



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 3, 2023
Schedule 14

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 FEBRUARY 3, 2023

HB 556 Delegates Wilson and Atterbearry

CANNABIS REFORM

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult-use cannabis at certain rates in certain fiscal years; establishing the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Division in the Commission; requiring the Division, on or before July 1, 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult-use cannabis business; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, TG, EC, HG, and SP, Various Sections - amended and added and HG, Various Sections - repealed and transferred

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 557 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$65,600,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 16-1401 and 16-1405 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 16-902(b), 16-904(b), and 16-905(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 16-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 561 Carroll County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PLL - Compilation of Municipal Charters, Ch. 99 (Mount Airy), §§ A1-101 through A1-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 562 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

HUMAN SERVICES – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Requiring a local department of social services to provide a housing allowance to households that are receiving temporary cash assistance or transitional support services and are not receiving a certain housing subsidy where the tenant's portion of rent is based on a percentage of the tenant's income; and requiring the continuation of a housing allowance for 6 months following the termination of temporary cash assistance if the household is receiving or is eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, § 5-314.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 563 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – PROCEDURES

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 564 Delegate Moon

MUNICIPALITIES – VAGRANCY – REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT

Repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LG, § 5-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 565 Washington County Delegation

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

Authorizing a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages manufactured under the license in bulk to a person in the State that is authorized to acquire them and to a person outside the State that is authorized to acquire them; and repealing the prohibition against a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license applying for or possessing a wholesaler's license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 566 Delegate Ebersole

STATE LOTTERY – INTERNET SALES OF SUBSCRIPTION PLANS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow the establishment of a system or program that allows for the purchase of a State lottery subscription plan through an electronic device that connects to the Internet.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, § 9-111(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 567 Delegate R. Lewis**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUSTS
– AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CONDOMINIUM REGIMES**

Authorizing a condominium regime to be established on certain land owned by an affordable housing land trust.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 11-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 568 Delegate Ebersole, et al**EDUCATION – STUDENT-ORGANIZED PEACEFUL
DEMONSTRATIONS – STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND POLICY**

Prohibiting a public school from prohibiting a student from organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, imposing certain limits on a student's right to free speech while participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, or disciplining a student for organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration under certain circumstances; and requiring each county board of education to develop a written policy regarding student-organized peaceful demonstrations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 569 Delegate Grammer**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATION SAVINGS
ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (THE MARYLAND
UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE ACT)**

Establishing the Education Savings Account program in the State administered by the State Department of Education to provide grants to the account of the parent of an eligible student in order to provide for the eligible student's education; requiring the parent of an eligible student to participate in a certain agreement with the Department; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 9.12-101 through 9.12-106 and TG, § 10-208(cc) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 570 Delegate Bagnall**PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS – DEACTIVATION SYSTEMS**

Prohibiting the dispensing of prescription opioids unless the dispenser provides a personal use pharmaceutical disposal system to the ultimate user at no cost; defining a “personal use pharmaceutical disposal system” as a portable product designed to allow the ultimate user to deactivate the prescribed opioid to a nonretrievable condition; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to provide personal use pharmaceutical disposal systems to certain pharmacies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 24-2201 through 24-2203 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 571 Delegate Kipke**OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM – OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS – CHOICE OF FORMULATION AND DOSAGE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to allow certain entities provided opioid overdose reversal drugs by the Department under the Overdose Response Program to choose the formulation or dosage of opioid overdose reversal drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration with which the entity is to be provided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 13-3103 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 572 Delegates Kaiser and Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS – RISK-LIMITING AUDITS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; repealing a requirement to conduct a manual audit after each statewide general election; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EL, § 11-309 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 11-108 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 574 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$41,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 575 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – BOND AUTHORITY – YMCA FACILITY**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$15,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of a YMCA facility in St. Mary's County contingent upon certain conditions, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 576 Delegate Ebersole, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – POLICIES ON BULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION – REVISIONS**

Altering certain requirements for a model policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, or intimidation in public and nonpublic schools; requiring that if the act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation is determined to be motivated by the alleged victim's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, notification to the parent or guardian of the alleged victim shall be at the discretion of the alleged victim; and requiring the State Board of Education and each nonpublic school to update the model policy by September 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-424(b), 7-424.1(b), and 7-424.3(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 577 Delegates Fennell and D. Barnes**HUMAN RELATIONS – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – REENTRY–INTO–SOCIETY STATUS**

Establishing reentry–into–society status as a protected class for purposes of State fair housing laws and prohibiting discriminatory practices in residential real estate transactions and the sale or rental of a dwelling because of a person's reentry–into–society status; and defining "reentry–into–society status" as the state of having completed a court–ordered sentence of imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 578 Delegate Jackson, et al**STATE DESIGNATIONS – SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – FREEDOM FLAG**

Designating the Freedom Flag as the State symbol of remembrance for the attacks of September 11.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, § 7-318 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 579 Delegate Henson

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE STATUS AND DESIGNATION

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to assign certain employees of the State Department of Education to the executive, management, professional, and skilled services of the State Personnel Management System and to assign or reassign certain employees to certain bargaining units; and requiring that these employees suffer no diminution of pay or benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 580 Delegate Henson

ELECTION LAW – POLLING SITES – FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting a person from carrying or displaying a firearm on the premises of a privately or publicly owned building being used as a polling site during an election, including a parking lot, or carrying or possessing a firearm within 100 feet of a polling site during an election, subject to certain exceptions.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 16-903 - amended and § 16-904 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 581 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS – CREDITABLE SERVICE – HISTORIC ST. MARY’S CITY COMMISSION

Requiring the inclusion of certain State service while an individual was employed by the Historic St. Mary’s City Commission for the purpose of determining eligibility for State retiree health benefits for a retiree of the Historic St. Mary’s City Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 582 Delegates Cardin and Simmons**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – TIME LIMIT FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident that led to the investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 583 Delegate Cardin**HEALTH INSURANCE – PODIATRISTS – REIMBURSEMENT FOR INFUSION OF MEDICATION**

Requiring that certain health insurance policies and contracts delivered or issued for delivery in the State provide for adjustments to reimbursement for the infusion of medication by podiatrists on the first day of January, April, July, and October each year.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-713 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 584 Delegate Ebersole, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATIONS BY QUALIFIED FARMS – EXTENSION (FARMERS FEEDING FAMILIES ACT)**

Extending a tax credit against the State income tax for fresh farm and organic fresh farm food donations; altering the amounts of the tax credit from 75% to 100% of the value of the donated certified organic produce a qualified farm is eligible to receive under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-745 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 585 Delegate Williams, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF FORCE INCIDENT REPORTS**

Altering the reporting requirement applicable to a law enforcement officer or police officer involved in a use of force incident in the line of duty to include the law enforcement officer's justification for the use of force; and requiring a local law enforcement agency to publish on its website by January 1, 2024 and every 3 months thereafter, certain information regarding the use of force incidents reported for the preceding 3 months.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-514 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 586 Delegate Stein**STATE PROCUREMENT – PURCHASING PREFERENCES – COMPOST, MULCH, AND SOIL AMENDMENTS**

Requiring each unit of State government to give preference to certain products produced from organic materials when purchasing compost, mulch, or other soil amendments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SF, § 14-409 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 587 Delegate Bridges, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A–7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Authorizing, for a certain period of time, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area for a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; and terminating the Act on July 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 12-902.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 588 Delegate Cullison, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (ACCESS TO CARE ACT)**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund to include the provision of funding for the establishment and operation of the Qualified Resident Enrollment Program; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program to allow qualified residents to obtain coverage, facilitate the enrollment of qualified residents in qualified health plans, and, based on the availability of funds, provide premium assistance and cost-sharing reductions to qualified residents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, §§ 31-101(u-1), 31-123, and 31-124 - added and §§ 31-107, 31-108(b)(1), and 31-115(b)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 589 Delegate Grammer**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a certain retired law enforcement officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 590 Delegate Pruski**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – OFFSET AND HEARING LOSS**

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; altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers' compensation benefits for occupational deafness; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 9-610 and 9-650 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 591 Delegate Buckel**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-611 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 592 Delegate Watson**PROPERTY TAX – AGRICULTURAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS – ASSESSMENT**

Providing that value-added agricultural activities are a farm or agricultural use of land for assessment purposes; creating a subclass of real property consisting of improvements on an actively used farm that support value-added agricultural activities; requiring improvements on an actively used farm that support value-added agricultural activities to be assessed at the agricultural use rate; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, §§ 1-101(rr) and 8-209.2 - added and §§ 8-101(b) and 8-209(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 593 Delegate Guyton, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LIFESAVER SCHOOLS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt certain criteria for designation as a Lifesaver School that at a minimum require public schools to offer to students and school personnel evidence-based training on CPR and first aid and a mental health wellness program or a peer mentoring program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 594 Delegate Fair**ELECTION LAW – ASCERTAINMENT OF RESULTS – PROCESS**

Requiring that the Governor ascertain and enumerate the number of votes cast for each candidate in certain elections consistent with the returns of the election received by the Governor in accordance with certain provisions of law; and requiring the Governor to issue and transmit a certificate of ascertainment of presidential electors under certain provisions of federal law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EL, § 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 595 Delegate Qi**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF-SITE PERMITS**

Extending the termination date for provisions relating to the authorization of holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to certain individuals under certain circumstances to June 30, 2025; and delaying a certain effective date for the authorization of certain manufacturer off-site permits to July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Chapters 359 and 360 of the Acts of 2021, as amended, § 4 and Chapters 477 and 478 of the Acts of 2022, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 596 Delegate Kerr**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023**

Establishing the Rural Nonemergency Medical Transportation Program for hospitals to coordinate transportation provided by a nonprofit organization to or from medical services for eligible individuals; repealing a certain cap on the amount of grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 annually for the Rural Nonemergency Medical Transportation Program in the State budget beginning in fiscal year 2025; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4805 and TR, §§ 7-1107 and 7-1109 - added, TR, § 7-1002 - amended, and TR, § 7-1107 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 597 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTION METHOD – STRAW BALLOT**

Requiring that a straw ballot be held on the issue of changing the method of selecting the county commissioners in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 598 Delegate Wu, et al**EDUCATION – FUNDING FOR GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS – DEFINITION ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain definitions relating to enrollment that are used for the calculation of funding for general education programs.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 5-201 and 5-239(b)(1)(v) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 599 Delegate Hartman, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER**

Repealing the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a public safety officer; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the credit; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that authorizes the credit to establish, by law, the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of eligibility for the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-260 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 600 Delegate Lopez**TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO
NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL IMAGERY**

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Nonconsensual Sexual Imagery; and requiring the Task Force to report its legislative recommendations to the Government and the General Assembly by January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 601 Delegate Forbes**STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM, AND JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
– SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT – SAME-SEX SPOUSES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 602 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – STATE WETLANDS – SHORELINE RESTORATION**

Altering the requirements for making certain improvements to protect a person's property against erosion; requiring the Department of the Environment, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, to designate priority shoreline restoration zones where conditions exist that degrade the resilience of the land and the habitat connectivity between the land and water; establishing in a certain Fund a coastal resilience and living shoreline restoration account to provide grants for certain shoreline stabilization projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 16-201 and 16-205(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 603 Delegate Stein, et al**NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

Altering the requirements of the school health services program to allow participation by certain nonpublic schools; prohibiting a county board of education from expending more than \$40 per student, adjusted for inflation, to provide school health services to students in certain nonpublic schools; prohibiting a county board from providing adequate school health services in nonpublic schools that discriminate in certain ways; and requiring the Governor to provide \$4,000,000 in the annual budget bill starting in fiscal year 2025 for the program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 604 Delegate Qi**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED THROUGH PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from certain requirements relating to the offering of health benefit plans to individuals and small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization that engages in employee leasing.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, §§ 15-1204.1 and 15-1303 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 605 Delegate Allen, et al**COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL TO THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR**

Establishing the Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Marylanders who have fought in the Global War on Terror and their families; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before 1 year and 3 months after the effective date of the Act.

CONTINGENT

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 606 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING INSECT FLOUR – LABELING**

Prohibiting the sale of food products containing or consisting of insect flour unless the packaging contains a certain label; and prohibiting food service facilities from serving food containing or consisting of insect flour unless certain menus and notices contain a certain label.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 21-330.3 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 607 Delegate Love**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGE PERMITS – STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activity under a general discharge permit and requiring the Department to instead require an individual discharge permit under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain permit holder from causing, allowing, or failing to control the runoff of soil or other pollutants from a construction site or causing erosion into certain waters of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-323.1 - added and § 9-342 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 608 Delegate Lehman, et al**HUMAN RELATIONS – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – SERVICE DOGS AND GUIDE 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 or guide dog.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 20-706 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 609 Delegate Smith (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**ENVIRONMENT – WASTE HAULERS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a waste hauler that disposed of waste to a facility or disposal site located in a county to submit a report on waste disposal activities to the county on or before March 1 each year; and establishing that a waste hauler that violates the Act is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$50 for each day on which the violation exists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1705.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 610 Delegate Cardin**ESTATES – EXECUTION OF A WILL – WITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the personal representative of an estate or an interested party from attesting and signing as a credible witness during the execution of a will.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, § 4-102(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 611 Delegates Kelly and Pena–Melnyk**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION, LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS, AND BOARD OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP**

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

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HO, Various Sections - amended and § 8-204(d) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 612 Delegate Watson**NATURAL RESOURCES – LICENSED TREE EXPERTS – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the work of the treatment, care, or removal of certain trees for compensation under a tree expert's license unless the person is employed by the licensed tree expert; increasing a certain penalty for operating a tree expert business without a license; and requiring a licensed tree expert to carry, show proof of, and maintain for a certain period of time valid workers' compensation insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, §§ 5-417 and 5-418 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

HB 613 Delegate Smith (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – ASSAULT OF SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PENALTIES**

Increasing penalties for a person causing physical injury to a Baltimore City special enforcement officer, a special parking enforcement officer, or a special traffic enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the second degree and is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 614 Delegate Cullison, et al**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS**

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

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HU, §§ 10-1301 through 10-1303 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 615 Delegate Amprey

WORKGROUP ON BLACK, LATINO, ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS – EXTENSION OF DATES

Extending the reporting and termination dates, to July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively, for the Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Chapter 318 of the Acts of 2022 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 616 Delegate D. Barnes, et al

ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING – NUMBER OF DAYS

Changing the number of days on which early voting centers are required to be open before a primary or general election by requiring early voting centers to be open beginning the second Sunday, rather than the second Thursday, before a primary or general election through the Thursday before the election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EL, § 10-301.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 617 Delegate Schmidt

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – OPERATION OF VESSELS IN CONTROLLED WATER SKI AREA IN MAYNADIER CREEK

Authorizing a person to operate or give permission to operate a vessel for the purpose of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in a controlled water ski area in Maynadier Creek during certain times on certain days; and prohibiting a person from operating or giving permission to operate a vessel for the purpose of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in a controlled water ski area in Maynadier Creek on certain days and State holidays.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

NR, § 8-725.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 618 Delegate Pruski**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DWELLINGS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS – RETIRED PERSONNEL**

Altering, for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023, the definition of “public safety officer” to include certain retired personnel for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a certain dwelling that is owned by the public safety officer; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-260 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 619 Delegate Schmidt, et al**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATION – HOUSING IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Requiring certain Executive Branch agencies to prepare a housing impact analysis rating and a housing impact analysis concerning the effect of certain proposed legislation on the cost and availability of housing under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor’s office to submit a copy of the housing impact analysis rating and the housing impact analysis to the Department of Legislative Services and a certain committee within a reasonable time prior to the hearing on the bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 2-1505.3 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 620 Delegate D. Barnes, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT FILINGS – REPEAL OF FEES**

Repealing the filing fees paid by certain corporations and business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for annual reports that are filed but not recorded.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CA, § 1-203(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 621 Delegate Guyton

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES – INFORMATION POSTED ON WEBSITE

Requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education to post on the Division’s website the total number of open cases in the Division’s caseload, and update the information every month.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 21-301 - amended and § 21-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 622 Delegate Qi, et al

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 2024 through 2028 an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, §§ 5-2301 through 5-2304 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 623 Delegate Crosby

ST. MARY’S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to borrow not more than \$56,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary’s County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 624 Delegate Amprey**ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLIERS OF WATER – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the means by which a supplier of water must give notice to the Department of the Environment and certain individuals and entities under certain circumstances; requiring that a supplier of water use at least three means to give the notice; requiring a supplier of water to give notice to the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management if there is a positive test for E. coli in the system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-410 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 625 Delegate Amprey**APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the forms of financial assistance available under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program; altering eligibility requirements for projects that may receive financial assistance under the Program; altering the time period when applications may be submitted under the Program; repealing certain restrictions on the amount of financial assistance that may be provided under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HS, §§ 4-2801 through 4-2804 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

Establishing the Human-Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Corporation to establish a grant and loan program to provide grants and loans for State-funded, human-relevant animal testing alternatives research; requiring a person, on or after January 1, 2024, to be issued a license by the Secretary of Health before the person may use nonhuman animals to conduct medical or product testing or research in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, HG, and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

HB 627 Delegate Amprey**BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP AND PROCUREMENT**

Altering the membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; and exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State procurement law.
EMERGENCY BILL

EC, § 12-703 - amended and EC, § 12-703.1 and SF, § 11-203(j) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 628 Delegate Reznik, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS – UNIVERSAL EXPANSION**

Altering the standards of the State Free Feeding Program, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to require that if a school participates in the federal School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program, then each student in the school must be offered a meal at no cost to the student; providing for the reimbursement rate at which the State shall pay county boards and participating nonpublic schools for the meals offered to students; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, §§ 7-601, 7-602, and 7-702 - amended and § 7-606 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 629 Delegate Crosby, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 18-601(d) and (g)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 630 Delegate Queen, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ACCOUNT HOLDERS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIONS

Requiring a certain utility to release a primary or secondary account holder who is the victim of domestic violence from a contract held with the utility under certain circumstances; and requiring a utility to make information about the options and process described in the Act available to customers on any website, mobile application, and other forms of public-facing customer communication the utility maintains.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 5-502 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 631 Delegate Stein**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 certain land trusts to purchase land for conservation purposes; establishing the Land Preservation Rapid Response Advisory Committee to review loan applications and make recommendations on which projects to fund; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Fund; requiring the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2025 budget bill for the Fund; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, Various Sections and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and NR, § 3-210 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 632 Delegate Smith**BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF – STAFFING**

Increasing from one to three the number of assistant sheriffs required to be appointed by the Baltimore City Sheriff; and repealing a limitation on the number of certain other staff that the Baltimore City Sheriff may appoint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-316(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 633 Delegate Bhandari**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-319(e)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 634 Delegate Vogel, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – SALE OF DIET PILLS TO MINORS – PROHIBITION (PROTECTING TEENAGERS FROM UNREGULATED DIET PILLS)**

Establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding the sale of diet pills to individuals under the age of 18 years; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a notice with information about the potential health risks of diet pills; and authorizing the Department to establish limitations on which diet pills are subject to the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 21-259.4 - added and § 21-1215 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 635 Delegates Wivell and Valentine**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES – LIMITS ON LIABILITY**

Limiting the liability of a certain person for certain discharges from a construction site; and providing that the civil or administrative penalty for discharge from a construction site may not exceed \$5,000 for each violation or \$25,000 total.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-342 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 636 Delegate Guzzone**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, §§ 4-101(h), 4-313, and 4-331 through 4-333 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 637 Washington County Delegation

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-335 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 638 Delegate Edelson, et al

EDUCATION – HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program in the Maryland State Department of Education to assist local school systems with Holocaust education in public schools; authorizing a local school system to apply to the Department for a grant from the Program to be used only for certain Holocaust-related training, materials, and activities; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,200,000 to the Program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 639 Delegate Smith**RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION**

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 640 Delegate Simpson, et al**CITY OF FREDERICK – ASSIGNMENT OF OFFENDERS TO ROAD WORK – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law requiring a District Court judge to assign, if practicable, an offender to work the public roads of Frederick County or the City of Frederick as a penalty for a violation of a municipal law or ordinance of the City of Frederick.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 9-518 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary