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SB 686 Senator Smith

Chapter 5

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION, DAMAGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definition of "sexual abuse" for purposes relating to civil actions for child sexual abuse to include any act that involves an adult allowing or encouraging a child to engage in certain activities or any other sexual conduct that is a crime; repealing the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 1 Delegate Wilson, et al

Chapter 6

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION, DAMAGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definition of "sexual abuse" for purposes relating to civil actions for child sexual abuse to include any act that involves an adult allowing or encouraging a child to engage in certain activities; establishing certain limitations on damages that may be awarded under the Act; repealing the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; etc.

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HB 774 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al

Chapter 7 ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, AND NEGLECT (THE SENATOR DELORES KELLEY RESIDENTS OF UNLICENSED PROGRAMS PROTECTION ACT)

> Requiring the Maryland Department of Health or the Office of Health Care Quality to investigate whether residents in an assisted living program have been subject to neglect, exploitation, or abuse, if the assisted living program is operating without a license; subjecting certain assisted living programs operating without a license to immediate prosecution under a certain provision of law under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 665 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al

Chapter 8 ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, AND NEGLECT (THE SENATOR DELORES KELLEY RESIDENTS OF UNLICENSED PROGRAMS PROTECTION ACT)

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SB 541 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

Chapter 9 CIGARETTES – WHOLESALERS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Requiring each licensed cigarette wholesaler to submit complete and accurate information in the form and manner the Comptroller requires to facilitate compliance with certain provisions of law relating to cigarettes.

HB 777The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

Chapter 10 CIGARETTES – WHOLESALERS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

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HB 339 Delegate White, et al

Chapter 11 MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to December 1, 2025; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2026.

SB 478 Senator Sydnor, et al

Chapter 12 MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to December 1, 2025; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2026.

HB 1244 Delegate Attar, et al

Chapter 13 MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim January 27 as Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day; and requiring the proclamation to include a declaration of the purposes of Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day.

SB 842 Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 14 MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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SB 241 Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

Chapter 19

COMMERCIAL LAW – ABANDONED PROPERTY -ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Comptroller, as Administrator of abandoned property in the State, to determine the value of certain nonmonetary abandoned property; and authorizing the Administrator, if it is determined the property has no commercial value and need not be offered for sale, to return the property to the holder, destroy the property, or dispose of the property.

HB 429 Delegate Charles, et al

Chapter 26 PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Altering the membership of the Procurement Improvement Council to include the Comptroller and the Attorney General; authorizing certain members to send a designee to attend certain meetings under certain circumstances; and clarifying the duties of the Council to include discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority–owned, and women–owned businesses in procurement contracts.

SB 451 Senators Griffith and Hester

Chapter 27 PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Altering the membership of the Procurement Improvement Council to add the Comptroller and the Attorney General; authorizing the Comptroller and the Attorney General to send designees to attend meetings of the Council if the Comptroller or the Attorney General is unable to attend; and expanding the duties of the Council to include providing a forum for the discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority–owned, and women–owned businesses in procurement contracts.

SB 716Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 30Chapter 30Request – Departmental – Labor)

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 717Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 31Chapter 31Request – Departmental – Labor)

STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 714Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 33Chapter 33Request – Departmental – Labor)

STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Certified Interior Designers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 715Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 34Chapter 34Request – Departmental – Labor)

STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2035, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 724Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland
Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL GRIEVANCE PROCESS – MODIFICATION

Altering the process by which a health insurance carrier is required to provide notice of an adverse decision in nonemergency cases under the internal grievance process established by the carrier for its members.

HB 19 Delegate Woods, et al

Chapter 41

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS – ELECTRONIC MEANS

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to issue electronic licenses and registrations, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, on an applicant's request, to print a paper copy of the verification of licensure or registration and send it by first–class mail to the address on the application; repealing the requirement that the Board include certain information on each license and registration; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices by first–class mail under certain circumstances.

SB 349 Senator M. Washington

Chapter 42 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS – ELECTRONIC MEANS

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HB 141 Delegate Qi, et al

Chapter 45 STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS – ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to be the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; increasing the number of members of the Commission from 15 to 21; altering certain qualifications for members appointed to the Commission; staggering the terms of Commission members; and altering the duties of the Commission.

SB 251 Senator M. Washington

Chapter 46 STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS – ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to be the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; increasing the number of members of the Commission from 15 to 21; altering certain qualifications for members appointed to the Commission; staggering the terms of Commission members; and altering the duties of the Commission.

HB 26 Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 55 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PSYCHOLOGISTS – LICENSURE QUALIFICATION

Requiring an individual, in order to be licensed as a psychologist by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, to have a doctoral degree in psychology from a certain school or university, to have received a postdoctoral respecialization certificate from a certain department of psychology that included a minimum of 1,750 hours in supervised internship, and to have completed at least 1,500 hours postcertification advanced training hours or precertification hours of service as a registered psychology associate; etc.

SB 375 Senator Ellis

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – INACTIVE AND EMERITUS STATUS

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to reinstate the license of an individual who is on inactive or emeritus status; exempting licensees who are on inactive status or emeritus status from continuing medical education requirements; repealing the requirement that the Board issue a license to an individual who is on inactive status under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 453 Delegate Szeliga, et al

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STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – INACTIVE AND EMERITUS STATUS

Authorizing the Board to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to reinstate the license of an individual who is on inactive or emeritus status; exempting licensees who are on inactive status or emeritus status from continuing medical education requirements; repealing the requirement that the Board issue a license to an individual who is on inactive status under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 718Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 65Chapter 65Request – Departmental – Environment)

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM – DETERMINATION AND RECORDATION DEADLINES

Altering determination and recordation deadlines for the Voluntary Cleanup Program.

HB 516 Chapter 69	Delegate Love
	AGRICULTURE – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS – REPORTING DEADLINES
	Altering the date from February 1, 2020 and each February 1 thereafter, to July 1 each year, on which the Department of Agriculture must submit to the General Assembly a certain annual report regarding the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry to the General Assembly.
<mark>SB 723</mark> Chapter 70	Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)
	CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRONIC COPIES FEE – REPEAL
	Repealing a \$1-per-page fee for electronic copies of certain documents recorded or filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.
<mark>HB 648</mark> Chapter 77	Delegate Hinebaugh
	GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES
	Increasing, from \$8 to \$10, the auctioneer's fee for the tax sale of property in Garrett County for each property sold.
<mark>SB 384</mark> Chapter 78	Senator McKay
	GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES
	Increasing, from \$8 to \$10, the auctioneer's fee for the tax sale of property in Garrett County for each property sold.
HB 345 Chapter 90	Montgomery County Delegation
	MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES – ADVISORY BOARD MC 04–23
	Altering the membership of the Advisory Board of the Alcohol Beverage Services of Montgomery County to include a designee of the Director of the Services and a designee of the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Police.

HB 763 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 91 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES – BINDING ARBITRATION PROCEDURES MC 13–23

Requiring that the procedures for declaring an impasse and submitting a dispute to binding arbitration be conducted in accordance with certain provisions of the Montgomery County Code if the Sheriff of Montgomery County and a bargaining representative are unable to reach agreement during negotiations on matters applicable to employees of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

HB 764 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 92 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – IMPASSE ARBITRATION MC 10–23

> Altering the terms and conditions of a certain final offer that the Executive Director of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County is required to submit to the Montgomery Commission; authorizing the parties to a collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Montgomery Commission to request the services of a mediator–arbitrator during a term of a collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances; and establishing the process for mediation–arbitration.

HB 636 Delegate Guzzone

Chapter 107 PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – INSPECTION OF E–MAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Altering the definition of "personal information" for purposes of certain provisions of the Public Information Act to include an individual's personal e-mail address; requiring certain custodians to deny inspection of certain records of personal e-mail addresses and telephone numbers except under certain circumstances; and requiring certain custodians to allow inspection of certain records of business e-mail addresses under the same circumstances as inspection of certain records of business addresses and telephone numbers.

SB 707Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 110Chapter 110– State Police)

PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL – PROBATIONARY STATUS AND PROMOTION

Requiring a certain deputy State fire marshal to be on probation for a period of 2 years after the date of appointment to the Office of the State Fire Marshal under certain circumstances; and specifying the pay that a certain deputy State fire marshal is entitled to on promotion.

SB 720Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 111 – Labor)

HORSE RACING – EXTENSION OF MARYLAND HORSE RACING ACT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED RACETRACK OPERATING AUTHORITY

Extending the termination date of the Maryland Horse Racing Act from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2034; establishing the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority; establishing the Maryland Racing Operations Fund to assist the Authority in financing the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or other expenses for thoroughbred racetracks in the State; authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to transfer money from the Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund to the Maryland Racing Operations Fund; etc. **Section 1 only**

HB 395 Delegate White, et al

Chapter 117

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE FACILITIES CHANGES AND CLOSURES – PROCEDURES

Requiring a principal department of the Executive Branch to give certain notice to the public, the General Assembly, and any exclusive representative with certain bargaining unit employees, hold a public hearing, submit a certain report, make the report publicly available, and allow the submission of certain comments before changing the use, purpose, or function of a State facility or closing a State facility.

SB 223 Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 118 STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE FACILITIES CHANGES AND CLOSURES – PROCEDURES

Requiring a principal department of the Executive Branch to give certain notice to the public, the General Assembly, and any exclusive representative with certain bargaining unit employees and hold a public hearing before changing the use, purpose, or function of a State facility or closing a State facility; authorizing a government agency or judicial body that determines an emergency situation posing a certain health risk exists to modify the timelines required by the Act in a certain manner; etc.

HB 561 Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 124 TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY (CARROLL COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Granting the Town of Mount Airy in Carroll County and Frederick County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers within an urban renewal area under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

SB 313 Carroll County Senators

Chapter 125 TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY (CARROLL COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Granting the Town of Mount Airy in Carroll County and Frederick County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers within an urban renewal area under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

SB 332 Senator Hayes

Chapter 139 MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation.

HB 690 Delegate Edelson, et al

Chapter 140 MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation.

SB 719Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By
Chapter 143Chapter 143Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)

PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE FUEL SECURITY PROGRAM

Establishing the State Fuel Security Program to be administered and enforced by the Maryland Energy Administration; applying the Program to motor gasoline, middle distillate, propane, certain residential fuel oil, and aviation gasoline; authorizing the Administration, in coordination with the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Information Technology, to collect, store, and disseminate certain energy–related data for a certain purpose and subject to certain requirements; etc.

HB 1300Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public
Chapter 144Chapter 144Safety and Correctional Services)

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CARE – CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Altering provisions relating to criminal background investigations for certain individuals who care for or supervise children; and requiring certain facilities to apply to the Central Repository for a national and State criminal history records check for each employee, employer, individual, or volunteer.

HB 245 Delegate Woods, et al

Chapter 145 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – REPORTING

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to include an attestation that all units required to report are represented in its annual report beginning December 31, 2023; requiring the Office to conduct a certain periodic audit to ensure the accuracy of the attestation; requiring a certain annual report to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight; etc.

HB 151 Delegate Wells

Chapter 146

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – NOTIFICATION OF RENT INCREASES

Prohibiting a landlord from including a certain term in a lease pertaining to electronic delivery of the notice of a rent increase; requiring a landlord to notify a tenant in writing before increasing the tenant's rent through first–class mail or, if elected by the tenant, electronic delivery; requiring a county or municipality that adopts a certain local law related to limitations on rent increases to report annually certain information on building permits issued for multifamily dwellings intended as rental housing; etc.

HB 535 Delegate Feldmark, et al

Chapter 151 ELECTION

ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUANCE, PROCESSING, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES AND 2024 PRIMARY DATE

Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls close; requiring that the statewide primary election and the primary election for the municipal offices of Baltimore City in 2024 be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc.

SB 379 Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 152 ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUANCE, PROCESSING, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES AND 2024 PRIMARY DATE

Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls open; requiring, in 2024, the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc.

HB 1051 Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 156 PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DECISIONS OF THE STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE BOARD – APPEALS

> Authorizing an applicant to appeal a certain decision issued by the State Public Information Compliance Board; authorizing a party aggrieved by a final judgment of a circuit court in a proceeding for judicial review of a certain decision of the Board to appeal to the Appellate Court of Maryland.

HB 1200 Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 157 ELECTIONS – ELECTION JUDGES – MINIMUM COMPENSATION

Establishing a minimum training course compensation of \$50 and minimum daily compensation of \$250 for election judges for each election day and each early voting day actually served; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse each local board elections for \$50 of the extra compensation that is paid to each returning election judge; and requiring the State Board to develop and implement a marketing campaign to assist in the recruitment of individuals to serve as election judges.

HB 543 Delegate Tomlinson, et al

 Chapter 161
 STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL PROCUREMENT – DEFINITION

 Increasing certain dollar thresholds of spending for the purposes of defining "small procurement" for State procurement contracts.

HB 509 Delegate Tomlinson, et al

Chapter 162 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ON WEBSITE

Requiring the State Board of Elections to publish municipal election results on its website immediately after a municipality submits its election results; and requiring, within 30 days after the results of a municipal election are certified, the municipality to submit to the State Board an electronic copy of the election results for each office or question voted on at the election.

SB 287 Senators Gallion and Carozza

Chapter 163 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ON WEBSITE

Requiring the State Board of Elections to publish municipal election results on its website immediately after a municipality submits its election results; and requiring, withing 30 days after the results of a municipal election are certified, the municipality to submit to the State Board an electronic copy of the election results for each office or question voted on at the election.

SB 782 Senator Hester

Chapter 169 STATE PROCUREMENT – PURCHASING – COMPOST, MULCH, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS AND AGGREGATE

Requiring each unit of State government to include certain specifications for certain products produced from recycled or organic materials when establishing procurement specifications for compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregate; and requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to establish specifications for purchasing of compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregates produced from certain materials and publish and maintain the specification online for use by State agencies.

HB 586 Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 170 STATE PROCUREMENT – PURCHASING – COMPOST, MULCH, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS AND AGGREGATE

Requiring each unit of State government to include certain specifications for certain products produced from recycled or organic materials when establishing procurement specifications for compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregate; requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to establish certain specifications for purchasing of compost, mulch, or other soil amendments or aggregates produced from certain materials and publish and maintain the specifications online for use by State agencies.

SB 783 Senator Hester

Chapter 173 PRESERVATION AND REUSE OF HISTORIC COMPLEXES STUDY AND ALTERATIONS TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

Allowing multiple final tax certificates to be issued for a catalytic revitalization project in certain circumstances; and requiring the Smart Growth Subcabinet to study Maryland's historic complexes and make recommendations about an implementation plan to address the preservation and reuse of historic complexes in the State on or before December 31, 2023.

HB 150 Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 174

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting, and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds; and providing that the notice requirement does not apply to individuals applying for loans from the Department that are not focused on housing.

SB 166 Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman

Chapter 175 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting, and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; and requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds.

SB 746 Senator Folden

Chapter 176 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES – RELOCATION PLANS AND SALES OF COMMUNITIES (MANUFACTURED HOUSING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)

> Altering requirements relating to relocation plans for mobile home parks residents who will be dislocated as a result of the change in land use of a park; requiring the owner of a manufactured housing community, 60 days prior to entering into a contract to sell the community, to provide notice of the terms of the offer to homeowners in the community, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the appropriate housing agency, and to provide the homeowners with the opportunity to purchase the community; etc.

HB 23 Delegate Stewart

Chapter 177 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES – RELOCATION PLANS AND SALES OF COMMUNITIES (MANUFACTURED HOUSING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)

> Altering requirements relating to relocation plans for mobile home parks to require a plan for park residents who will be dislocated as a result of the change in land use; requiring the owner, 60 days prior to entering into a contract to sell the community, to provide notice of the terms of the offer to homeowners in the community and provide them the opportunity to purchase the housing community; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to list certain agencies to assist homeowners with the purchase of a community; etc.

HB 92 Delegate Holmes

Chapter 180 GROUND LEASES – COLLECTION OF RENT, INTEREST, FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc.

SB 193 Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 181 GROUND LEASES – COLLECTION OF RENT, INTEREST, FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc.

SB 196 Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 182 RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES – REDEMPTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the prohibition against a tenant who is seeking to redeem or extinguish ground rent providing certain documentation and payments to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation earlier than 90 days after an application for redemption or extinguishment has been posted on the Department's website.

HB 93 Delegate Holmes

Chapter 183 RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES – REDEMPTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT – REQUIREMENTS

> Repealing the prohibition against a tenant who is seeking to redeem or extinguish ground rent providing certain documentation and payments to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation earlier than 90 days after an application for redemption or extinguishment has been posted on the Department's website.

HB 118 Delegate Holmes

Chapter 184

GROUND LEASES – NOTICES AND BILLING – FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a leasehold tenant of an unregistered ground lease from being required to hold more than 3 years of ground rent in escrow; requiring a ground lease holder to mail certain notices or bills to a leasehold tenant in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make available on its website the form a ground lease holder must use to provide a leasehold tenant bills or notices; etc.

SB 194 Senators Sydnor and Hayes

Chapter 185 GROUND LEASES – NOTICES AND BILLING – FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a leasehold tenant of an unregistered ground lease from being required to hold more than 3 years of ground rent in escrow; requiring a ground lease holder to mail certain notices or bills to a leasehold tenant in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make available on its website the form a ground lease hold holder must use to provide to a leasehold tenant a certain notice; requiring a ground lease transferee to send notice of a transfer within 30 days; etc.

HB 98 Delegate Arentz

Chapter 186 CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the types of elements and units for which a council of unit owners is required to maintain certain property insurance and altering certain requirements for the property insurance policy; and requiring owners of detached units to carry homeowners insurance on the entirety of the unit.

SB 514 Senator Lam, et al

Chapter 205

LOCAL PROCUREMENTS – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATION

Requiring that a county or municipality that operates a minority business enterprise utilization program for county or municipal procurements and has a process for the certification of minority business enterprises shall accept as certified a person that holds a certification as a minority business enterprise by the State certification agency.

HB 825 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 209 TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR BLIGHT CLEARANCE PG 410–23

Granting the Town of Forest Heights in Prince George's County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

SB 506 Senator Muse

Chapter 210 TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR BLIGHT CLEARANCE

Granting the Town of Forest Heights in Prince George's County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

HB 608 Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 211 HUMAN RELATIONS – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – SERVICE DOGS

Prohibiting a person from discriminating in the sale or rental of, or otherwise making unavailable or denying, a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has, obtains, or retains a certain service dog.

SB 535 Senator James, et al

Chapter 212 HUMAN RELATIONS – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – SERVICE DOGS

Prohibiting a person from discriminating in the sale or rental of, or otherwise making unavailable or denying, a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has, obtains, or retains a certain service dog; and defining "service dog" as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

HB 816 Delegate Phillips, et al

Chapter 213 PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VETERAN–OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL SCORECARD

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program; establishing a certain grading scale for the scorecard; and requiring grades achieved by each unit to be published each year on the Office's website.

SB 510 Senator Ellis

Chapter 214 PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VETERAN–OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL SCORECARD

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program; establishing a certain grading scale for the scorecard; and requiring grades achieved by each unit to be published each year on the Office's website.

HB 1111 Delegates Phillips and Ebersole

Chapter 215

BALTIMORE COUNTY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing Baltimore County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or on behalf of certain contractors in order to satisfy certain county bond requirements; and providing that Baltimore County is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee.

HB 844 Delegates Pasteur and Holmes

Chapter 216 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish and maintain a website that provides certain information on the rights and responsibilities of individuals living in a common ownership community.

SB 708Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 226 – Health)

PUBLIC HEALTH – YOUTH CAMPS, DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROGRAMS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for criminal history records checks for certain youth camp applicants; requiring that the Department issue a certain written determination to a youth camp within 3 business days; repealing the authority of youth development organizations and programs to request from the Department a determination of whether the results of a criminal history records check would prohibit the hiring of a job applicant; etc.

HB 184 Delegate Solomon

Chapter 231 STATE PERSONNEL – EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Authorizing a certain employee or certain exclusive representative to initiate a grievance procedure under certain provisions of law; requiring certain decision makers in a grievance procedure in certain higher education systems to award certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring certain employee grievance procedures to include certain redress for certain violations; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to be consistent with certain provisions of law and include redress for certain violations; etc.

SB 79 Senator Kramer

Chapter 232 STATE PERSONNEL – EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Authorizing a certain employee or certain exclusive representative to initiate a grievance procedure under certain provisions of law; requiring certain decision makers in a grievance procedure in certain higher education systems to award certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring regulations adopted by the Secretary of Transportation to be consistent with certain provisions of law and include redress for certain violations; etc.

SB 574 Senators Lewis Young and Salling

Chapter 235 STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – COMPLAINTS

Authorizing an applicant for State employment or a State employee to file a complaint alleging harassment by an employer within 2 years after the alleged violation that is the basis of the complaint; and increasing, from 30 days to 1 year, the period of time for an applicant or employee to file a complaint alleging certain prohibited personnel actions.

HB 309 Delegate Simpson, et al

Chapter 236 STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – COMPLAINTS

Authorizing an applicant for State employment or a State employee to file a complaint alleging harassment by an employer within 2 years after the alleged violation that is the basis of the complaint; and increasing, from 30 days to 1 year, the period of time for an applicant or employee to file a complaint alleging certain prohibited personnel actions.

HB 377 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 238 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT – PROCUREMENT MC 15–23

Increasing the threshold amount above which the Friendship Heights Village Council is prohibited from entering into a certain contract without a competitive bidding process; and authorizing the village council, by majority vote, to enter into a certain contract that exceeds the \$20,000 threshold amount without a competitive bidding process if the procurement is in response to an emergency.

HB 778Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 239Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BICOUNTY AGENCIES – COMMISSIONER DISCIPLINE, DISCLOSURES, TRAINING, AND ETHICS MC/PG 105–23

Authorizing a bicounty commissioner and an applicant for the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to submit certain financial statements to the Montgomery County Council electronically; authorizing the Council to discipline a Montgomery County commissioner under certain circumstances; prohibiting a Montgomery County commissioner from engaging in certain political activities while serving on the Commission; prohibiting the chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board from engaging in certain employment; etc.

HB 526 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 242 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TRANSFER OF CHILD SUPPORT UNIT AND PERSONNEL TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

Transferring all the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County and certain personnel to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services.

SB 325 Washington County Senators

Chapter 243 WASHINGTON COUNTY – SHERIFF'S SALARY – ALTERATION

Altering the salary of the Washington County Sheriff to be 90% of the salary of the State's Attorney of Washington County; and repealing the requirement for the Washington County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Washington County.

SB 460 Senator M. Washington, et al

Chapter 252 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT (TRANS HEALTH EQUITY ACT)

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender–affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender–affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender–affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.

HB 283 Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 253 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT (TRANS HEALTH EQUITY ACT)

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2024, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender–affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender–affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender–affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.

SB 8 Senator Augustine

Chapter 262 MENTAL HEALTH – TREATMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES AND RESIDENCE GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment; establishing an appeals process related to the review of a treatment plan; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the appeals process; etc.

HB 121 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 263 MENTAL HEALTH – TREATMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES AND RESIDENT GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay before the individual can be transferred to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring the Department of Health to report annually to the General Assembly on the Resident Grievance System and the grievances received related to State facilities; etc.

SB 14 Senator Augustine

Chapter 264

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors.

HB 291 Delegates Guzzone and Cullison

Chapter 265 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors.

SB 591 Senator Smith

Chapter 266

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS – APPLICATION OF PROHIBITION

Altering the application of the prohibition on including a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract or similar document or agreement that restricts the ability of an employee to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self–employed in the same or similar business or trade.

SB 928 Senator Griffith

Chapter 267

INSURANCE – CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MODEL LAW – RECIPROCAL JURISDICTIONS

Prohibiting the Maryland Insurance Commissioner from removing from a certain list of reciprocal jurisdictions created and published by the Commissioner certain jurisdictions located outside the United States and certain jurisdictions in the United States that meet certain accreditation requirements.

SB 346 Senator King, et al

Chapter 269 MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT

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

HB 260 Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 270 MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT

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HB 43 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 271 PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – PAYMENT OF BALANCE AFTER FORECLOSURE

Requiring each county to establish a process for a person entitled to any balance over the amount required for the payment of taxes, interest, penalties, and costs of sale to claim the balance after a tax sale foreclosure; and requiring the collector of taxes for a county to notify the prior property owner, within 90 days after delivering a deed to a purchaser, of the amount of a certain balance and the process for claiming the balance.

HB 83 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 273 PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – REDEMPTION

Requiring a tax collector to make certain attempts to contact a certain plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale regarding certain expenses; and authorizing a collector to redeem certain property without a certain satisfaction letter if a plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale fails to respond within 5 days after certain attempts by the collector to make contact.

SB 558 Senator Guzzone

Chapter 276 RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the Maryland Department of Health to award competitive grants to recovery residences to support operations, services, and programs; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the annual budget bill to include \$500,000 for the Program in each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly about the number of grants and the program's grant recipients by December 1, 2024.

SB 527 Senators Waldstreicher and Smith

Chapter 278 FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Altering the defined term "peer support counseling program" for peer services offered to fire, rescue, or emergency medical services members to be "peer support program"; and requiring peer support programs to be evidence–based.

SB 940 Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 279 STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS, BAG TAGS, AND MEDICAL GUIDES FOR BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – REGULATIONS

> Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled have appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides; requiring the Board to give visually impaired individuals an opportunity to comment on the regulations; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report by December 1, 2023, to the General Assembly on the process for and costs of implementing certain enhanced professional dispensing fees.

HB 456 Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 280 STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS, BAG TAGS, AND MEDICAL GUIDES FOR BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – REGULATIONS

> Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled have appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides; requiring the Board to give visually impaired individuals an opportunity to comment on the regulations; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report by December 1, 2023, to the General Assembly on the implementation process for providing accessible labels for visually impaired persons.

SB 26 Senators Augustine and Hester

Chapter 282 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND WORKGROUP ON LOW–INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; and requiring the Workgroup on Low–Income Utility Assistance to submit a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2024, of its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislative and regulatory changes.

HB 111 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 283 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND WORKGROUP ON LOW–INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; and requiring the Workgroup on Low–Income Utility Assistance to submit a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2024, of its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislative and regulatory changes.

SB 101 Senator Augustine

Chapter 284

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT EXPANSION

Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

HB 48 Delegate Bagnall

Chapter 285 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT EXPANSION

> Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

SB 509 Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 288 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. **Section 1 only**

HB 702 Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 289

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. **Section 1 only**

SB 582 Senator Augustine

Chapter 290 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – TREATMENT AND ACCESS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL FOR MARYLAND)

Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services that are available on demand to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value–Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department apply for certain federal planning grant funds; requiring the Department to apply to participate in a certain demonstration program; etc. **Section 2 only**

HB 1148 Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 291 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – TREATMENT AND ACCESS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL FOR MARYLAND)

Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services that are available on demand to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value–Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to apply for certain federal planning grant funds; requiring the Department to apply to participate in a certain demonstration program; etc. **Section 2 only**

HB 863 Delegate Bartlett

Chapter 296 PUBLIC HEALTH – CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – CORRECTIONS TO AUTOPSY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Altering, from 60 days to 180 days, the time period after a medical examiner files findings and conclusions resulting from an autopsy during which a person in interest may request the medical examiner to correct findings and conclusions on the cause and manner of death recorded on a certificate of death.

SB 678 Senator Beidle

Chapter 300 HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHARMACIST

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist's lawful scope of practice, rather than only certain services, to the same extent as services rendered by any other health care practitioner.

HB 1151 Delegate Bhandari, et al

Chapter 301 HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHARMACIST

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist's lawful scope of practice to the same extent as services rendered by any other health care practitioner; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed by January 1, 2024.

HB 172 Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 302 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS – DRY NEEDLING APPROVAL

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues, as a specialized task; requiring 80 hours of instruction in a certain continuing education course, including 40 hours of practical, hands–on instruction under the guidance of a certain licensed health care practitioner; etc.

SB 232 Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 303

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS – DRY NEEDLING APPROVAL

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues; requiring 80 hours of instruction in a certain continuing education course, including 40 hours of practical, hands–on instruction under the guidance of a certain licensed health care practitioner; etc.

HB 288 Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 304 GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (JOE SHEYA ACT)

Requiring the owners and operators of grocery stores with annual gross incomes greater than \$10,000,000 or restaurants with annual gross incomes of more than \$1,000,000, beginning on January 1, 2024, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent, accessible area and maintain the functionality of the defibrillator; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations.

SB 299 Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 305 GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (JOE SHEYA ACT)

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SB 497 Chapter 308	Senator Hershey, et al	
	STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE	
	Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.	
HB 178 Chapter 309	Delegate Reznik, et al	
	STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE	
	Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.	
HB 370 Chapter 312	Delegate Rogers, et al	
	6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION DAY	
	Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 9 as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in recognition of the service of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion during World War II.	

HB 662	Delegate Rogers, et al
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Chapter 313 REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND ASSOCIATE BROKERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES – ALTERATIONS

> Altering the requirements for the subject matter of continuing education courses for licensees issued an initial license by the Real Estate Commission.

SB 443 Senator Brooks

Chapter 314 REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND ASSOCIATE BROKERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES – ALTERATIONS

> Altering the requirements for the subject matter of continuing education courses for licensees issued an initial license by the Real Estate Commission.

HB 236 Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 316 TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM – OUTREACH

Expressing the intent of the General Assembly that at least 2% of the balance in the Homeowner Protection Fund be spent each year to conduct outreach in a certain manner to homeowners in tax sale to encourage the homeowners to enroll in the Homeowner Protection Program; authorizing the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to conduct outreach using State employees and resources or to contract with a private vendor; requiring that certain State and local government agencies provide certain information to facilitate outreach efforts; etc.

SB 145 Senators West and M. Washington

Chapter 317 STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – CONDITIONAL LICENSES TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK

Authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under certain circumstances, to issue a conditional license to practice social work to an applicant who, except for passing a required examination, has met the appropriate education and experience requirements for a certain license if the required examination was unavailable to the applicant for a period of at least 15 business days; providing that a conditional license is valid until 180 days after the examination becomes readily available to the applicant; etc.

HB 800 Delegate Phillips, et al

Chapter 320 EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers' compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.

SB 71 Senator Brooks

Chapter 321 EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers' compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.

SB 914 Senators Ellis and Rosapepe

Chapter 324 HOSPITALS – TESTING FOR FENTANYL (THE JOSH SIEMS ACT)

Requiring a hospital to include testing for fentanyl as part of a urine drug screening; and requiring the hospital, if a urine drug screening detects fentanyl, to report the deidentified test results to the Maryland Department of Health through the State-designated health information exchange.

HB 811 Delegate Vogel, et al

Chapter 325 HOSPITALS – TESTING FOR FENTANYL (THE JOSH SIEMS ACT)

Requiring a hospital to include testing for fentanyl as part of a urine drug screening; and requiring the hospital, if a urine drug screening detects fentanyl, to report the deidentified test results to the Maryland Department of Health through the State–designated health information exchange.

HB 1159 Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 326 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FACULTY – QUALIFYING FOR EXAMINATION

Altering the circumstances under which a dentist who is a faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a foreign dental school must be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take an examination offered by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor organization.

SB 213 Senator Ellis

Chapter 327 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING

Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

HB 278 Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 328 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING

Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

SB 511 Senators Ellis and Hester

Chapter 331 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

Repealing the \$500,000 cap on the amount of grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; repealing the \$400,000 cap on funding for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; establishing the State Coordinating Committee for Health and Human Services Transportation to examine the transportation needs of residents of the State who are elderly, have a disability, or require transportation to access jobs, medical and other health–related appointments, and certain programs; etc.

HB 596 Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 332 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

Repealing the \$500,000 cap on grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; repealing the \$400,000 cap on the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; establishing the State Coordinating Committee for Health and Human Services Transportation to examine transportation needs of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and residents requiring transportation assistance to jobs, appointments, citizen programs, and other engagements; etc.

SB 172 Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 334 EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ACT)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested and have registered with the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving the information, if a parent or legal guardian of the minor or the minor elects to allow the sharing of the information.

HB 229 Delegate Queen

Chapter 335 EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested and have registered with the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving the information, if a parent or legal guardian of the minor or the minor elects to allow the sharing of the information.

HB 144 Delegate Qi

Chapter 339

REAL ESTATE BROKERS – INACTIVE LICENSES – REQUIREMENTS AFTER EXPIRATION

Requiring a person who fails to reactivate a real estate broker license on inactive status within 3 years to comply with specified requirements to obtain a license.

HB 132 Delegate Qi

Chapter 340 HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR–CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES – JOURNEYMAN LICENSE – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering certain qualifications for a journeyman license to provide heating, ventilation, air–conditioning, and refrigeration services to require having held an apprentice license for 4 rather than 3 years and having completed at least 6,000 rather than 1,875 hours of training under the direction and control of a licensed contractor.

SB 794 Senators Carozza and Mautz

Chapter 343 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations that establish certain food service facility standards for certain residential programs that have fewer than 17 residents.

HB 1153 Delegate Adams, et al

Chapter 344 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations that establish certain food service facility standards that are appropriate to residential programs that have less than 17 residents.

HB 321 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 348 CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – PAYMENTS FOR SALE AND MARKETING OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – USE

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State from certain enforcement actions related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices; and providing that distributions from the separate account may be used, consistent with any other State law, to supplement General Fund appropriations designated for certain programs with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under 21 years of age.

SB 649 Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 349 STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATION PROCEDURES AND THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Requiring the Division of State Documents to make at least the 15 most recent issues of the Maryland Register available to the public for online searching; altering the requirements for a unit of State government to submit certain proposed or emergency regulations, work plans, and evaluation reports to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Administrator of the Division of State Documents; etc. **Except Section 2**

HB 817 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 350 STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATION PROCEDURES AND THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Requiring the Division of State Documents to make at least the 15 most recent issues of the Maryland Register available to the public for online searching; altering the requirements for a unit of State government to submit certain proposed or emergency regulations, work plans, and evaluation reports to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Administrator of the Division of State Documents; etc. **Except Section 2**

HB 967 Delegate Bhandari, et al

Chapter 357

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – DASHAIN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 5 as Dashain Day, a festival originating in Nepal that celebrates and symbolizes victory of good over evil.

SB 258 Senator Lam

Chapter 358 HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING – REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PHYSICIAN STAFF – MODIFICATION

Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.

HB 633 Delegate Bhandari

Chapter 359

HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING – REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PHYSICIAN STAFF – MODIFICATION

Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.

HB 302 Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 360 PUBLIC HEALTH – RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and to provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.

SB 188 Senator Lam, et al

Chapter 361 PUBLIC HEALTH – RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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SB 200Senator Lam (By Request – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners)Chapter 362STATESTATEDOARDOFCHIROPRACTICEVAMINERS

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for failing to comply with a Board order; authorizing the Board 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 reinstate a suspended or revoked license only in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain orders issued by the Board; etc.

HB 234 Delegate Taveras, et al

Chapter 363 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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SB 626 Senators Lam and Salling

Chapter 366 HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT

Requiring that the members of the Health Services Cost Review Commission be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland.

SB 772 Senator Lam

Chapter 367 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – PEER ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SCOPES OF PRACTICE, AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to appoint peer advisory committees to provide advice related to midwifery; authorizing registered nurses certified as nurse-midwives and licensed certified midwives to personally prepare and dispense a starter dosage of certain drugs under certain circumstances; altering the exceptions to the certified midwifery licensure requirement and the qualifications required for a license; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop recommendations to expand access to birthing services; etc.

HB 717 Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 368 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – PEER ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SCOPES OF PRACTICE, AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

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SB 581 Senators Klausmeier and Mautz

Chapter 369 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION VALUE–BASED PURCHASING PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Behavioral Health Value–Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement an intensive care coordination model using value–based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pilot Program; and requiring the Department to report by November 1, 2027 on the findings and recommendations from the Pilot Program.

SB 434 Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 372 NATURAL RESOURCES – RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program to provide financial incentives to holders of aquaculture leases who maintain the lease in accordance with certain criteria, maintain the restorative conditions for at least 4 years, and meet certain other criteria the Department considers necessary; authorizing a holder of an aquaculture lease who is participating in the Pilot Program to meet certain requirements by shellfish seed planting only; etc.

HB 420 Delegate M. Morgan, et al

Chapter 373 HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – HOSPITAL RATES – ALL–PAYER MODEL CONTRACT

Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all–payer model contract.

SB 234 Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 374 HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – HOSPITAL RATES – ALL–PAYER MODEL CONTRACT

Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all–payer model contract.

SB 187 Senator Kagan

Chapter 375 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATIONS – LAWFUL PRESENCE AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

> Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant or, as permitted by federal law, provide alternative documentation; etc.

HB 454 Delegate Lopez, et al

Chapter 376

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATIONS – LAWFUL PRESENCE AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant or, as permitted by federal law, provide alternative documentation; etc.

SB 255 Senator Hester

Chapter 378 PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain wraparound, intensive in-home, and case management services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for Program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services and supports; etc.

HB 322 Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 379 PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for intensive in-home services, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for customized goods and services for certain youth; etc.

SB 254 Senator Hester

Chapter 380

BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Altering the definition of "charitable contribution" to exclude an authorization for or a discount on the use of certain services or materials, equipment, or facilities for purposes of provisions of law regulating charitable organizations and charitable representatives; and authorizing the Maryland Secretary of State to accept certain documentation in place of an audit or a review in connection with a charitable organization's registration statement.

HB 72 Delegate Watson

Chapter 381 BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Altering the definition of "charitable contribution" to exclude an authorization for or a discount on the use of certain services or materials, equipment, or facilities for purposes of provisions of law regulating charitable organizations and charitable representatives; authorizing the Maryland Secretary of State to accept certain documentation in place of an audit or review in connection with a charitable organization's registration statement; etc.

SB 455 Senator Hayes, et al

Chapter 386 REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate to include completion of certain criteria in the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program.

HB 669 Delegate Holmes, et al

Chapter 387 REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal to include completion of certain criteria in the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program.

HB 1156 Delegate R. Lewis, et al

Chapter 399 PHARMACISTS – THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – FORM

Providing that a therapy management contract may be entered into in writing or orally; requiring, if a therapy management contract is entered into orally, the parties to the therapy management contract to reduce the contract to writing within 30 days after entering into the therapy management contract; and providing that a therapy management contract may be in electronic form.

HB 440 Delegate Charles, et al

Chapter 403 CHILD CUSTODY – RELOCATION OF CHILD – EXPEDITED HEARING (ASSURANCE OF CHILD'S SAFETY ACT)

Requiring a court to schedule a hearing on a certain petition regarding the proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances.

SB 42 Senator Carter

Chapter 404

CHILD CUSTODY – RELOCATION OF CHILD – EXPEDITED HEARING (ASSURANCE OF CHILD'S SAFETY ACT)

Requiring a court to schedule a hearing, on an expedited basis, on a petition filed by a parent regarding a proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time.

SB 855 Senator McCray

Chapter 408 BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE OF VACANT OR NUISANCE PROPERTY

Authorizing certain vacant property or nuisance property located in Baltimore City to be subject to a certain in rem foreclosure process; requiring certain procedures for an in rem foreclosure; requiring Baltimore City to take certain actions to compensate the interested parties in property that has value and is acquired through an in rem foreclosure; specifying the title acquired in an in rem foreclosure; specifying the circumstances under which an in rem foreclosure judgment may be reopened; etc.

SB 644 Senator McCray

Chapter 409 MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – LOCAL TEAMS – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Requiring certain health care providers and health care facilities to provide to the local team, on request of the chair, prompt access to all relevant medical records associated with a case under review by the Maternal Mortality Review Program without undue delay; and providing that certain provisions of law related to the confidentiality of medical records do not apply to certain disclosures made to a local team.

SB 377 Senator Kramer

Chapter 410 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – OFFSET AND STUDY

Altering the circumstances under which the payment of a benefit by a governmental unit or quasi-public corporation to a covered employee offsets the liability for benefits under the workers' compensation law; and stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Association of Counties and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland jointly research and report data and analysis on the effects of the Act by December 1, 2024, to interested parties and certain committees of the General Assembly.

SB 839 Senator Kramer

Chapter 411

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HERNIA

Establishing that a hernia caused as a result of repetitive trauma may be considered an occupational disease and be compensable subject to certain provisions of the workers' compensation law.

HB 902 Delegates Pruski and Rogers

Chapter 412 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HERNIA

Establishing that a hernia caused as a result of repetitive trauma may be considered an occupational disease and be compensable subject to certain provisions of the workers' compensation law.

HB 1026 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 424 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – LAND USE – DEVELOPMENT OF NEGLECTED PROPERTY PG 406–23

Authorizing Prince George's County to exercise powers of eminent domain to acquire and develop or redevelop, for a public purpose, certain neglected property located in the county that has been designated as a transit–oriented development and is located within a business improvement district; and prohibiting land or property taken by the county through the use of eminent domain under the provisions of the Act to be taken without just compensation, as agreed on between the parties, or awarded by a jury.

HB 887 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 426 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – NEW FACILITIES

Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to obtain the approval from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County before submitting a loan application where the Commission seeks to incur debt upon the full faith and credit of the county; requiring the Commission to cause studies, plans, and estimates to be made for new facilities in certain portions of the county; requiring any excess revenue made by the Commission in the sale or transfer of certain debt to be exempt from taxation; etc.

HB 389 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

Chapter 435 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE SPECIALIST FOR VALUE–ADDED AGRICULTURE

Establishing the State Specialist for Value–Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture to serve as the primary point of contact for individuals engaging in, or interested in engaging in, value–added agriculture in the State; and requiring the Specialist to provide information regarding State and federal regulations related to value–added agriculture and to act as a liaison between State and federal partners involved in value–added agriculture.

SB 34 Senators Hester and Gallion

Chapter 436 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE SPECIALIST FOR VALUE–ADDED AGRICULTURE

Establishing the State Specialist for Value–Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture to serve as the primary point of contact for individuals engaging in, or interested in engaging in, value–added agriculture in the State; etc.

HB 695 **Delegates Sample–Hughes and Adams** Chapter 439 RURAL MARYLAND PROSPERITY INVESTMENT FUND -ALLOCATION OF **GRANTS** (RURAL **IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023**)

Authorizing the allocation of grants from the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund for certain business and workforce development activities.

COMMUNITIES

SB 705 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation) Chapter 441

VEHICLE LAWS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE – SURVIVING SPOUSE

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a fee for the issuance of a new certificate of title to a surviving spouse under certain circumstances.

SB 709 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental Chapter 442 – Transportation)

MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES AND **INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS – REVISIONS**

Altering the expiration date for a commercial driver's instructional permit held by certain individuals; and exempting a holder of a commercial driver's license who applies for renewal from the requirement to pass a vision test if the holder has a current certificate of physical examination on file with the Motor Vehicle Administration.

SB 848 Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 446 STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PROGRAM -**ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are currently on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program for housing in units approved by the Department or a public housing agency, in accordance with guidelines under the federal program; and requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program.

SB 742 Senator Smith

Chapter 449 VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES

Requiring that any system operated by a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or its affiliate for allocating new vehicles to dealers be reasonable and fair.

HB 391 Delegate Healey, et al

Chapter 451 VEHICLE LAWS – PARKING ENFORCEMENT – CITATIONS

Requiring a parking citation issued by a political subdivision, a State agency, or a third–party contractor to include a box that the person issued the citation may check to indicate that the registration plates cited were not issued for the vehicle described in the citation; requiring a political subdivision, State agency, or third–party contractor that receives a parking citation from a person with the box checked to perform a certain verification process and dismiss the citation under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 694 Senator Jennings

Chapter 453 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REAL PROPERTY – EXCHANGE WITH PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY

Authorizing the State to exchange real property owned by the State for the use and benefit of the Department of Natural Resources with private real property under certain circumstances.

HB 913 Delegate Lopez, et al

Chapter 456 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – STUDENT FINANCING COMPANIES – REQUIRED REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

Requiring student financing companies to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation before providing services in the State; requiring a student financing company to renew its registration on an annual basis; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt registration procedures for student financing companies, which may include certain fees; and requiring student financing companies to annually report certain information, to be made publicly accessible on a certain website, to the Commissioner beginning March 15, 2024.

SB 143 Senator Feldman

Chapter 458 ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING AND VIRTUAL NET ENERGY METERING – ACCRUAL OF NET EXCESS GENERATION (NET METERING FLEXIBILITY ACT)

> Authorizing a certain eligible customer–generator to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a method for calculating the value of certain accrued net excess generation; and requiring that a subscriber of a community solar energy generating system accrue virtual net excess generation in the same manner as a certain eligible customer–generator.

HB 1188 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 460 PUBLIC UTILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND METER AGGREGATION

Defining "generating station" as it relates to the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or approval from the Public Service Commission for a person who constructs a generating station that has the capacity to produce more than 2 but not more than 14 megawatts of electricity from a solar photovoltaic system; requiring an electric company to provide meter aggregation for certain eligible customer–generators under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 62 Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 463 LAND USE – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – POLLINATOR–FRIENDLY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND UTILITY–DESIGNATED POLLINATOR AREAS

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing any unreasonable limitations, including land use restrictions, on utility-designated pollinator areas maintained by a public service company under certain conditions; requiring certain public service companies to mow utility designated pollinator areas in a manner which minimizes disturbances to habitats; stating the intent of the General Assembly related to State and local laws regarding weed control and vegetation management by public service companies outside of pollinator areas; etc.

SB 62 Senator Augustine

Chapter 464

LAND USE – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – POLLINATOR–FRIENDLY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND UTILITY–DESIGNATED POLLINATOR AREAS

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing certain limitations and land use restrictions on utility-designated pollinator areas maintained by a public service company under certain conditions; requiring certain public service companies to mow utility-designated pollinator areas in a certain manner in order to minimize disturbances to habitats; etc.

HB 827 Delegate Ivey

Chapter 466 PRINCE GEORGE'S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025.

SB 696 Senator Augustine

Chapter 467 PRINCE GEORGE'S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

> Establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025.

HB 671 Delegate Hinebaugh

Chapter 473 GARRETT COUNTY – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MEETINGS

> Requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or through live video streaming; and prohibiting the Board from meeting solely through live video streaming for more than two consecutive meetings without a formal declaration of a state of emergency.

SB 524 Senator McKay

Chapter 474 GARRETT COUNTY – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MEETINGS

> Requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or through live video streaming; and prohibiting the Board from meeting solely through live video streaming for more than two consecutive meetings without a formal declaration of a state of emergency.

HB 182 Delegate Reznik, et al

Chapter 476 REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS – MODIFICATION BY COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the county or municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice; and providing that persons with an ownership interest in property that is subject to an unlawfully restrictive covenant may decline action by a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification.

SB 335 Senator King

Chapter 477 REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS – MODIFICATION BY COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the county or municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice; providing that persons with an ownership interest in property that is subject to an unlawfully restrictive covenant may decline action by a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant with certain notice; etc.

HB 36 Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 481

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – PROOF OF RENTAL LICENSURE

Requiring, in certain actions to repossess residential rental property, a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with local rental property licensure requirements and demonstrate that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements.

SB 100 Senator Hettleman

Chapter 482 REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – PROOF OF RENTAL LICENSURE

Requiring, in certain actions to repossess residential rental property, a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with certain local rental property licensure requirements and demonstrate that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements.

HB 188Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

Chapter 491 NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the membership of the Wildlife Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint a member to the Wildlife Advisory Commission who is an academic researcher with expertise in wildlife biology, wildlife conservation, wildlife management, or ecology; and requiring the membership of the Commission to include representation from the farming, hunting, wildlife preservation, and passive wildlife recreation communities.

SB 320 Senator Brooks, et al

Chapter 492 NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the membership of the Wildlife Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint a member to the Wildlife Advisory Commission who is an academic researcher with expertise in wildlife biology, wildlife conservation, wildlife management, or ecology; and requiring the membership of the Commission to include representation from the hunting, wildlife preservation, and passive wildlife recreation communities.

HB 622 Delegate Qi, et al

Chapter 498 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INDUSTRY 4.0 TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Program in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain small and medium–sized manufacturing enterprises to assist those manufacturers with implementing new Industry 4.0 technology or related infrastructure for certain purposes; establishing the Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for fiscal years 2025 through 2028 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund.

HB 794 Delegate Bridges

Chapter 504

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission to review and comment on annual budget requests of the Maryland Transit Administration, updates to the Central Maryland Transportation Plan, and certain annual reports and to perform other oversight and advocacy duties related to Baltimore region transit services; and requiring the Commission, by December 1 each year, to report its findings and recommendations on the Baltimore region transit systems to the Administration, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

SB 157 Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 506 MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; requiring the chief executive officer of a municipality to post an exact copy of the proposed amendment in a certain public place for at least 40 days immediately preceding the referendum at which the question is to be submitted; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public.

HB 104 Delegate Solomon

Chapter 507 MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public.

HB 1004 Wicomico County Delegation

Chapter 509 WICOMICO COUNTY – SANITARY DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATION Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County to create a sanitary district.

SB 246 Senators Carozza and Mautz

Chapter 510 WICOMICO COUNTY – SANITARY DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATION Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County to create a sanitary district.

HB 128 Delegate Crosby

Chapter 514

PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE – OPT–OUT OPTION

Converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage from an opt-in offering of coverage into an opt-out coverage option under provisions of law establishing requirements for private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study on the impact of converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage to an opt-out coverage option and report its findings to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2028; etc.

HB 692 Delegate Crosby

Chapter 515 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – LOCAL PERMITS

Establishing that a county or a municipal corporation has the authority to approve or deny any local permit required under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Service Commission for generating stations, transmission lines, and qualified generator lead lines; requiring a county or municipal corporation to approve or deny the local permits in a certain manner; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from conditioning the approval of the local permits on certain approvals; etc.

HB 1225 Delegate Howard

Chapter 516 REAL ESTATE BROKERS – DISABILITY OR DEATH AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A BROKER

Requiring an adult family member to submit a death certificate or evidence of disability to the State Real Estate Commission before the family member may carry on the business of a disabled or deceased licensed real estate broker; permitting a certain business to designate a licensed real estate broker to provide real estate brokerage services under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 90 Delegate Foley, et al

Chapter 517 LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS – REGULATION OF INVASIVE BAMBOO

Authorizing the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to regulate invasive bamboo, including by prohibiting a person from selling, planting, and allowing invasive bamboo to grow on the property of the person without proper upkeep and appropriate containment measures.

HB 262 Delegate Foley

Chapter 518 ABANDONED VEHICLES – SECURED PARTIES – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION

Authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to notify any secured party electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the police department, the tower, and the secured party in a certain manner; and altering the application of a provision of law authorizing a police department to provide certain alternative public notice of custody of an abandoned vehicle to include circumstances where electronic notice is unacknowledged or undeliverable.

SB 262 Senator Gallion, et al

Chapter 520 ENVIRONMENT – ON–FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES – PERMIT EXEMPTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on-farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on-farm composting facility uses 10,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of off-site type 2 organics composted and the date and time the off-site type 2 organics arrived on the farm, retains the records for 5 years, provides records on request, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption; etc.

HB 253 Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 521 ENVIRONMENT – ON–FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES – PERMIT EXEMPTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on-farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on-farm composting facility uses 10,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of off-site type 2 organics composted and the date and time the off-site type 2 organics arrived on the farm, retains the records for 5 years, provides records on request, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption; etc.

HB 471 Delegate Attar

Chapter 522 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND FINANCING

Altering the period of time that an area may be designated as a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone from 5 to 10 years; increasing the number of RISE zones that the Secretary of Commerce may approve in Baltimore City to not more than four; extending the termination date of the RISE Program to January 1, 2030; and authorizing a political subdivision to pledge certain revenues to secure the payment of obligations to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation for infrastructure improvements located in a RISE zone.

SB 333 Senators Hayes and Guzzone

Chapter 523 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND FINANCING

Altering the period of time, from 5 to 10 years, that an area may be designated as a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone; increasing the number of RISE zones that the Secretary of Commerce may approve in Baltimore City; extending the termination date of the RISE Zone Program to January 1, 2030; requiring the Department of Commerce to study the effectiveness of the RISE Zone Program and report to the General Assembly, on or before December 15, 2024, on the Department's recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Program; etc.

SB 470 Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 546

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

Establishing certain goals and programs related to land conservation; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program to provide loans to land trusts to purchase land for conservation purposes; authorizing the Maryland Environmental Trust to exercise certain remedies under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from making any false statements affecting a Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program loan; establishing the 40 x 40 Land Conservation Implementation Grant Program to support land conservation goals; etc.

SB 471 Senator Elfreth

Chapter 547 SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS, DISCHARGE PERMITS FOR STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, AND NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update specifications for sediment control plans in a certain manner on or before December 1, 2025, and every 5 years thereafter; prohibiting the Department from authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activity under a general discharge permit unless certain requirements are satisfied; and requiring the Department to take certain public notice and comment actions if a person makes a written request within the public notification period of the permit.

HB 483 Delegate Simmons, et al

Chapter 552 GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PRIOR CONVICTIONS

Establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties.

SB 74 Senator Bailey

Chapter 553 GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PRIOR CONVICTIONS

Establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties.

HB 696 Delegate Addison

Chapter 556 NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BASS CONSERVATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Black Bass Conservation Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to further black bass management; requiring the Department to administer the Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Department to establish a process through which an individual who purchases a certain license online to make a voluntary donation to the Black Bass Conservation Fund.

SB 422 Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 557 NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BASS CONSERVATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

> Establishing the Black Bass Conservation Fund in the Department of Natural Resources as a special, nonlapsing fund to further black bass management; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; requiring the Department to establish a process through which an individual who purchases a certain license online may make a voluntary donation to the Fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

HB 209 Delegate Watson

Chapter 560 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions governing the issuance of stock, convertible securities, and scrip; clarifying the authority of corporations to hold annual meetings by remote communication; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law to the conversion of a corporation; requiring a real estate investment trust that voluntarily dissolves to file a notice of termination with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc.

HB 920 Delegate Watson

Chapter 561 CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOTOR VEHICLE GLASS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT – ADVANCED DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEM RECALIBRATION

> Establishing consumer protections related to the repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass on motor vehicles equipped with an advanced driver assistance system; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

HB 914 Delegate Jackson

Chapter 562 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – JUDICIAL REVIEW – PROCEEDINGS

Clarifying that a certain proceeding for judicial review of a final decision or order by the Public Service Commission may be instituted in a circuit court for a county in which the public service company that is a party to the proceeding provides service or in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

SB 162 Senator Lam, et al

Chapter 564 MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION – DUTIES, COMPOSITION, AND MEMBER ORIENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Aviation Commission to consider information and advice from certain additional stakeholders when carrying out the Commission's duties; requiring the Commission to consider the aviation, economic, business, environmental, health, and community–related impacts or any other impacts the Commission finds relevant; requiring that certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor are to be recommended by the Anne Arundel County and Howard County Senate delegations; etc.

SB 310 Senators West and McKay

Chapter 565 NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BEAR DAMAGE PREVENTION AND REIMBURSEMENT FUND – USES

Altering the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund to authorize grants from the Fund to be made for projects that prevent damages caused by black bears and reduce conflicts between black bears and humans; renaming the Fund to be the Black Bear Damage Prevention and Reimbursement Fund; increasing the maximum amount of reimbursement from the Fund per person annually authorized for damage caused by black bears to \$5,000; authorizing the Governor to include at least \$50,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

HB 630 Delegate Queen, et al

Chapter 566

UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDERS – VICTIMS OF ABUSE – PROTECTIONS

Authorizing an account holder who is the victim of abuse to terminate, and requiring a utility to allow for the termination of, the account holder's future liability under a utility contract if the account holder provides the utility with certain written notice requesting termination of the account holder's future liability under the contract; requiring a utility to allow an account holder who terminates a utility contract under the Act to open a new utility account notwithstanding a certain account balance or arrearage; etc.

HB 834 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 569 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE – REQUIREMENTS (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RELIABILITY ACT)

> Requiring the Public Service Commission to expand the EV Pilot Program to allow participating electric companies to install EV charging stations in multifamily dwellings in underserved communities; requiring the Commission to terminate the expansion of the EV Pilot Program on December 31, 2025; requiring an electric company operating an EV charging network to ensure the EV charging stations in the EV charging network maintain certain uptime standards, subject to certain exceptions; etc.

HB 910 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 570 ENERGY STORAGE – TARGETS AND MARYLAND ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for the deployment of new energy storage devices in the State; requiring the Commission to establish and implement the Maryland Energy Storage Program to meet certain energy storage goals and develop a certain energy storage system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2023, regarding the implementation of the Maryland Energy Storage Program and any needed statutory changes.

HB 32 Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 573

MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL

Establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; and altering the process for electing a cochair of the Council.

SB 124 Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 574 MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL

Establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the membership of the Council to include a representative of the seafood industry; altering the process for electing a cochair of the Council; and requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council.

SB 256 Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 579

ENVIRONMENT – FIRE–FIGHTING TRAINING – ORIENTED STRAND BOARD – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for certain fire–fighting training; and establishing an administrative penalty not exceeding \$500 for a first violation of the Act and a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of the Act.

HB 470 Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 580 ENVIRONMENT – FIRE–FIGHTING TRAINING – ORIENTED STRAND BOARD – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for certain fire–fighting training; and establishing an administrative penalty not exceeding \$500 for a first violation of the Act and a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of the Act.

HB 6 Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 581DEPARTMENTOFGENERALSERVICES-ENERGY-CONSERVINGSTANDARDS(MARYLANDSUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish and periodically update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include the standards in certain requirements established for the Maryland High Performance Green Building Program; defining "State building" as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds; etc.

HB 830 Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 582

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

Establishing and altering certain requirements related to the installation of equipment for the charging of electric vehicles during the construction of certain housing units; clarifying that a county or municipal corporation may require a greater number of electric vehicle parking spaces; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to study certain issues related to the installation of electric vehicle parking spaces at multifamily residential buildings and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023; etc.

SB 651 Senator Carter

Chapter 585

REAL ESTATE – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES AND TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS (THE ANTHONY MOORMAN ACT)

Requiring a real estate broker or an escrow agent, if a purchaser terminates a certain transaction under certain circumstances, to distribute trust money to the purchaser within 30 days after a certain written notice of the termination is sent; requiring a holder of trust money who makes a certain distribution to notify the seller and purchaser of the distribution within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; etc.

HB 325 Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 588 PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND RABIES VACCINES

Authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a license to an animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines; requiring the Board to establish an expedited process to authorize a veterinary practitioner who holds a current, valid license to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State; requiring the Secretary of Health to allow certain veterinary technicians or other clinical staff to administer rabies vaccines; etc.

SB 390 Senator Lewis Young, et al

Chapter 589 PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND RABIES VACCINES

Authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a license to an animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines; requiring the Board to establish an expedited process to authorize a veterinary practitioner who holds a current, valid license to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State; and requiring the Secretary of Health to allow certain individuals to administer rabies vaccines under certain circumstances.

HB 1194 Delegates Wivell and Valentine

Chapter 590 TOWN OF SHARPSBURG – PARKING OF VEHICLES – RESTRICTIONS

Prohibiting a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Sharpsburg, Washington County, subject to a certain exception.

HB 676 Delegate Wivell, et al

Chapter 591 CEMETERIES – INTERMENT – PET REMAINS

Making certain provisions of law governing cemeteries applicable to pet cemeteries; providing that a certain registered cemeterian, registered crematory operator, or permit holder who sells or offers to sell to the public certain services for pet remains owes a duty of perpetual care for the cemetery in which certain pet remains are interred; and requiring the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to adopt regulations to enforce certain provisions of the Act.

HB 710 Delegate Bagnall

Chapter 592 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Anne Arundel County.

SB 679 Anne Arundel County Senators

Chapter 593 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Anne Arundel County.

SB 396 Cecil County Senators

Chapter 601 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPPER SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of certain voting and nonvoting members of the Upper Shore Regional Council.

HB 1127 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 604 HARFORD COUNTY – ADVISORY PLUMBING BOARD

Authorizing the governing body of Harford County to enact a local law providing for the membership and terms of the Harford County Advisory Plumbing Board.

HB 797Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 605Delegation

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – DISPUTE ARBITRATION MC/PG 103–23

Altering the requirement that economic provisions of a certain final collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission be subject to funding by the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to instead require that certain terms and conditions of the final agreement be subject to approval by the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council, etc.

HB 1109 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 608 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS PG 407–23

Authorizing Prince George's County to create certain business improvement districts intended to promote the general welfare of the residents, employers, employees, property owners, tenants, consumers, and general public with the geographic area of the districts; requiring the county to adopt certain local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; removing Prince George's County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; etc.

HB 700 Talbot County Delegation

Chapter 610 TALBOT COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSECTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 333 (OXFORD ROAD) AND BONFIELD AVENUE

Authorizing the placement and use of a speed monitoring system at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, subject to placement and signage requirements; requiring the fines collected by the Town of Oxford as a result of the speed monitoring system to be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements in and around the intersection; etc.

HB 480 **Delegate Rogers, et al** Chapter 615 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - BURIAL IN STATE **VETERANS' CEMETERIES – SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS** Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to bury the eligible spouse or dependent of a veteran in a State veterans' cemetery without charge. **SB 286** Senator Simonaire, et al Chapter 616 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - BURIAL IN STATE **VETERANS' CEMETERIES – SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS** Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to bury the eligible spouse or dependent of a veteran in a State veterans' cemetery without charge. **HB 726 Delegate Feldmark, et al** Chapter 620 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - AUTISM WAIVER – MILITARY FAMILIES Requiring, unless the child's family requests that the child be removed, that a child on the registry for the Autism Waiver remain on the registry if the child's family relocates out of the State for military service; and

providing that if a child on the registry for the Waiver becomes eligible for services while the child's family is out of the State for military service, the child shall be eligible for services through the Waiver if the family relocates to the State.

SB 231 Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 621 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AUTISM WAIVER – MILITARY FAMILIES

Requiring, unless the child's family has requested that the child be removed, that a child on the registry for the Autism Waiver remain on the registry if the child's family relocates out of the State for military service.

SB 858 Senator Smith

Chapter 622 FIREARM SAFETY – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION (JAELYNN'S LAW)

Altering a certain provision relating to the storage of firearms and ammunition in a location that can be accessed by an unsupervised child; and requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide, with recommendations from a stakeholder committee.

HB 3 Delegate Bartlett

Chapter 623 MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER – FIREARMS SURRENDERED UNDER FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Altering the purpose of the Maryland State Police Gun Center to include the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearms surrendered under final protective orders in the State; and requiring each law enforcement agency to report to the Center the number and type of firearms surrendered, the jurisdictions where the firearms were surrendered, and certain information regarding the individual who surrendered each firearm under final protective orders.

SB 185 Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 624 MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER – FIREARMS SURRENDERED UNDER FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Altering the purpose of the Maryland State Police Gun Center to include the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearms surrendered under final protective orders in the State; and requiring each law enforcement agency to report to the Center the number and type of firearms surrendered, the jurisdictions where the firearms were surrendered, and certain information regarding the individual who surrendered each firearm under final protective orders.

SB 540 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

Chapter 629 HUMAN RELATIONS – CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT – POWERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, prosecute, and remediate certain civil rights violations under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; authorizing the Attorney General to intervene in certain causes of action under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties and authorizing the Attorney General to obtain certain relief in certain civil actions, conciliation agreements, and settlement agreements; authorizing the Attorney General to recover certain investigation and litigation costs in a certain manner; etc.

HB 775 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

Chapter 630

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PRICE GOUGING

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service for more than a certain increase in price during and for a certain time after a certain state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive information on whether a state of emergency has been declared and an executive order issued, that the provisions of the Act are in effect, and which categories of essential goods and services are covered by the executive order.

SB 542 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

Chapter 631

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PRICE GOUGING

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service for more than a certain increase in price during and for a certain time after a certain state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive notifications stating that a state of emergency has been declared and an executive order issued, that the provisions of the Act are in effect, and the categories of essential goods and services that are covered by the executive order.

SB 290 Senator Smith

Chapter 632 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION – AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE

Expanding the investigative jurisdiction of the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to include a police–involved incident resulting in serious bodily injury to an individual that is not otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Division; requiring the Division to submit an annual report on its activities in the prior calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 31; authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute certain criminal matters under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 592 Senator Smith

Chapter 633 SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORTING – EXTENSION

Requiring the Department of State Police to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before February 1 each year relating to the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus programs; and requiring the Department of State Police to include on its public website in a prominent location a link to a certain report.

SB 36 Senator West

Chapter 645 FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.

HB 14 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 646 FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.

SB 792 Senator West

Chapter 647

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Establishing requirements for the registration and termination of domestic partnerships with the register of wills; repealing provisions on legitimacy and illegitimacy of children and providing for the parentage of a child born or conceived by registered domestic partners; requiring the register of wills to recognize as domestic partnerships relationships established under the laws of other jurisdictions if the laws are substantially similar to the provisions of the Act; etc.

HB 243 Delegates Korman and Solomon

Chapter 649 BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG READERS PROGRAM AND YOUNG READERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (YOUNG READERS PROGRAM ACT OF 2023)

Transferring the Baltimore City Young Readers Program and the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to the Maryland State Library Agency; requiring program grant applicants to include the distribution of books to children in low-income zip codes within the applicants' areas of service; requiring the Governor to include \$350,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; requiring the State Library Board, beginning December 1, 2024, to report every other year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Program; etc.

SB 300 Senator McCray

Chapter 650

BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG READERS PROGRAM AND YOUNG READERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Transferring the Baltimore City Young Readers Program and the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to the Maryland State Library Agency and requiring the State Librarian to administer the programs; authorizing public libraries to apply for grants from the Young Readers Matching Grant Program; requiring the State Library Board, on or before December 1, 2024, to report every other year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Young Readers Matching Grant Program; etc.

HB 824 Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 651 PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – POSSESSION AND PERMITS TO CARRY, WEAR, AND TRANSPORT A HANDGUN

Altering the penalty for a violation of the prohibition on wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun; requiring the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to annually report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly; requiring the Department of State Police to transmit a certain summary of certain laws relating to firearms to certain persons; requiring the Secretary of State Police, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a certain curriculum; etc.

SB 253 Senator Hester

Chapter 660 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERS OF WILLS – ELECTRONIC FILING AND SIGNATURES

Requiring a register of wills to accept certain documents filed electronically through a system established by the register of wills; and prohibiting a register of wills from refusing to accept a document based on the manner in which it was signed.

HB 244 Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 661 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERS OF WILLS – ELECTRONIC FILING AND SIGNATURES

Requiring a register of wills to accept certain documents filed electronically through a system established by the register of wills; and prohibiting a register of wills from refusing to accept a document based on the manner in which it was signed.

HB 66 Delegate Bartlett

Chapter 664 CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT – DISHONORED CHECKS – SERVICE CHARGES

Increasing the amount of the service charge from \$10 to \$30 that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.

SB 99 Senator Beidle

Chapter 665 CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT – DISHONORED CHECKS – SERVICE CHARGES

Increasing the amount of the service charge from \$10 to \$30 that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.

SB 67 Senator Beidle

Chapter 666 CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – CIVIL COMMISSIONS – PRESENTATION AND REPORTING

Requiring an appointee for a civil commission to contact the clerk of the circuit court to which the commission was delivered by the Governor to coordinate a time and place for the administration of the oath of office and presentation of the commission; altering the frequency with which the clerk of a circuit court must report to the Secretary of State the name and office of each officer who has taken the oath of office; etc.

SB 1 Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 680 CRIMINAL LAW – WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING FIREARMS – RESTRICTIONS (GUN SAFETY ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from knowingly wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm in certain locations; prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm onto certain property unless the owner or owner's agent has given certain permission; altering certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Secretary of State Police to limit the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun at certain times and locations; etc.

SB 487 Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 681 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL CONDITION BY INCARCERATED PERSON – VICTIM CONTACT

Prohibiting a certain incarcerated person from violating a condition of pretrial or posttrial release or other pretrial or posttrial condition prohibiting the person from contacting, harassing, or abusing an alleged victim or going in or near an alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

HB 411 Delegate Embry, et al

Chapter 682 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL CONDITION BY INCARCERATED PERSON – VICTIM CONTACT

> Prohibiting a certain incarcerated person from violating a condition of pretrial or posttrial release or other pretrial or posttrial condition prohibiting the person from contacting, harassing, or abusing an alleged victim or going in or near an alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

SB 37 Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 683 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS (REDEEM ACT OF 2023)

> Providing that any unpaid court fees or costs are not a bar to a certain expungement; requiring a court to waive certain court fees and costs when ordering or effecting a certain expungement; adding malicious destruction of property to the list of misdemeanor convictions that may be expunged; and altering the waiting periods applicable to the filing of petitions for expungement of convictions of certain crimes.

HB 189Delegate Moon, et alChapter 684AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the language of provisions of law requiring the expungement of certain records maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State relating to the charging of certain offenses under certain circumstances and notification of a certain right to expungement.

SB 173 Senators Waldstreicher and Muse

Chapter 685 AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the language of provisions of law requiring the expungement of certain records maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State relating to the charging of certain offenses under certain circumstances and notification of a certain right to expungement.

SB 292 Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 686 CRIMINAL LAW – VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SAFE HARBOR AND SERVICE RESPONSE

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

HB 297 Delegate Bartlett, et al

Chapter 687

Chapter 689

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

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

SB 611 Senator Bailey, et al

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases against persons that violate State criminal environmental and natural resources laws; requiring, on or before November 30 each year, the Attorney General to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on all the activities of the Unit and any actions taken by the Department of the Environment or the Department of Natural Resources in response to the findings and recommendations of the Unit; etc.

HB 874 Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 690 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases against persons that violate State criminal environmental and natural resources laws; and requiring the Attorney General, by November 30 each year, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on all the activities of the Unit and any actions taken by the Department of the Environment or the Department of Natural Resources in response to the findings and recommendations of the Unit.

SB 57 Senator Bailey

Chapter 691

SEXUAL OFFENSES – CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND LIFETIME SUPERVISION

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of "crime of violence" to include sexual abuse of a minor if the offender is at least 21 years old and the victim is under the age of 16 years; and requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.

HB 164 Delegate Crosby, et al

Chapter 692 SEXUAL OFFENSES – CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND LIFETIME SUPERVISION

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of "crime of violence" to include sexual abuse of a minor if the offender is at least 21 years old and the victim is under the age of 16 years; and requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.

SB 411 Senator Watson

Chapter 695 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS' COURT – COMPENSATION

Authorizing the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County to determine the compensation for the judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County.

HB 18 Delegates Hill and Kaufman

Chapter 696 MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain statutory form for a general power of attorney by including certain provisions informing the principal and agent of certain matters, granting general authority with respect to tangible personal property and trusts and estates, authorizing the principal to grant the agent certain specific powers relating to successor agents, compensation, gifts, or transfers and opening joint accounts and beneficiary designations, and clarifying the force and effect of the form; etc.

SB 851 Senator Carter

Chapter 697

MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain statutory form for a general power of attorney by including certain provisions informing the principal and agent of certain matters, granting general authority with respect to tangible personal property and trusts and estates, authorizing the principal to grant the agent certain specific powers relating to successor agents, compensation, gifts or transfers, and opening joint accounts and beneficiary designations, and clarifying the force and effect of the form; etc.

HB 745 Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 698 CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR

COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2023) Prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made a false statement

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

SB 340 Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher

Chapter 699 CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2023)

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

HB 758 Delegates Bartlett and Cardin

Chapter 702 SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS -PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

> Altering requirements for the storage and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring sexual assault evidence collection kits collected before January 1, 2000, to be retained and transferred in a certain manner; and requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee, by December 1, 2023, to issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain recommendations, in consultation with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

SB 789 Senator Hettleman

Chapter 703 SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS – PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

Altering requirements for the storage and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring sexual assault evidence collection kits collected before January 1, 2000, to be retained and transferred in a certain manner; and requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee, on or before December 1, 2023, to issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly making certain recommendations, in consultation with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

SB 615 Senator Hettleman

Chapter 704 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT REPORTING PROGRAM

Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish and administer a certain reporting program relating to sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring a law enforcement agency and a person with control or possession of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to report certain information to the program and comply with certain regulations; and clarifying the uses for the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund.

HB 759 Delegate Bartlett

Chapter 705 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT REPORTING PROGRAM

Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish and administer a certain reporting program relating to sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring a law enforcement agency and a person with control or possession of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to report certain information to the program and comply with certain regulations; and clarifying the uses for the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund.

HB 127 Delegates Moon and Clippinger

Chapter 709 DISTRICT COURT – SMALL CLAIMS – ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENTS

Prohibiting the District Court, in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment resulting from a certain small claim action, from ordering the appearance of an individual for an examination or ordering an individual to answer interrogatories.

HB 193 Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 710 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of a conviction, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing the State and a certain defendant to enter into a probation agreement under certain circumstances; providing that the entry of a probation agreement under the Act shall be considered a probation before judgment for all other purposes under State law; etc.

SB 211 Senator West, et al

Chapter 711 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of a conviction, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing the State and a certain defendant to enter into a probation agreement under certain circumstances; providing that the entry of a probation agreement under the Act shall be considered a probation before judgment for all other purposes under State law; etc.

HB 687 Delegate Cardin

Chapter 715 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRUSTS – DECANTING (MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT)

Establishing rules governing the exercise of the decanting power to distribute the property of a first trust to one or more second trusts or to modify the terms of a first trust; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

SB 446 Senator West

Chapter 716 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRUSTS – DECANTING (MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT)

Establishing rules governing the exercise of the decanting power to distribute the property of a first trust to one or more second trusts or to modify the terms of a first trust.

HB 427 Delegate Cardin, et al

Chapter 717 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.

SB 546 Senators Muse and Smith

Chapter 718 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY

Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.

HB 42 Delegate Lopez

Chapter 719 COURTS – JUDGMENTS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION

Exempting up to \$500 in a deposit account or other accounts of a judgment debtor held by a depository institution from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing procedures a depository institution is required to follow on receipt of a writ of garnishment or other levy or attachment under certain circumstances; establishing a \$6,000 limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; etc.

SB 106 Senator Sydnor

Chapter 720 COURTS – JUDGMENTS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION

Exempting up to \$500 in a deposit account or other account of a judgment debtor held by a depository institution from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing procedures a depository institution is required to follow on receipt of a writ of garnishment or other levy or attachment under certain circumstances; establishing a \$6,000 limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; requiring a certain writ of garnishment; etc.

SB 293 Senator Sydnor

Chapter 721 CORRECTIONS – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

Altering the term "inmate" to be "incarcerated individual" meaning an individual who is actually or constructively detained or confined in a correctional facility.

HB 1011 Delegate Stein

Chapter 722 PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS ON USE

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for regulations issued by the Department of the Environment, no provision of the State building code or other law or regulation may prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant if the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use conditions.

SB 741 Senator Jackson

Chapter 723 PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS ON USE

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for regulations issued by the Department of the Environment, no provision of the State building code or other law or regulation may prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant if the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use conditions.

SB 115 Senator Jackson

Chapter 726 JUVENILE COURT – CONCURRENT JURISDICTION – JUVENILE OFFENSES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Establishing that the jurisdiction of the juvenile court is concurrent with that of a federal court sitting in the State over certain proceedings involving violations of federal law by a child under certain circumstances.

HB 749 Delegate Crutchfield

Chapter 727 JUVENILE COURT – CONCURRENT JURISDICTION – JUVENILE OFFENSES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Establishing that the jurisdiction of the juvenile court is concurrent with that of a federal court sitting in the State over certain proceedings involving violations of federal law by a child on a military installation if the federal court waives exclusive jurisdiction and the violation of federal law is also a crime under State law.

HB 4 Delegate Crutchfield, et al

Chapter 728 CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE

Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

SB 129 Senators Kelly and Beidle

Chapter 729 CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE

Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

HB 226 Delegate Love, et al

Chapter 730 CRIMINAL LAW – PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY – SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A MINOR

Altering the definition of "person in a position of authority" applicable to sexual offense in the fourth degree; altering a certain prohibition against a certain person in a position of authority engaging in certain conduct to prohibit a person in a position of authority from engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor who is enrolled at a school or participating in a certain program for which the person in authority works; authorizing the imposition of a certain sentence; etc.

SB 846 Senator King

Chapter 737 LIBRARIES – CIRCULATION RECORDS – INSPECTION, USE, OR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT REVISION

Altering the circumstances under which public, school, college, or university libraries must permit the inspection, use, or disclosure of the circulation record of an individual.

SB 385 Senator McKay

Chapter 739

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTITUTION ORDERS – RECORDING FEES

Altering a certain provision to prohibit a court from assessing certain costs on a certain person or governmental unit for recording and indexing an order of restitution issued by any court in the State instead of the court in which the judgment of restitution was entered.

HB 591 Delegate Buckel

Chapter 740 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTITUTION ORDERS – RECORDING FEES

> Altering a certain provision to prohibit a court from assessing certain costs on a certain person or governmental unit for recording and indexing an order of restitution issued by any court in the State instead of the court in which the judgment of restitution was entered.

HB 13 Delegate Crutchfield

Chapter 744 HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY

Providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; and authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages.

SB 5 Senator Kramer

Chapter 745 HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY

Providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; and authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages.

SB 910 Senator Simonaire

Chapter 758

MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – DEFINITIONS – THERAPY HORSE

Altering the definition of a "therapy horse" under the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program.

SB 226 Senator Salling

Chapter 759 CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – ACCESSING AND INTENTIONALLY VIEWING

Prohibiting a person from knowingly or intentionally accessing and intentionally viewing a certain visual representation of a child under the age of 16 years.

SB 383 Senator McKay

Chapter 760 FAMILY LAW – MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

Authorizing a court to order child abduction prevention measures if the court finds there is a credible risk of abduction of the child; authorizing certain parties to petition the court for child abduction prevention measures; requiring a petition to be verified, include a copy of any existing child custody determination, and specify the risk factors for abduction; requiring the court to consider certain evidence of a credible risk of abduction; establishing requirements for an abduction prevention order; etc.

HB 267 Delegate Bartlett, et al

Chapter 761

FAMILY LAW – MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

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SB 277 Senator McKay

Chapter 762

REAL PROPERTY – SHERIFF'S SALES – PROCEDURES AND SUBORDINATE INTERESTS

Establishing that a sheriff's sale of real property extinguishes subordinate liens on the land being sold; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not impair a lien on land affected by a judgment in favor of a local government for real property maintenance violations or nuisance condition violations that is indexed and recorded in accordance with the Maryland Rules; and authorizing the Judiciary to transfer up to \$12,000,000 of a General Fund appropriation to a certain special fund on or before June 30, 2023.

SB 450 Senator Gile, et al

Chapter 768

REAL PROPERTY – LIMITATIONS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease that contains a provision that limits a tenant's ability to summon, or penalizes a tenant or another individual solely for summoning, the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions because a tenant or another individual summons the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services for certain purposes; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enacting certain laws; etc.

HB 215 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

Chapter 769 REAL PROPERTY – LIMITATIONS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES – PROHIBITION

> Prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease that contains a provision that limits a tenant's ability to summon, or penalizes a tenant or another individual solely for summoning, the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions because a tenant or another individual summons the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services for certain purposes; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enacting certain laws; etc.

HB 174 Delegate Simpson, et al

Chapter 771

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR

Requiring a certain assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim's representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State's Attorney not to file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.

SB 391 Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe

Chapter 772 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR

Requiring a certain assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim's representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State's Attorney not to file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.

HB 1175 Chapter 784	Delegate Valentine, et al
	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – HUNTING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT
	Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain criminal records based on a conviction for certain hunting offenses.
HB 1174 Chapter 788	Calvert County Delegation
	CALVERT COUNTY – CIVIL INFRACTIONS – PROSECUTORIAL DESIGNATIONS
	Authorizing the State's Attorney of Calvert County to designate county attorneys or assistant county attorneys to prosecute civil infractions; and authorizing the designated attorneys to exercise the powers of the State's Attorney when prosecuting civil infractions.
HB 131 Chapter 796	Delegates Moon and Clippinger
	CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL
	Repealing the crime of unnatural or perverted sexual practice.
<mark>SB 54</mark> Chapter 797	Senator Lam
	CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL
	Repealing the crime of unnatural or perverted sexual practice.
SB 545 Chapter 803	Senators Muse and Jackson
	TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES – RECLAMATION HOURS
	Limiting, to at a minimum from 6 a.m. to midnight, the hours during which a certain person in possession of a vehicle that has been towed or removed from a parking lot is required to provide an opportunity for the vehicle owner or the owner's agent to retake possession of the vehicle; and altering a certain signage requirement imposed on the owner or operator of a parking lot relating to hours during which a towed vehicle may be reclaimed.

2022 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2023

HB 990Delegate CrutchfieldChapter 628ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF
DISABLED PERSONS – COURT–APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

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

SB 694 Senator West

Chapter 629 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF DISABLED PERSONS – COURT–APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

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

HB 174 Delegate Lehman

Chapter 729 LANDLORD AND TENANT – REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT – REGISTRATION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY

Establishing that information regarding the status of a rental property as an affected property under certain lead–based paint abatement laws may be an issue of fact at trial.

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HB 289 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 341 PEACE ORDERS – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; etc. **Section 2 only**

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