–Care Program; establishing a requirement regarding the reimbursement of dental–related services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; establishing requirements on the Maryland Department of Health regarding the creation and distribution of plain language materials related to dental services; requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to publish a searchable list of licensed providers who provide mobile dental services or portable dental services in the State; etc.

SB 806
Chapter 384**Senators Kelly and Hettleman****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL CARE COVERAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care and dental care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, qualified health plans, or stand–alone dental plans due to the individuals’ immigration status; and requiring the Exchange and the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.

SB 588
Chapter 388**Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license; authorizing the Board to issue a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 886
Chapter 389**Delegate Amprey****BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day; etc.

SB 847
Chapter 393**Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND FINES**

Establishing procedures for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, in the case of an alleged complaint against a licensed establishment or license holder, to make an offer of a monetary penalty as a compromise in lieu of a hearing before the Board under certain circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for certain alcoholic beverages violations.

HB 916
Chapter 394**Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND FINES**

Establishing procedures for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, in the case of an alleged complaint against a licensed establishment or license holder, to make an offer of a monetary penalty as a compromise in lieu of a hearing before the Board under certain circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for certain alcoholic beverages violations.

SB 654**Chapter 395****Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE**

Establishing a 6–day and a 7–day Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a person who sells health club services; exempting the holder of the license from certain distance requirements related to places of worship and schools; establishing an annual fee of \$1,300 for a 6–day license and \$1,400 for a 7–day license; etc.

HB 1063**Chapter 396****Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE**

Establishing a 6–day and a 7–day Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a person who sells health club services; exempting the holder of the license from certain distance requirements related to places of worship and schools; establishing an annual fee of \$1,300 for a 6–day license and \$1,400 for a 7–day license; etc.

SB 738**Chapter 397****Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE**

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on–premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$500.

HB 1059
Chapter 398**Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE**

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on-premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$500.

SB 139
Chapter 400**Senator Jackson, et al****STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension 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 or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may participate in the DROP from 5 to 7; and authorizing certain individuals to elect to extend their participation in the DROP.

SB 263
Chapter 401**Senator Jackson, et al****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the policies and procedures adopted by institutions of higher education in the State regarding access to mental health care and the prevention and treatment of mental illness in students; and requiring the Committee to report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

HB 573
Chapter 402**Delegate Boafo, et al****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the provision of and access to mental health services in institutions of higher education; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

HB 258
Chapter 405**Delegate Arentz, et al****CAROLINE AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Caroline County be a resident of the State rather than a resident of the county; and requiring that a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne’s County be a resident of the State rather than a resident of the county.

SB 821
Chapter 406**Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023**

Altering a certain condition under which the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County may issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to a hotel or motel; authorizing a gift basket permit holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler; authorizing a holder of a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to hold another license that is issued by the Board; etc.

HB 905
Chapter 407**Delegate Hinebaugh****GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023**

Altering a certain condition under which the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County may issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to a hotel or motel; authorizing a gift basket permit holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler; authorizing a holder of a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to hold another license that is issued by the Board; etc.

SB 429
Chapter 415**Senator Corderman****BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – GUARANTY FUND AND AWARD LIMITS**

Increasing the funding level of the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund that is administered by the Home Improvement Commission from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000; increasing a certain Fund threshold that determines whether a fee is assessed to each contractor; and increasing the limit, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, on the amount of money the Commission may award from the Fund to all claimants for the acts or omissions of a single contractor, subject to a certain reimbursement to the Fund.

SB 304
Chapter 416**Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MODIFICATION OF SEATING REQUIREMENTS**

Modifying the seating requirements for Class B, Class BR, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County.

HB 559
Chapter 417**Delegate Rose****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MODIFICATION OF SEATING REQUIREMENTS**

Modifying the seating requirements for Class B, Class BR, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County.

SB 306
Chapter 418**Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES**

Establishing an annual fee of \$2,000 for a multiple event entertainment alcoholic beverages license where the number of events is 41 or more per year in Carroll County; and repealing the limit on the total number of days for which a multiple event entertainment license may be used.

HB 560
Chapter 419**Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES**

Establishing an annual fee of \$2,000 for a multiple event entertainment alcoholic beverages license where the number of events number 41 or more per year in Carroll County; and repealing the limit on the total number of days for which a multiple event entertainment license may be used.

HB 989
Chapter 420**Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIATURE GOLF COURSE LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a Class B–MGC (miniature golf course) beer, wine, and liquor license to a miniature golf course under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring a license holder to submit an annual gross sales report for alcohol, golf games and food to the Board before a license may be renewed; and providing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

HB 158
Chapter 421**Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 11–23**

Providing that a resident of the State meets certain residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Howard County.

HB 218
Chapter 422**Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF PETITION OF SUPPORT REQUIREMENT HO. CO. 12–23

Repealing the requirement that an application for an alcoholic beverages license in Howard County include certain petitions of support signed by at least three residents who are owners of real property and registered voters in the district where the business is to be conducted.

HB 263
Chapter 425**St. Mary’s County Delegation**

ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING – SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS

Authorizing a certain senior activity center to conduct gaming events, bunco games, and card games in St. Mary’s County; prohibiting a senior activity center in St. Mary’s County from awarding prize money in excess of \$50 to a winner in each session or charging a participant more than \$25 to play one session; requiring any money that remains after prizes are awarded to be used to support future programming at the senior activity center; etc.

SB 431
Chapter 428**Washington County Senators**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – SELF-DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to apply for and obtain a Class 8 liquor wholesaler’s license with certain privileges.

HB 565
Chapter 429**Washington County Delegation**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – SELF-DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to apply for and obtain a Class 8 liquor wholesaler’s license with certain privileges.

HB 552
Chapter 430**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program by July 1, 2026.

SB 549
Chapter 431**The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; establishing the Build Our Future Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program on or before July 1, 2026.

HB 548
Chapter 432**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

FINANCIAL REGULATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ACCESS TO BANKING ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund as an instrumentality of the State for purposes of developing opportunities for banking institutions and credit unions to better serve the needs of low- to moderate-income tracts; providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions in certain areas; authorizing the use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain purposes; etc.

SB 550
Chapter 433**The President (By Request – Administration), et al****FINANCIAL REGULATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ACCESS TO BANKING ACT)**

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund as an instrumentality of the State to develop opportunities for banking institutions and credit unions to better serve the needs of low- to moderate-income tracts; providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions in certain areas; authorizing the use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain purposes; etc.

SB 452
Chapter 434**Senator Griffith, et al****FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY INCOME TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL**

Expanding eligibility for the credit against the State income tax for certain film production activities to include documentaries and talk, reality, and game shows; increasing the percentage of total direct costs that qualify for the tax credit; increasing the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates that the Secretary of Commerce may issue for fiscal years 2024 through 2026; establishing the Maryland Entertainment Council to study and make recommendations regarding Maryland's film, television, and entertainment industry; etc.

HB 706
Chapter 437**Delegate A. Jones****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Business Facade Improvement Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist qualified businesses located in sustainable communities with improving the outside appearance of the qualified businesses' buildings or facilities; requiring the Department to develop an application process for political subdivisions seeking to participate in the Program; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

SB 721 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**
Chapter 438 **– Commerce)**

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR FEDERAL SECURITY CLEARANCE COSTS – ALTERATIONS

Reestablishing a time period of taxable years from December 21, 2022, to January 1, 2028, for a credit against the Maryland income tax for certain costs incurred by employers to obtain federal security clearances for employees, rent certain spaces, and construct or renovate certain sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State; limiting eligibility for the income tax credit to individuals or corporations that employ not more than 500 employees; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

HB 551 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 440

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND – STUDY OF BROADBAND EXPANSION INCENTIVES

Requiring the Office of Statewide Broadband within the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study as to how the State can incentivize broadband service providers to expand broadband infrastructure to communities that are unserved or underserved; and requiring the Office to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.

HB 707 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
Chapter 443

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE DIVISION

Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers' interests in a certain manner.

SB 660
Chapter 444**The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller), et al****OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE DIVISION**

Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers' interests in a certain manner.

SB 240
Chapter 445**Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****INCOME TAX – OUT-OF-STATE TAXES PAID BY PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES – ADDITION MODIFICATION**

Providing, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for the amount of a certain tax credit claimed for certain taxes paid to another state by a pass-through entity under certain circumstances.

HB 626
Chapter 447**Delegate Cullison, et al****ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUNDING AND ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Establishing the Human-Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants and loans to promote State-funded research intended to develop human-relevant alternatives to using nonhuman animals in medical and product testing and research; requiring, beginning January 15, 2024, research facilities that engage in animal testing or research to pay a contribution, based on a certain number of animals, to the Secretary of Health; providing a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

SB 560
Chapter 448**Senator Guzzone****ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUNDING AND ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Establishing the Human-Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants and loans to promote State-funded research intended to develop human-relevant alternatives to using nonhuman animals in medical and product testing and research; requiring, beginning January 15, 2024, research facilities that engage in animal testing or research to pay a contribution, based on a certain number of animals, to the Department of Health; providing a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

HB 1165
Chapter 450**Delegate Wilson****ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

Correcting certain references to the Comptroller of Maryland to be the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, as appropriate; and clarifying certain powers and duties of the Executive Director of the Commission relating to alcoholic beverages regulation and enforcement.

SB 322
Chapter 452**Senator Beidle, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE – FOOD SERVICE**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to prepare, sell, or serve any food under certain conditions; altering certain requirements for off-premises and on-premises consumption at a limited winery; and removing the 14-day notice requirement for certain planned promotional events at a limited winery.

HB 584
Chapter 454**Delegate Ebersole, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATIONS BY QUALIFIED FARMS – SUNSET REPEAL AND ALTERATIONS (FARMERS FEEDING FAMILIES ACT)**

Repealing certain termination provisions for a tax credit against the State income tax for fresh farm and organic fresh farm food donations; altering the amounts of the tax credit from 50% to 100% of the value of an eligible food donation and from 75% to 100% of the value of the donated certified organic produce a qualified farm is eligible to receive under certain circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022; etc.

SB 24
Chapter 455**Senator McCray, et al****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – FINANCING AND COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION REVENUE AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT)**

Repealing a requirement that the Capital Debt Affordability Committee include certain debt that is secured by future federal aid within its review of State tax supported debt; altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30; establishing the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs; etc.

HB 999
Chapter 457**Delegate Fair****CORPORATIONS – FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION – REPEAL**

Repealing certain provisions of law applicable to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that prohibit the acceptance of articles of dissolution and issuance of a certificate of termination for certain corporations unless certain reports on personal property are filed with the Department; etc.

SB 699
Chapter 461**Senator Augustine, et al****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND AND COMMISSION**

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State’s economy; establishing the Equitech Growth Commission; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033 to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for awards from the Fund; etc.

HB 781
Chapter 462**Delegate Atterbeary, et al****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND AND COMMISSION**

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State’s economy; establishing the Equitech Growth Commission to create a strategic plan; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033 to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill; etc.

SB 222
Chapter 465**Senator Augustine, et al****ENVIRONMENT – STATEWIDE RECYCLING NEEDS
ASSESSMENT AND PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PACKAGING MATERIALS**

Altering the definition of “organics recycling” to include the processing of certain compostable packaging materials in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to approve a single producer responsibility organization to represent the interests of producers by October 1, 2023; establishing a producer responsibility advisory council to provide advice and make recommendations regarding establishing and implementing a producer responsibility program in the State for packaging materials; etc.

SB 442
Chapter 468**Senator Corderman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES – FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Altering the amount of taxable or tax exempt bonds that the Maryland Stadium Authority may issue for certain sports entertainment facilities from \$200,000,000 to \$220,000,000; altering the entities from which the Authority is required to have received a request for financing and construction management services concerning a sports entertainment facility; altering the entities with which the Authority is required to enter into an agreement before issuing bonds to finance a sports entertainment facility; etc.

HB 922
Chapter 471**Delegates Buckel and Hornberger****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; authorizing certain cannabis business entities to reapply for benefits under certain economic development programs; etc.

SB 525
Chapter 472**Senator McKay****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; authorizing certain cannabis business entities to reapply for benefits under certain economic development programs; etc.

SB 53**Chapter 475****Senator Kagan****MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM –
NONPROFIT, INTEREST-FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL)
ACCOUNT – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2024 or fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund to be used for loans under the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account; and repealing a requirement that 5% of proceeds from video lottery terminals go to the NIMBL Account.

SB 968**Chapter 478****Senators King and Elfreth****INCOME TAX – CAPTIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS
– ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “captive REIT” for purposes of a certain addition modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of the federal dividends paid deduction for captive real estate investment trusts to exclude, under certain circumstances, corporations, trusts, or associations owned or controlled by certain qualified foreign entities and certain trusts owned or controlled by a listed Australian property trust.

HB 289**Chapter 479****Delegate Stein, et al****MARYLAND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Forestry Education Fund to expand and enhance the Maryland Forestry Foundation’s capacity to provide certain education and resources to forest landowners, the ability of district forestry boards and the knowledge of local governments to achieve healthy and sustainable forests, and the ability of businesses to test innovative best management practices in forestry; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$250,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

- SB 282**
Chapter 480 **Senator King, et al**
MARYLAND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT
Establishing the Maryland Forestry Education Fund to expand and enhance the Maryland Forestry Foundation’s capacity to provide certain education and resources to forest landowners, the ability of district forestry boards and the knowledge of local governments to achieve healthy and sustainable forests, and the ability of businesses to test innovative best management practices in forestry; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$250,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.
- SB 617**
Chapter 483 **Senator Hettleman, et al**
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FARE PRICE REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS
Repealing certain requirements that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services according to the Consumer Price Index; and repealing certain provisions prohibiting the Administration from increasing fares under certain circumstances.
- HB 673**
Chapter 484 **Delegate Edelson, et al**
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FARE PRICE REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS
Repealing certain requirements that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services according to the Consumer Price Index; and repealing certain provisions prohibiting the Administration from increasing fares under certain circumstances.
- SB 922**
Chapter 493 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**
MARYLAND CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND INNOVATION FUND – FUNDING – ALTERATION
Increasing the mandated appropriation that the Governor is required to include for the Maryland Construction Education and Innovation Fund in the annual budget bill from \$250,000 to \$625,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

SB 273
Chapter 494**Senator Zucker, et al****NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZED USES**

Altering the amount of a certain appropriation the Governor is required to make for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund; and repealing a provision of law requiring 100% of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to be used for community enhancement projects in sustainable communities located, at least in part, within the boundary created by Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia beginning in fiscal year 2024.

SB 312
Chapter 495**Senator Zucker, et al****TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING – REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

HB 346
Chapter 496**Delegate Rosenberg****TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING – REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

HB 969
Chapter 499**Delegate Qi****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CYBERSECURITY STAFFING AND ASSESSMENTS (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to include on its staff one or more employees that are experts in cybersecurity to perform certain duties; requiring the Commission to establish, in coordination with the Office of Security Management, cybersecurity standards and best practices for regulated entities; requiring each public service company to report a cybersecurity incident to certain entities; requiring the State Security Operations Center to immediately notify certain agencies of a certain reported cybersecurity incident; etc.

SB 685
Chapter 500**Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE LAWS – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CONVERTERS – SALE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Authorizing an autonomous vehicle converter to sell, transfer, lease, offer for sale, or resell a converted autonomous vehicle or a motor vehicle purchased with the intent to convert the motor vehicle into a converted autonomous vehicle; establishing that certain portions of the Act apply only to motor vehicles intended for commercial or industrial use; and prohibiting an autonomous vehicle converter from holding certain occupational vehicle licenses issued under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

HB 806
Chapter 501**Delegate Qi****VEHICLE LAWS – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CONVERTERS – SALE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Authorizing an autonomous vehicle converter to sell, transfer, lease, offer for sale, or resell a converted autonomous vehicle or a motor vehicle purchased with the intent to convert the motor vehicle into a converted autonomous vehicle; establishing that certain portions of the Act apply only to motor vehicles intended for commercial or industrial use; and prohibiting an autonomous vehicle converter from holding certain occupational vehicle licenses issued under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

HB 1049
Chapter 502**Delegate Bridges****TRANSPORTATION – ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a report by December 1, 2023, and each year thereafter on assaults on public transit operators to each local executive authority, the State’s Attorney for each county, and certain committees of the General Assembly; and requiring the report to include information on the nature of each assault, the mode of transit involved, the location of the assault, whether the police were involved, and the outcome of any investigation.

SB 693
Chapter 503**Senator Waldstreicher****TRANSPORTATION – ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit an annual report on assaults on public transit operators to certain persons; and requiring the report to include information for the immediately preceding 12 months on the nature of each assault, the mode of transit involved, the location of each assault, whether the police were involved in responding to each assault, and the outcome of any investigation, a comparison of the aggregate data with at least two other states, and a review of current transit industry best practices.

HB 1125
Chapter 508**Delegate Solomon, et al****TRANSIT – GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL SERVICE – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program in the Department of Transportation; and authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs.

- HB 12**
Chapter 512 **Delegate J. Lewis**
EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT
- Repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to designate transit-oriented development; establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to ensure a Fund balance of at least \$5,000,000; etc.
- HB 2**
Chapter 513 **Delegate J. Lewis**
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNION DUES
- Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain union dues paid during the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
- HB 152**
Chapter 519 **Delegate Wells, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS
- Altering the purpose and contents of and the requirements and qualifications under the Urban Agriculture Grant Fund; requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, to include at least \$100,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill; establishing the Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee to recommend guidelines, policies, and practices for the implementation of the Grant Program; and requiring the Advisory Committee to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 30, 2023.
- SB 371**
Chapter 524 **Senator Hayes**
BALTIMORE CITY – COMMERCIAL USE – DEFINITION
- Defining “commercial use” in Baltimore City to include multifamily residential development if the development is located within a waterfront commercial zoning district and within a 0.50-mile radius of a commuter rail station.

HB 466
Chapter 536**Delegate Otto****WORCESTER COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Worcester County to hunt game birds and game mammals on a Sunday, subject to certain time restrictions, during the open season for that game bird or game mammal; authorizing the Department to allow a person in Worcester County to hunt on public land designated for hunting on Sundays, subject to certain time restrictions; and altering the safety zone from 150 to 50 yards from certain buildings occupied by human beings within which archery hunting may not take place.

SB 275
Chapter 539**Senator Bailey****HUNTING – SNARES, TRAPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES – IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person who is not required to be licensed or permitted under certain provisions of law to obtain a free Department of Natural Resources identification number before using a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife; and requiring a person who uses a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife to ensure the person's Department identification number is stamped on the device or on a metal tag affixed to the device.

HB 406
Chapter 540**Delegate Love, et al****HUNTING – SNARES, TRAPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES – IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person who is not required to be licensed or permitted under certain provisions of law to obtain a free Department of Natural Resources identification number before using a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife; and requiring a person who uses a snare, a trap, or another similar device to capture wildlife to ensure the person's Department identification number is stamped on the device or on a metal tag affixed to the device.

HB 723
Chapter 541**Delegate Love, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION**

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; authorizing local jurisdictions to adopt certain alternative afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a workgroup to evaluate and recommend incentives for private landowners to conserve forest; etc.

Except Sections 1, 2, and 3**SB 526**
Chapter 542**Senator Elfreth, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION**

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering exemptions from certain afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; providing for judicial review of certain plans; etc.

Except Sections 1, 2, and 3**SB 327**
Chapter 543**Senator Elfreth, et al****HUNTING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION – FUNDING, PROMOTION, MANAGEMENT, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND STAMPS**

Altering the purpose of the Heritage Conservation Fund to include acquiring interests in land that can be used by the general public for hunting; establishing the Wildlife Conservation, Education, and Outreach Program to provide outreach and foster an interest in outdoor recreation and stewardship, hunting, and wildlife conservation; establishing a stamp for hunting sika deer; authorizing a nonresident attending a college or university in the State to purchase a resident hunting license; etc.

HB 983**Chapter 544****Delegate Allen, et al****HUNTING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION – FUNDING, PROMOTION, MANAGEMENT, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND STAMPS**

Altering the purpose of the Heritage Conservation Fund to include acquiring interests in land that can be used by the general public for hunting; establishing the Wildlife Conservation, Education, and Outreach Program to provide outreach and foster an interest in outdoor recreation and stewardship, hunting, and wildlife conservation; establishing a stamp for hunting sika deer; authorizing a nonresident attending a college or university in the State to purchase a resident hunting license; etc.

SB 469**Chapter 545****Senators Elfreth and Guzzone****TASK FORCE TO STUDY SOLAR INCENTIVES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives to study the types and impact of solar energy incentives and make recommendations regarding measures and incentives needed to ensure that the State meets the solar energy goals established in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard, minority business participation, the creation of good quality jobs, equitable access to renewable energy, and efficient use of land; and requiring the Task Force to submit its report to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2023.

SB 167**Chapter 548****Senator Elfreth, et al****MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL – FUNDING**

Clarifying the calculation for certain funding for the Maryland State Arts Council for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; repealing a certain requirement for certain funds distributed to the Maryland State Arts Council to be included in the Council's prior fiscal year appropriation; etc.

SB 650
Chapter 549**Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND**

Establishing the State Disaster Recovery Fund to provide disaster recovery assistance to units of local government for individuals and families and for the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities, low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses and nonprofits when a federal disaster declaration is not received, and disaster-related assistance for the unmet needs of individuals and families after a federal disaster declaration or in the event of a certain denial of federal assistance; etc.

SB 141
Chapter 550**Senator Elfreth, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child during the taxable year.

HB 180
Chapter 551**Delegate Reznik, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child during the taxable year.

SB 91
Chapter 554**Senator Bailey****NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an apprentice hunting license to a person under the age of 17 years who has previously been issued an apprentice hunting license under certain circumstances.

HB 683
Chapter 555**Delegate T. Morgan, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an apprentice hunting license to a person under the age of 17 years who has previously been issued an apprentice hunting license under certain circumstances.

SB 48
Chapter 563**Senator Lam****DISASTER SERVICE AND UNIFORMED SERVICES LEAVE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023**

Adding certain State employees to certain provisions of law authorizing disaster service leave with pay; authorizing certain appointing authorities to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave and to increase the number of days of disaster service leave under certain circumstances; defining “uniformed services” for the purpose of adding certain individuals to certain provisions of law relating to certain paid leave and military administrative leave; etc.

HB 686
Chapter 567**Delegate Queen****FINANCIAL REGULATION – MODERNIZING LICENSING OF NON-DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND ELIMINATION OF BRANCH LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Eliminating requirements for collection agencies and certain non-depository financial institutions to maintain separate licenses for branch locations and authorizing them to conduct business at multiple licensed locations under a single license; and altering certain other requirements and provisions governing the licensing and regulation of collection agencies and certain non-depository financial institutions, including applications, assessments, and bond requirements.

HB 1150
Chapter 568**Delegate Queen****COMMERCIAL LAW AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CREDIT REGULATION – SHARED APPRECIATION AGREEMENTS**

Making certain shared appreciation agreements subject to the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law and other provisions of law that regulate certain loans of single extensions of closed end credit and revolving credit plans; and authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt certain regulations regarding the enforcement of and compliance with provisions of law that regulate shared appreciation agreements.

HB 169
Chapter 572**Delegate Charkoudian****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve certain target annual incremental gross energy savings for the 2024–2026 program cycle; establishing the Green and Healthy Task Force to develop policy and statutory recommendations to eliminate barriers to low-income households achieving, energy-efficient, affordable, and low-emissions housing; requiring an annual report beginning July 1, 2024; etc.

SB 386
Chapter 575**Senators Hester and Bailey****CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; expanding the purpose of the Program to include food from certified Chesapeake invasive species providers in the overall percentage goal for certain procurement contracts; altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Food Aggregation Grant Fund; etc.

HB 63
Chapter 576**Delegate Charkoudian, et al****CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; expanding the purpose of the Program to include food from certified Chesapeake invasive species providers in the overall percentage goal of 20% of the unit's total dollar value for certain procurement contracts; and altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund to be the Certified Local Farm and Fish Food Aggregation Grant Fund.

SB 830
Chapter 577**Senator Hester****ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS AND WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS PERMITTING – STUDIES (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Health, in conjunction with the Board of Environmental Health Specialists, to conduct a study on staffing needs for environmental health specialists in local health departments; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services and the University of Maryland Agriculture and Food Systems Extension Program, to study the delegation of well and septic systems permitting authority; etc.

SB 801
Chapter 578**Senators Hester and Jennings****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBERSECURITY – CYBER MARYLAND PROGRAM**

Establishing the Cyber Maryland Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to create and execute a talent pipeline that materially reduces workforce vacancies by July 1, 2026, build an advanced cybersecurity workforce, and carry out other purposes related to the cybersecurity workforce in the State; establishing the Cyber Maryland Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.

SB 448
Chapter 594**Senators Gile and Hester****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF-SITE PERMITS**

Extending the termination date, to June 30, 2024, for provisions relating to the authorization of holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to certain individuals under certain circumstances; establishing the maximum amount of beer and liquor that holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses may directly ship to consumers in a calendar year; delaying the effective date for the authorization of certain manufacturer off-site permits to July 1, 2024; etc.

SB 962
Chapter 596**Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application for a license is filed; and providing that a certain license is valid only for as long as the resident applicant remains a resident of the State.

HB 558
Chapter 597**Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring at least one applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application is filed and to remain a resident of the State for the license to remain valid; etc.

SB 393
Chapter 598**Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring at least one applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application is filed and to remain a resident of the State for the license to remain valid; etc.

HB 1005
Chapter 603**Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE AND POSITION OF ARCHERY HUNTER HO. CO. 15–23

Reducing from 150 yards to 50 yards the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Howard County who are under the authority of a deer management permit or who are actively participating in a hunting program administered by the county within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and requiring certain archery hunters in Howard County to be in an elevated position when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 150 yards of certain buildings.

HB 784
Chapter 607**Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B AND CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES, INSPECTIONS, PENALTIES, AND WORKGROUP PG 302–23

Authorizing the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) beer, wine, and liquor license, or a Class C (veterans’ organization or club) beer, wine and liquor license in Prince George’s County to serve beer, wine, and liquor by the glass or by the bottle for on–premises consumption; establishing the Workgroup to Study Best Practices for Safe Event Promotion and the Leveraging of Alcoholic Beverages Licenses in Prince George’s County; requiring a certain report by December 1, 2024; etc.

HB 1087
Chapter 611**Wicomico County Delegation**

WICOMICO COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING AND ARCHERY HUNTING SAFETY ZONES

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt game birds and mammals on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow Sunday hunting in Wicomico County on public land, subject to certain time restrictions; and adding Wicomico County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from certain structures occupied by human beings.

- SB 554**
Chapter 612 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (HEALTH CARE FOR HEROES ACT OF 2023)
Establishing the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department for the Department to award grants to reimburse certain members of the National Guard for the cost of premiums for certain health care and dental care plans; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations to administer and implement the program.
- HB 554**
Chapter 613 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)
Increasing the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals under the age of 55 years to \$12,500 and individuals at least 55 years of age to \$20,000 during the taxable year for certain military service; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
- SB 553**
Chapter 614 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)
Increasing the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals under the age of 55 years to \$12,500 and individuals at least 55 years old to \$20,000 during the taxable year for certain military service; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

- SB 354**
Chapter 617 **Senator Gile, et al**
INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND
- Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund and to include certain information in each individual income tax return package.
- HB 316**
Chapter 618 **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND
- Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include certain information in each individual income tax return package; etc.
- HB 1162**
Chapter 619 **Delegate Griffith, et al**
STUDY ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a study on the utilization of the expedited licensing process for service members, veterans, and military spouses for certain occupational and professional licenses in the State; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30, 2024.

HB 186
Chapter 625**Delegate B. Barnes****VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS – SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT (VICTIM SERVICES STABILIZATION ACT)**

Providing for the stable funding and support of trauma-informed, high-quality programs and services for victims of crime; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of certain funding; and requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State budget.

SB 148
Chapter 626**Senator Guzzone, et al****VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS – SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT (VICTIM SERVICES STABILIZATION ACT)**

Providing for the stable funding and support of trauma-informed, high-quality program and services for victims of crime; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of certain funding; and requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State budget.

HB 1219
Chapter 627**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND EDUCATOR SHORTAGE REDUCTION ACT OF 2023**

Altering the qualifications for early childhood education teacher certification completed through an alternative teacher preparation program; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to establish specific goals for the recruitment and retention of teachers in teacher preparation programs; requiring that “high staff qualifications” for publicly funded eligible prekindergarten providers must be implemented by the 2027–2028 school year; etc.

SB 559
Chapter 628**Senator Guzzone, et al****EDUCATION – MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the appropriation required by the Governor in the annual budget bill for the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program from \$7,550,000 to \$12,050,000.

HB 923
Chapter 634**Delegate B. Barnes, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ACCOMMODATIONS AT
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

Providing that the Secretary of Higher Education is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor; requiring each institution of higher education to adopt a written policy that provides reasonable academic accommodations for students to practice sincerely held faith-based or religious beliefs; altering eligibility criteria for and the process for awards from the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards; altering the administration of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship; etc.

Except Section 2**SB 621**
Chapter 638**Senators Zucker and Hettleman****GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION
OF SPORTS WAGERING CONTENT AND SPORTS WAGERING
FACILITY APPLICATION AMENDMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to identify and license certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate certain sports wagering content provided by sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners; authorizing the Commission and the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission to consider a request to amend a Class B-2 sports wagering facility license application for the purpose of altering the proposed location of the facility under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 756
Chapter 641**Senator Guzzone, et al****ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS – FUNDING**

Extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Comptroller distribute \$14,000,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; and extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$14,000,000 from the Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

HB 455
Chapter 642**Delegate Atterbeary, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Altering the authority of the Ocean Downs Race Course to use certain Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery terminal proceeds for operating loss assistance to support a certain minimum number of live racing days at the racecourse.

SB 363
Chapter 643**Senator Guzzone, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Altering the authority of the Ocean Downs Race Course to use certain Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery terminal proceeds for operating loss assistance to support a certain minimum number of live racing days at the racecourse.

SB 556
Chapter 644**Senator Guzzone****MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION
– COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND FUNDING**

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of certain Commission employees; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation; and specifying that the Community Health Resources Commission Fund includes money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund, appropriated in a certain manner.

HB 448
Chapter 648**Delegate Korman, et al****NONPUBLIC EDUCATION – PLACEMENTS OF CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES – TEACHER SALARIES (TEACHER PAY PARITY
ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations to ensure that children with disabilities who need special education and related services that cannot be provided in a public county, regional, or State program be placed in an appropriate nonpublic educational program that offers these services; requiring the State and certain counties to pay for costs of salaries for teachers at certain nonpublic schools in a certain amount and proportion; etc.

HB 908
Chapter 652**Delegate Clippinger, et al****ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING
SYSTEMS PROGRAM AND PROPERTY TAXES**

Making permanent the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; requiring a community solar energy generating system to serve at least 40% of its kilowatt-hour output to low-income and moderate-income subscribers under certain circumstances; authorizing a subscription coordinator to act on behalf of a subscriber organization; altering requirements related to the siting and size of certain community solar energy generating systems projects; authorizing the use of consolidated billing for certain charges; etc.

- HB 555**
Chapter 656 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS
Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.
- SB 342**
Chapter 657 **The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS
Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.
- SB 280**
Chapter 658 **Senator Gile, et al**
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – REGISTRATION AND LICENSING – EXEMPTIONS
Exempting certain family child care homes, large family child care homes, and child care centers that serve only dependent children of military personnel and are located on a military base or federal property or certified by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard from certain registration and licensing requirements for child care providers in the State; authorizing certain entities to assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by exempted child care providers; etc.
- HB 292**
Chapter 659 **Delegate Patterson, et al**
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – REGISTRATION AND LICENSING – EXEMPTIONS
Exempting certain family child care homes, large family child care homes, and child care centers that serve only dependent children of military personnel and are located on a military base or federal property or are certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the Coast Guard from certain registration and licensing requirements; authorizing certain entities to assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by exempted child care providers; etc.

HB 1288
Chapter 663**Delegate Charles****VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSES – CRIMES OF MORAL TURPITUDE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission is required to disqualify an applicant who committed a crime involving moral turpitude from holding a video lottery employee license.

SB 228
Chapter 667**Senator Beidle, et al****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – LONG–TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Department of Aging to oversee and train the staff of long–term care and dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to develop a long–term care and dementia care navigation program that consists of new or existing services; requiring the Department to submit a report, by October 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees on the services provided; and requiring the Department to publish the report on its website.

HB 614
Chapter 668**Delegate Cullison, et al****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – LONG–TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Department of Aging to oversee long–term care and train the staff of long–term care and dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to establish a long–term care and dementia care navigation program; and requiring the Department to submit a report by October 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees of the General Assembly about the services provided by the program and to publish the report on its website.

HB 1002
Chapter 669**Delegates Foley and Barve****COMMERCIAL VEHICLES – POLICE–INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain provisions related to the rates the Department of State Police sets for tow companies involved in certain police–initiated towing; establishing the Committee on Rate Setting and Complaint Resolution for Police–Initiated Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Towing and Recovery; and requiring the Committee, on or before December 1, 2023, to recommend approved rates to the Department of State Police that should be charged for police–initiated towing and recovery services.

HB 206
Chapter 670**Delegate Ivey****EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – MONTESSORI SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS**

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program and publicly funded prekindergarten programs to include certain operational requirements, staff credentials, and student–to–staff ratios; requiring Montessori schools and programs to maintain a student–to–classroom personnel ratio of no more than 10 to 1, with a maximum of 20 students if all the students are under the age of 5 years; requiring a classroom teacher to hold a bachelor’s degree and be certified by certain organizations; etc.

HB 185
Chapter 671**Delegate Ebersole, et al****NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – CORPORAL PUNISHMENT – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State Board of Education from issuing a certificate of approval to noncollegiate educational institutions that do not have a policy prohibiting the administration of corporal punishment; requiring regulations adopted by the State Board for the registration of family child care homes and large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers to prohibit corporal punishment; and requiring the State Board to identify certain methods in a certain overall plan.

- HB 1047**
Chapter 672 **Delegate Ebersole**
JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAM – TRANSFER OF
LOCALLY EMPLOYED EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS
- Requiring educational professionals employed by a county board of education, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, or a county public library system who transfer to the Juvenile Services Education Program to be given credit as State employees for certain years of service for the purpose of establishing leave accrual rates; authorizing an individual who transfers to the Program to transfer leave balances in excess of a certain limit under certain circumstances; and applying the Act retroactively.
- SB 402**
Chapter 674 **Senator Hershey**
KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER
- Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; and providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board.
- HB 402**
Chapter 675 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER
- Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board; requiring the student member to attend the Maryland Association of Boards of Education new student board orientation and all regular meetings of the county board; prohibiting the student member’s attendance at an executive session of the county board; etc.
- HB 1115**
Chapter 676 **Delegate Adams, et al**
LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNANCE
REQUIREMENTS
- Altering the requirements for governance of libraries designated as regional resource centers; and establishing a governing board for each regional resource center.

SB 831**Chapter 677****Senator Hershey, et al****LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements for governance of libraries designated as regional resource centers; and establishing a governing board for each regional resource center.

HB 16**Chapter 678****Delegate J. Lewis****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – TITLE IX – NOTICE (HEAR OUR VOICES ACT)**

Requiring each public school to provide information to students, faculty, staff, and parents regarding who serves as the Title IX coordinator for the school, the process in place for filing a sexual misconduct complaint, and the support measures that are in place for filing a sexual misconduct complaint and how to access the support measures.

HB 458**Chapter 679****Delegate J. Lewis, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PROGRAMS, APPROVALS, AND ADMINISTRATION – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing the School Safety Grant Program and the Aging Schools Program as of June 30, 2026; altering provisions relating to school construction approvals by the State Superintendent of Schools; altering provisions related to a public-private partnership agreement in Prince George's County; establishing that the Interagency Commission on School Construction is an independent unit of State government; repealing the requirement for the Board of Public Works to approve grants awarded under a certain capital grant program; etc.

Except Section 1

SB 127
Chapter 688**Senator Ellis****MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER –
STUDENT FAFSA DATA – REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Altering a reporting requirement to require the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to report certain student Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 15 each year, beginning in 2023 and ending in 2028; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide the Center with access to student FAFSA data.

HB 629
Chapter 693**Delegate Crosby, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SERVICE
MEMBERS**

Specifying that a certain surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces is eligible to apply for a scholarship under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program if the service member died, suffered a service connected disability, or was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action under certain circumstances.

SB 886
Chapter 694**Senator Watson****HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SERVICE
MEMBERS**

Specifying that a certain surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces is eligible to apply for a scholarship under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program if the service member died, suffered a service connected disability, or was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action under certain circumstances.

HB 802
Chapter 700**Delegate Wilkins, et al****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a certain regulated gaming entity or a certain agent of a regulated gaming entity if the institution of higher education receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a sports marketing entity if the entity or the institution receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; etc.

SB 620
Chapter 701**Senators Hettleman and Zucker****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a certain regulated gaming entity or a certain agent of a regulated gaming entity if the institution of higher education receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a sports marketing entity if the entity or the institution receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; etc.

SB 797
Chapter 706**Senators Hettleman and Jennings****TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING ELDER ABUSE**

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse; requiring the Task Force to study existing laws, policies, and practices relating to elder abuse and other crimes commonly committed against older adults and make recommendations regarding changes to State law, policy, and practice that would aid in preventing elder abuse; and requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024.

HB 1191
Chapter 707**Delegate Pasteur, et al****TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING ELDER ABUSE**

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse to study existing laws, policies, and practices relating to elder abuse and crimes commonly committed against older adults; and requiring the Task Force to submit a final report by December 31, 2024, to the Governor and the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations regarding changes to State law, policy, and practice that would aid in preventing elder abuse.

HB 1237
Chapter 708**Delegate Kaufman, et al****SPECIAL EDUCATION – JUDICIAL ACTIONS – ATTORNEY’S FEES AND RELATED COSTS**

Authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and related costs to the parent of a child with a disability who is the prevailing party in a certain special education proceeding; prohibiting a court from awarding attorney’s fees and related costs to certain parents in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; and authorizing an award of attorney’s fees and related costs to a parent of a child with a disability who is a prevailing party under certain circumstances.

SB 55
Chapter 713**Senator West****MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – PORTABILITY – TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION**

Altering the period of time within which a person is required to file a Maryland estate tax return for the purpose of allowing a surviving spouse to take into account the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount to be consistent with the time for making a federal election.

- HB 179**
Chapter 714 **Delegate Cardin**
MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – PORTABILITY – TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION
- Altering the period of time within which a person is required to file a Maryland estate tax return for the purpose of allowing a surviving spouse to take into account the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount to be consistent with the time for making a federal election; and applying the Act retroactively to any decedents dying on or after January 1, 2019.
- HB 433**
Chapter 724 **Prince George’s County Delegation**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS PG 308–23
- Increasing from four to five the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George’s County; and providing that the Fraternal Order of Police will negotiate on behalf of deputy sheriffs in benefit matters not related to salary.
- SB 191**
Chapter 725 **Senator Jackson**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
- Increasing from four to five the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George’s County; and providing that benefits other than salary increases for deputy sheriffs in Prince George’s County will be negotiated the Fraternal Order of Police rather than the Deputy Sheriffs’ Association.
- SB 350**
Chapter 731 **Senator King, et al**
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
- Prohibiting the State Department of Education from increasing the copayment levels, reducing the reimbursement rates, reducing the income eligibility requirements, or implementing an enrollment freeze for the Child Care Scholarship Program in effect as of January 1, 2023, unless certain conditions are met.

HB 495
Chapter 732**Delegate Solomon, et al**

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Prohibiting the State Department of Education from increasing the copayment levels, reducing the reimbursement rates, reducing the income eligibility requirements, or implementing an enrollment freeze for the Child Care Scholarship Program in effect as of January 1, 2023, unless certain conditions are met.

SB 289
Chapter 733**Senator King, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERING NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

Altering the name of the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to be the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.

HB 372
Chapter 734**Delegate Rogers, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERING NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

Altering the name of the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to be the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.

SB 426
Chapter 735**Senator King, et al**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – QUASI-ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to make transfers of not more than \$150,000,000 subject to certain conditions to establish quasi-endowment funds; and authorizing the Board to use investment income produced by quasi-endowment funds in accordance with the University System of Maryland Policy on Endowment Fund Spending Rule to provide need-based student financial aid.

SB 537
Chapter 736**Senator King****VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE – RENEWAL**

Altering the number of years before the end of the term of a video lottery operation license that a licensee is required to provide certain notice of intent to renew the license and is authorized to apply for renewal; providing for the term of a renewed license; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to renew a certain license unless the Commission makes a certain finding; requiring the Commission, under certain circumstances, to provide a licensee a certain hearing; etc.

HB 680
Chapter 738**Delegate Toles, et al****INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the total amount of credits against the State income tax that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may approve in a taxable year for certain individuals with certain student loan debt amounts; requiring the Commission to reserve a certain amount of the tax credits that the Commission is authorized to approve for certain graduates; extending, from 2 years to 3 years, the period of time that an individual who claims the credit has to prove that they used the credit to repay the individual's student loan debt; etc.

HB 689
Chapter 741**Delegate Buckel, et al****PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P-TECH) SCHOOL PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

Requiring that each memorandum of understanding establishing a school in the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program ensures that each P-TECH student receives a high school diploma immediately following completion of high school graduation requirements.

SB 822**Chapter 742****Senator McKay****PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P-TECH) SCHOOL PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

Requiring that each memorandum of understanding establishing a school in the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program ensures that each P-TECH student receives a high school diploma immediately following completion of high school graduation requirements.

SB 330**Chapter 743****Senator Ready****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY-WORN CAMERAS (BODY-WORN CAMERA APPROPRIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, to negotiate certain contracts with third parties for the acquisition or maintenance of body-worn cameras, equipment, or technology for certain law enforcement agencies; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the Department of General Services, to study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and access system for law enforcement body-worn camera data; etc.

SB 840**Chapter 746****Senator Kramer, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PROTECTING AGAINST HATE CRIMES GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Protecting Against Hate Crimes Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to make grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, to provide security enhancements to protect against hate crimes; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund; and authorizing, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund.

- SB 841**
Chapter 747 **Senator Kramer, et al**
LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS – FUNDING
Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill of \$500,000 for the State Department of Education to provide grants to local school systems for expenses related to student field trips to museums of cultural import.
- SB 248**
Chapter 748 **Senator Kramer, et al**
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS – PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO STUDENT DEBT
Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student’s transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.
- HB 384**
Chapter 749 **Delegate Smith, et al**
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS – PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO STUDENT DEBT
Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student’s transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.
- HB 428**
Chapter 750 **Delegate Smith**
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – STUDENT MEMBER GRANT
Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to authorize a certain grant for the student member serving in the first year of the student’s term on the Board of Regents.

SB 142
Chapter 751**Senator Elfreth****UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS –
STUDENT MEMBER GRANT**

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to authorize a certain grant for the student member serving in the first year of the student's term on the Board of Regents.

SB 580
Chapter 752**Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
TRAINING GRANT FUND**

Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training and Critical Incident Stress Management peer support training; and requiring the Governor's Office Of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year on the uses of the Fund.

HB 751
Chapter 753**Delegate Bridges****PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
TRAINING GRANT FUND**

Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training and Critical Incident Stress Management peer support training; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Fund in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the uses of the Fund.

SB 765
Chapter 754**Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – 41ST DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
– LICENSES**

Authorizing, for a certain period of time, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area for a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City; and altering a certain period of time during which a certain alcoholic beverages license may be issued.

HB 587
Chapter 755**Delegate Bridges, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – 41ST DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
– LICENSES**

Authorizing, for a certain period of time, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area for a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City; and altering a certain period of time during which a certain alcoholic beverages license may be issued.

SB 381
Chapter 756**Senator M. Washington****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A–7
LICENSES**

Repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City.

HB 251
Chapter 757**Delegate Boyce****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A–7
LICENSES**

Repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City.

SB 31
Chapter 764**Senator Carter****BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
STUDENT MEMBERS AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY
COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBERS**

Altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; providing that the student member may not vote on matters before the board relating to personnel and collective bargaining decisions; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2024.

HB 153
Chapter 765**Delegate Wells****BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
STUDENT MEMBERS AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY
COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBERS**

Altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; prohibiting the student member from voting on matters before the board relating to personnel and collective bargaining decisions; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2024.

SB 653
Chapter 766**Senator Carter****CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – CANNABIS USE**

Providing that the use of cannabis by a parent or certain other individuals who care for a child does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law applicable to children in need of assistance.

HB 232
Chapter 767**Delegate Williams****CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – CANNABIS USE**

Providing that the use of cannabis by a parent or certain other individuals who care for a child does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

SB 347
Chapter 774**Senator M. Washington****BALTIMORE COUNTY – CLASS B–ECF/DS (EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE) LICENSE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a Class B–ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Service) license for use at certain Towson University events; and providing an annual license fee of \$2,000.

HB 248
Chapter 775**Delegate Forbes****BALTIMORE COUNTY – CLASS B–ECF/DS (EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE) LICENSE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a Class B–ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Service) license for use at certain Towson University events.

SB 351
Chapter 776**Senator M. Washington****MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – AFFORDABLE LIFE, WILLS, AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR SENIORS GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Affordable Life, Wills, and Estate Planning for Seniors Grant Program in the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to provide eligible seniors access to affordable civil law–related services; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation of \$225,000 in the annual budget for the Program.

HB 486**Chapter 777****Delegates Attar and Stein****TASK FORCE TO STUDY NONPUBLIC STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Nonpublic Student Bus Transportation to collect information from each local board of education on nonpublic school student busing programs other than for the transportation of students in special education; and requiring the Task Force to report by December 15, 2023, to certain committees of the General Assembly any recommendations as to how the State may support a reduction in the use of passenger vehicles for nonpublic school students and policies for certain busing programs.

HB 320**Chapter 778****Delegates Guyton and Kaiser****MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – DEFINITION OF STUDENT DATA – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System to include student disability data by specific disability category.

HB 525**Chapter 779****Delegate Guyton, et al****OUTDOOR PRESCHOOL LICENSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program in the State Department of Education to license outdoor, nature-based early learning and child care programs to expand access to affordable, high-quality early learning and child care programs and investigate the benefits of outdoor, nature-based classrooms; requiring the Department to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027, with recommendations for modifying or expanding the Program; etc.

SB 634
Chapter 780**Senator Mautz****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE**

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1 per bushel; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; requiring that \$1 of each \$2 of the severance tax levied be used by certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars within the waters of the counties; etc.

HB 1084
Chapter 781**Delegate Adams, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE**

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1 per bushel; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; repealing a certain requirement that a certain tax increase be used for the oyster seed program; and requiring that \$1 of each \$2 of the severance tax levied be used by certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars.

HB 656
Chapter 782**Talbot County Delegation****TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Altering the timing of the annual election of the officers of the Talbot County Board of Education to be at its last meeting at the end of each calendar year, or at the meeting in December each year.

SB 302
Chapter 783**Senator Mautz****TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Altering the timing of the annual election of the officers of the Talbot County Board of Education to be at its last meeting at the end of each calendar year, or at the meeting in December each year.

HB 175
Chapter 785**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER – VOTING AND TRAINING**

Authorizing the student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education to vote on capital and operating budget matters; requiring certain members of the county board and the executive leadership of the Baltimore County public school system to develop a certain draft curriculum for budget training for student members of the county board and submit the draft curriculum to the county board for review; and requiring each student member of the board to complete the budget training within 2 months of the student’s election to the board.

HB 210
Chapter 786**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Requiring the seven elected members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be elected in gubernatorial election years; requiring the four appointed members of the Board to be appointed in presidential election years; providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the Board in 2024; and providing for the appointment of certain members of the Board in 2028.

HB 348
Chapter 787**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – VACANCY PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold a public hearing on the selection of a nominee for a single vacancy on the Baltimore County Board of Education in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to make publicly available on its website live video streaming of certain public hearings and certain archived video recordings; and authorizing the Commission to retain and reactivate the applications of certain candidates for certain vacancies on the county board.

HB 1178
Chapter 789**Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM
– BENEFITS**

Altering a certain benefit amount for certain fire and rescue volunteers; and authorizing the board of commissioners to approve an increase in benefit payment for certain fire and rescue volunteers.

SB 491
Chapter 790**Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY SCHOOL BUS
OPERATOR CONTRACTS AND WAGES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages in Charles County; requiring the Task Force to study issues related to student transportation, bus driver wages, and multiyear contracts for bus contractors in Charles County and to research best practices in surrounding jurisdictions related to the facilitation of student transportation; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the members of the Charles County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2023.

SB 156
Chapter 791**Prince George's County Senators****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
REENTRY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive to be used for the Prince George's County Reentry Employment Incentive Program; and requiring that funds made available by the Act are supplemental to, and may not supplant, funds otherwise available for the reentry employment incentives in Prince George's County.

HB 437
Chapter 792**Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ALTERATIONS TO TITLE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE PG 501–23

Changing the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system to the County Superintendent of the Prince George’s County public school system; establishing the Office of Integrity and Compliance in the Prince George’s County public school system to evaluate, examine, investigate, report on, and make recommendations on certain issues related to the Prince George’s County public school system; requiring the County Council of Prince George’s County to appoint an Integrity and Compliance officer; etc.

HB 1079
Chapter 793**Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SYSTEM REVISIONS PG 502–23

Altering the duties and responsibilities of the Prince George’s County Board of Education and certain officers of the county board; altering the voting authority of the student board member; requiring the county board to retain counsel and pay certain counsel fees and expenses incurred for defending a member in litigation involving a member’s service in the member’s official capacity on the county board under certain circumstances; altering certain procedures for the election of the student member of the county board; etc.

Except Section 2

HB 637
Chapter 794**Washington County Delegation**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Altering the grounds on which a deputy sheriff having a rank of major or below in Washington County may be discharged after 2 years of continuous employment; providing that a special deputy sheriff in Washington County is not a State employee for certain purposes; authorizing sworn deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below and correctional deputies at the rank of sergeant and below to engage in collective bargaining with the Washington County Sheriff and the County Administrator; etc.

SB 428
Chapter 795**Washington County Senators**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Altering the grounds on which a deputy sheriff having a rank of major or below in Washington County may be discharged after 2 years of continuous employment; providing that a special deputy sheriff in Washington County is not a State employee for certain purposes; authorizing sworn deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below and correctional deputies at the rank of sergeant and below to engage in collective bargaining with the Washington County Sheriff and the County Administrator; etc.

HB 701
Chapter 801**Delegate Kipke****MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION AND OFFICES OF THE COMPTROLLER, TREASURER, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL – COMPENSATION AND PAY SCALES OF EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of certain Commission employees; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation; and authorizing the Comptroller, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the pay scale of certain positions in their offices.

HB 1071
Chapter 802**Delegate Crutchfield, et al****CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE – CANNABIS – FINES FOR SMOKING IN PUBLIC, STOPS, AND SEARCHES**

Altering the maximum fines for smoking cannabis in a public place; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from initiating a stop or a search of a person, a motor vehicle, or a vessel based solely on certain factors; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a law enforcement officer from conducting a search of a certain area of a motor vehicle or vessel; providing that evidence obtained in violation of certain provisions of the Act is not admissible in certain proceedings; etc.

SB 610
Chapter 804**Senator M. Washington, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – VIRTUAL EDUCATION**

Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training related to teaching in a virtual learning environment as a component of instruction; 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; altering the requirements for virtual schools established by a county board of education; etc.

2022 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2023

HB 837
Chapter 26

Delegate Clippinger

CANNABIS REFORM

Requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to conduct a baseline study of cannabis use in the State by March 1, 2023; altering certain provisions relating to penalties, charging procedures, expungement, shielding, and sentencing for certain offenses involving cannabis; legalizing the use and possession of a certain quantity of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years old; establishing the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council and a Cannabis Public Health Fund; etc.

Sections 4 and 6 only

HB 1228
Chapter 30

Delegate Crosby, 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 up to \$250,000 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.

Section 1 only

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SB 586
Chapter 521

Senator McCray, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY – COURTS AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN BALTIMORE CITY

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to notify the Baltimore Police Department, within 24 hours of a release, if a defendant is released prior to trial; establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court sitting in Baltimore City to reduce recidivism by offering defendants an opportunity to take part in full-time job training and job placement programs as a condition of probation; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan to implement and monitor the pilot program; etc.

Section 2 only

HB 785
Chapter 522

Delegate R. Lewis

COURTS – BALTIMORE CITY JOBS COURT PILOT PROGRAM
AND CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS
IMPROVEMENT FUND

Establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court sitting in Baltimore City to reduce recidivism by offering defendants an opportunity to participate in full-time job training and job placement programs as a condition of probation, an alternative to incarceration, or a condition of pretrial release; and requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to take certain actions including providing a certain report, in consultation with the Baltimore Workforce Development Board, to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Section 1 only

HB 995
Chapter 525**Delegates Solomon and Palakovich Carr****EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a process for granting presumptive eligibility for a subsidy under the Child Care Scholarship Program; requiring the Department to award a subsidy to an individual who submits certain proof; prohibiting the Department and the Comptroller from seeking reimbursement or repayment of a certain subsidy from certain individuals under certain circumstances, except for cases of suspected fraud; requiring the Comptroller to pay a child care provider within 5 days of receiving a certain notice; etc.

Section 2 only

SB 920
Chapter 526**Senator King, et al****EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a certain process for granting presumptive eligibility for a subsidy under the Child Care Scholarship Program; requiring the Department to award a certain subsidy to an individual who submits certain proof; prohibiting the Department or the Comptroller from seeking reimbursement or repayment of a certain subsidy from certain individuals under certain circumstances, except for cases of suspected fraud; etc.

Section 2 only

SB 830
Chapter 574**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 up to \$250,000 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.

Section 1 only

HB 667
Chapter 757**Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B
BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – RESTAURANTS**

Repealing a requirement that a restaurant applying for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County must have been in full-time operation for the 6 months prior to filing the application.

2021 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2023

SB 439

Chapter 138

Senators Ready and West

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES (JORDAN MCNAIR SAFE AND FAIR PLAY ACT)

Declaring certain findings of the General Assembly regarding the educational needs and the health and safety of student athletes; prohibiting a public institution of higher education or certain organizations from preventing a student athlete from earning compensation from the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness; prohibiting a public institution of higher education from providing a prospective student athlete with certain compensation or preventing the athlete from obtaining certain representation; etc.

Section 2 only

HB 528

Chapter 589

St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REPEAL OF IMPACT FEE – AUTHORIZATION OF BUILDING EXCISE TAX

Repealing the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to impose a development impact fee to finance the cost of certain facilities required to accommodate new construction or development; authorizing the county commissioners to impose a building excise tax on any building construction in the county; requiring the county commissioners to specify the types of building construction that are subject to the tax; etc.

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