



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 27, 2023
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2023

HB 398 Delegate Feldmark

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS – QUALIFIED POSITION AND QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE – DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “qualified position” for purposes of eligibility for and the calculation of benefits under the One Maryland and More Jobs for Marylanders economic development programs; altering the definition of “qualified employee” for purposes of eligibility for and calculation of the credit against the income tax for certain business entities located in an enterprise zone; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, §§ 6-401(g) and 6-801(k) and TG, § 10-702 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 399 Delegate Foley, et al**GASOLINE-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS – STATE PURCHASE AND USE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State from purchasing a gasoline-powered leaf blower beginning July 1, 2023; and prohibiting the State from using a gasoline-powered leaf blower beginning July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, § 3-601 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 400 Delegate Kipke**COMMERCIAL LAW – ABILITY TO REPAY VERIFICATION – EXEMPTION**

Exempting mortgage loans made by community development financial institutions from certain requirements to verify the borrower's ability to repay.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, § 12-1029 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 401 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists so as to apply certain principles, methods, and procedures related to hearing disorders, vestibular functions and language and speech disorders to order, evaluate, diagnose, manage, or treat any auditory or vestibular condition in the human ear and to prescribe, order, sell, dispense or fit hearing aids or osseo-integrated devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, § 2-101(r) through (u) - renumbered and § 2-101(q) - added and amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 402 Delegate Jacobs, et al**KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER**

Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; and providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 3-801 through 3-803 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 403 Delegate Cardin**JUVENILE LAW – ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT AND BULLYING – INQUIRY BY INTAKE OFFICER**

Requiring a Department of Juvenile Services intake officer to forward a complaint that alleges a violation involving the misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service and a related case file to the State’s Attorney under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-10(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 404 Delegate Feldmark, et al**PROPERTY TAX – STATEWIDE OPTIONAL CREDIT FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED A HARDSHIP**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is owned by a homeowner whose combined gross income exceeds \$60,000 if the homeowner demonstrates certain criteria, including that the homeowner suffered a certain hardship; and repealing as redundant a provision of law authorizing the same property tax credit in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-305(h) - repealed, § 9-305(i) - renumbered, and § 9-268 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 405 Delegate Foley, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PENALTIES**

Establishing increased penalties of imprisonment for up to 3 years and a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both for the abuse or neglect of an animal if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; and authorizing the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a period of time determined by the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 10-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary