



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 7, 2023**  
**Schedule 16**

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**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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

- HB 707**    **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE DIVISION  
Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers’ interests in a certain manner.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023  
TG, § 2-102.2 - added  
Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means
- HB 708**    **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – TAX PARITY FOR DELAYED PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS  
Requiring the Comptroller to provide a one-time grant payment to an individual paid certain unemployment insurance benefits during calendar year 2022 under certain circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

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**HB 709 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the 21st Century Financial Systems Council to modernize the financial management information systems infrastructure in the State; specifying the responsibilities and priorities of the Council; and establishing the position of the 21st Century Financial Systems Director in the Office of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 4-113 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 710 Delegate Bagnall****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 711 Delegate Hornberger****SOCIAL NETWORKS – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain social networks to dedicate at least 2% of advertisements on their platforms to certain public service announcements; requiring certain social networks to pay a certain 9–1–1 social network fee; and requiring the Comptroller to perform certain duties relating to the collection of the 9–1–1 social network fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, § 19-107 and PS, §§ 1-301(w-1) and 1-313.1 - added and PS, § 1-308(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 712 Delegate Hornberger, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – FARM EQUIPMENT**

Requiring a farm equipment manufacturer to make available certain documentation, updates, or information to an independent repair provider or owner of farm equipment to allow for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the farm equipment; prohibiting a farm equipment manufacturer from knowingly misrepresenting or withholding farm equipment part numbers from a customer for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvii) and 14-4501 through 14-4505 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 713 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel, at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-324(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 714 Delegate Grammer****CRIMES – INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – EXCEPTION FOR IMMINENT DANGER AND ADMISSION AS EVIDENCE**

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication when the person reasonably believes that the person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a violation of a protective order; and authorizing the admission of a communication intercepted as authorized under the Act as evidence under certain circumstances and subject to certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added and § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 715 Delegate Grammer****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – VIOLENT CRIME – PAROLE**

Altering the portion of a sentence that must be served before a certain inmate convicted of a certain violent crime committed on or after October 1, 2023, can be paroled; and altering the number of years that must be served before a certain inmate who has been sentenced to life imprisonment on or after October 1, 2023, can be paroled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 7-301(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 716 Delegate Guzzone****MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF A RETROACTIVE DENIAL – REPEAL OF APPLICABILITY**

Providing that a managed care organization that retroactively denies reimbursement to a health care provider is not required to provide certain information regarding the entity acknowledging responsibility for payment of the denied claim.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, 15-102.3(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 717 Delegate Bagnall****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 licensed 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, Various Sections - amended and § 12-102(c)(2)(vi) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 718 Delegate Stewart, et al**

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – ALTERATIONS (RECLAIM RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definitions of “qualifying biomass”, “thermal biomass system”, and “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain forest-related resources, animal manure, waste, and refuse and gas produced from the anaerobic decomposition of animal waste or poultry waste from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-701 and 7-704(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 719 Delegate Bagnall**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEMS AND CARBON DIOXIDE MONITORS – MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction, on or before July 1, 2025, to complete an initial statewide heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems assessment of all public school facilities in the State using certain assessment requirements; requiring the Commission to develop certain heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning standards and incorporate the standards into certain educational facilities sufficiency standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-310 - amended and §§ 5-310.1 and 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 720 Delegate Fisher, et al**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PROHIBITION ON USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION SERVICES BY EMPLOYERS – APPLICATION

Defining the term “employer” to include State and local governments for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit employers from using facial recognition technology for the purpose of creating a facial template during an applicant’s interview for employment without the applicant’s consent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-717 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 721 Delegate Wilkins, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD – MULTIPLE NAMED INSUREDS**

Requiring, for a motor vehicle liability insurance policy with multiple named insureds, an insurer to provide an identification card that indicates all named insureds or separate insurance identification cards for each named insured on the policy on request of a named insured.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, § 19-503.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 722 Delegate Kerr****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PARITY ACT OF 2023)**

Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program, the Attendant Care Program, and petitions for extreme risk protective orders; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related to examinations by a physician assistant for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, ET, HG, HO, HU, PS, and SP, Various Sections - amended and HG, §§ 10-601(g) and 18-214(d)(12) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; establishing and authorizing certain alternative methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; lowering the acreage threshold in certain counties for participation in the forest conservation and management program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended and TP, § 8-211(c) and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 2021, § 11 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation