



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 8, 2023**  
**Schedule 17**

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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 8, 2023**

### **HB 724 Delegate Charkoudian**

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023**

Altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner for certain years; prohibiting the applicable table of rates from shifting more than a certain number of tables under certain circumstances; establishing certain collateral requirements for certain investment funds that own certain portfolio companies; etc.

#### **VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

LE, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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**HB 725 Delegate Henson****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE PROGRAM – REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Increasing from 4% to 10% the percentage reimbursement rate increase that is required to be included in the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 for providers of certain health care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and the Community First Choice Program; requiring that 90% of the funding increase be used to fund wage increases for certain workers; and requiring that nursing homes annually submit a cost report to the Maryland Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, § 16-201.4 - amended and § 16-209 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 726 Delegate Feldmark, et al****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 727 Delegate Kerr****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration registration, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; authorizing physician assistants who are employees of the federal government to perform acts, tasks, or functions as a physician assistant during a certain disaster; and providing certain immunity to certain physician assistants.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, HG, HO, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 728 Delegate Amprey****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS – LIMIT ON DURATION**

Prohibiting an exclusive listing agreement for the sale of residential property from being effective for more than 1 year; and requiring the State Real Estate Commission to include an assessment of the use of exclusive listing agreements and any detrimental impact of these agreements on transactions for resident property in a certain annual report.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

RP, § 10-803 - added and BOP, § 17-210 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 729 Delegate Grossman, et al****REAL PROPERTY – SHERIFF’S SALES – NOTICE, PROCEDURES, AND SUBORDINATE INTERESTS**

Requiring a judgment creditor to provide notice by certified and first-class mail to certain persons regarding the time, place, and terms of the sale of any real property subject to a sheriff’s sale at least 20 days before the property can be sold and to file a certain affidavit that the individual provided such notice; establishing that a sheriff’s sale of real property extinguishes subordinate liens on the land being executed if the requirements of the Act are met and the judgment creditor has complied with any applicable rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, §§ 11-502, 11-504(c), and 11-507 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 730 Delegate Fisher, et al****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ALTERATION OF RATE OF TAXATION – LEGISLATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRED**

Prohibiting the General Assembly from providing, by law, for the alteration of the rate of an existing State tax based on inflation or formula ; and prohibiting a certain alteration to a rate of State tax from taking effect unless the General Assembly, by legislation passed in a certain manner, explicitly approves the new tax rate.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 62 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 731 Delegate Wilkins****PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Establishing that law enforcement officers are subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System or a local system when a law enforcement officer is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the law enforcement officer's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 21-502(a)(3) - amended and §§ 21-801 through 21-809 and 40-201 through 40-209 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 732 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IMMUNITY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALTY TERTIARY CARE PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAMS**

Establishing that certain mental health care providers, administrators of certain programs, and certain employees of administrators have immunity from liability for certain actions related to harm to or from certain patients; and providing that the Maryland Department of Health is a “reporting agency” for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing public–private partnerships under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-609.1 - added and SF, § 10A-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 733 Delegates Hill and Wu****YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission to study evidence–based policies and practices for maximizing safety for youth athletes with a concentration on youth athletes who are under the age of 15 years; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the Maryland Department of Health, and the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 734 Delegates Hill and Wu****YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – REGISTRATIONS, PERSONNEL, AND POLICY**

Requiring youth sports programs to maintain and update a registry of youth sports program personnel who participate in the youth sports program; requiring a parent or guardian of a youth registered with a youth sports program to sign and submit to the youth sports program an acknowledgment of the receipt of certain information; and requiring a youth sports program to post its removal and return–to–play policy on its website, if available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 14-501 - amended and § 14-503 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 735** Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; approving the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a total principal amount of \$25,000,000 for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 736** Delegate Buckel, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – CRIME OF VIOLENCE (NO BAIL FOR REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a judicial officer from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant who is charged with a crime of violence if the defendant has a pending charge for a crime of violence or was convicted within the previous 10 years of a crime of violence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 5-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 737** Delegate Ghrist, et al

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OPTIONS – RIGHT TO LEARN AND BROADENING OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TODAY PROGRAMS (RIGHT TO LEARN ACT OF 2023)

Requiring, on or before January 1 each year, and based on certain star ratings, each county board of education to notify the parents or guardians of students in a failing school that the school is failing and provide a list of options; establishing the Right to Learn Program to provide students in failing schools with certain scholarships; establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program to provide scholarships for students eligible for free and reduced-price lunches to attend a non-public school; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 5-244 and 5-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 738 Delegate Griffith, et al**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY EXPENDITURES – INCREASE (SCHOOL SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2023)

Beginning in fiscal year 2025, increasing from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 an annual appropriation to the Safe Schools Fund to provide grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting an annual reporting requirement on law enforcement coverage in public schools.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-1508(g) and 7-1512(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 739 Delegate Rose, et al**

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT COUNT – ALTERATIONS (TRUANCY REDUCTION ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on September 30, December 31, March 31, and the last day of the prior school year; and applying the Act to the calculation of education funding for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-201(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 740 Delegate Ghrist, et al**

EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership and qualifications of members of the Accountability and Implementation Board; and requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee to submit a certain slate of nominees to the Governor on or before August 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-402(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 741 Delegate Hartman, et al**

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION (ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2023)

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 742 Delegate Boyce**

ELECTION LAW – PARTY AND ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICES – PROHIBITION

Altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for, or holding, a party office and an elected public office; and providing certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, § 5-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 743 Delegate Phillips, et al**

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – CALCULATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES – PROCUREMENTS FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES

Requiring a State procurement unit to include the dollar value of its contracts with Maryland Correctional Enterprises in the total dollar value of its procurements for the purpose of calculating the unit's Minority Business Enterprise Program participation rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SF, § 14-302(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 744 Delegate Hill, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 7-302(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 745 Delegate Hill, et al****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d)(3) and CR, § 10-307 - amended and CR, § 9-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 746 Delegate Wells****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – WAITING PERIOD**

Repealing the waiting period for applying for expungement of certain records; and prohibiting certain records from being expunged by obliteration for 3 years after the date of disposition and limiting access to the records during that time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 747 Delegate Pasteur, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE EMPLOYMENT –  
AGRICULTURAL WORK**

Repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne’s County or any other county with a similar camp.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 9-515 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 748 Delegate Williams****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – SEXUAL CONTACT WITH PERSON  
IN CUSTODY – PENALTY**

Altering penalties relating to sexual contact with a person who is under arrest, in detention, or otherwise in the actual custody of a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, §§ 3-307 and 3-314 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 749 Delegate Crutchfield****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 on a military installation if the federal court waives exclusive jurisdiction and the violation of federal law is also a crime under State law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-03(c) and GP, § 6-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 750 Delegate Munoz, et al****GUN THEFT FELONY ACT OF 2023**

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training and Critical Incident Stress Management peer support training; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$1,000,000 for the Fund; and requiring the Governor’s Office Of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 31 each year.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 4-1012 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 752 Delegate Vogel****STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT**

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections or the procurement officer for the State Board of Elections to disclose requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and proposed procurement contracts to the State Board; and requiring the State Board to vote to approve or reject certain requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, § 2-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 753 Delegate Kipke, et al**

## JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION – GUN OFFENSES (JUVENILE GUN OFFENSES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023)

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed a certain offense involving the use or possession of a firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-03 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 754 Delegate Crosby**

## CRIMINAL LAW – SEX TRAFFICKING – FELONY

Reclassifying as a felony instead of a misdemeanor certain sex trafficking offenses; and establishing an affirmative defense of duress if a defendant committed an alleged violation as a result of an act of another charged with violating certain prohibitions against sex trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 3-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 755 Delegate Cardin**

## 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, §§ 1-101, 1-205, 1-206, 1-208, 3-102 thru 3-104, 3-108, 3-201, and 5-104 - amended and § 2-214 - added and TG, § 7-203(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 756 Delegates Grammer and Tomlinson****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPUNGED CONVICTION**

Clarifying that an expunged conviction does not constitute a conviction that disqualifies a person from eligibility for a handgun permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 757 Delegate Addison****REAL PROPERTY – EXPEDITED WRONGFUL DETAINER PROCEEDINGS – PROPERTY FOR SALE OR LEASE**

Requiring certain expedited proceedings in a wrongful detainer action if the property that is the subject of the action is, at the time of the complaint, advertised or listed for sale or lease by the complainant and requiring that notice of a hearing or appeal be served in person or, under certain circumstances, posted conspicuously on the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 758 Delegate Bartlett****SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS – PRESERVATION AND STORAGE**

Altering requirements for the storage and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits; authorizing the Attorney General to direct a certain person to comply with provisions of the Act; and authorizing the Attorney General to apply to a certain court for an order to show cause under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-926 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 759 Delegate Bartlett****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-926.1 - added and PS, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 760 Delegate Embry****MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – AFFORDABLE LIFE, WILLS, AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR SENIORS PROGRAM**

Establishing the Affordable Life, Wills, and Estate Planning for Seniors Program in the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to provide seniors with low to moderate financial means access to affordable civil law–related services; establishing that an individual who is at least 60 years old and has a family income that does not exceed 75% of the median family income for the State is eligible to participate in the Program; requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation of \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HU, § 11-605 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 761 Delegate Phillips, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE LABOR – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the authorization for certain inmates of a State or local correctional facility to engage in work on public roads.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 9-507 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 762 Delegate Cardin, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS – CARE PROVIDERS**

Establishing procedures for child advocacy centers when there is a change in certain health care providers for children; and establishing that the Health Care Worker Whistleblower Protection Act applies to behavioral, mental, and other health care providers working with child advocacy centers to ensure their protection if raising concerns about center operations, services, and standards of care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-928 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 763 Montgomery County Delegation****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; and generally relating to collective bargaining for employees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-329(f) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 764**    **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION  
– COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION –  
IMPASSE ARBITRATION MC 10–23**

Authorizing the parties to a collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County to request the services of a mediator–arbitrator during a term of a collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances; establishing the process for mediation–arbitration; and requiring the parties to share equally the costs of the mediator–arbitrator’s services.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HS, § 16-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 765**    **Delegate Buckel, et al****PROPERTY AND INCOME TAXES – CREDITS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
AND PURCHASE OF HOUSING IN WESTERN MARYLAND**

Requiring the governing body of certain counties and municipal corporations located in Western Maryland to grant a property tax credit on certain newly constructed dwellings; allowing certain persons who construct more than 10 middle–income homes in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County to claim a credit against the State income tax; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TG, § 10-757 and TP, § 9-327 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 766**    **Delegate Chisholm, et al****STATE TRANSFER TAX – EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY USED  
AS PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE**

Exempting from the State transfer tax instruments of writing that transfer real property to individuals who will use the real property as a principal residence for consideration that is \$350,000 or less.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, § 13-207(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 767 Delegate Griffith, et al**

## INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (MILITARY PENSION TAX FREEDOM ACT)

Phasing in, over a period of 5 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 768 Delegate Buckel**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board to be the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Vetting Board; establishing and specifying the purpose of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Voting Board; establishing an Executive Director for the Vetting Board and the Voting Board; and altering the manner in which decisions are made regarding certain proposals for funding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, §§ 13-736 through 13-741 - amended and §§ 13-738 and 13-739 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 769 Delegate J. Long, et al**

## PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DAMPERS, SMOKE DAMPERS, COMBINATION FIRE SMOKE DAMPERS, AND SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS

Establishing requirements for the installation, inspection, and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt certain regulations relating to the technical specifications for the installation of and the timing and technical specifications for the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 9-1001 - renumbered and §§ 9-1001 through 9-1006 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 770 Delegate Atterbeary (By Request – Accountability and Implementation Board)**

**PUBLICLY FUNDED FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM – TIER I CHILD – ALTERATION OF DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of a “Tier I child” who may be enrolled beginning in the 2022–2023 school year to a full-day prekindergarten program, to include children with a disability, children who are homeless youths, and children who are from homes in which English is not the primary spoken language.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

ED, §§ 7-1A-01(i), 7-1A-04(a), and 7-1A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 771 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

**HUMAN RELATIONS – PATTERNS AND PRACTICES OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS – REMEDIES**

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and initiate a civil action to remedy unlawful patterns or practices committed by certain government officials; providing that the Attorney General shall have subpoena power to support certain investigations; and providing that the Attorney General may obtain equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice of certain conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 20-1040 and 20-1041 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 772 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 20-1040 through 20-1048 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 773 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND FALSE HEALTH CLAIMS ACT – REVISIONS**

Authorizing certain persons to continue with actions under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act when the governmental entity or the State elects not to proceed with the action; authorizing the governmental entity or the State to serve certain subpoenas under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act; and requiring certain penalties under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act be at least \$5,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, §§ 8-102, 8-103, 8-104, and 8-105(a) - amended and HG, §§ 2-602, 2-603, 2-604, and 2-605(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 774 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, or a designee of the Department, to investigate whether residents in an assisted living program have been subject to neglect or physical 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-1809 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 775 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****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 certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 14-1301 through 14-1304 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 776 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT – PREMERGER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND REMEDIES**

Requiring a person who has acquired certain voting securities or assets of another person to file a certain notice with the Attorney General under certain circumstances; exempting certain information or documentary material filed with the Attorney General from the Maryland Public Information Act except under certain circumstances; and altering the definition of “restitution” relating to remedies for a violation of the Maryland Antitrust Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 11-205 through 11-213 - renumbered, § 11-205 - added, and §11-210(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 777 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****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; and authorizing the Attorney General to impose a certain civil penalty for a violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, §§ 16-506(a) and (b)(1) and 16-507(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 778 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – COMMISSIONER REQUIREMENTS AND OPEN MEETINGS (MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023) MC/PG 105–23**

Altering the appointment process, salary authorization process, and terms for commissioners appointed to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from Montgomery County; requiring the County Executive of Montgomery County to appoint one member of the Commission who shall serve as the chair or vice chair of the Commission and chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board; prohibiting the chair of the Board from engaging in certain employment; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LU, §§ 15-102, 15-103(a), 15-105, 15-106, 15-108, 15-120(b), and 20-202(e) - amended and §§ 15-103.1 and 15-121 through 15-123 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 779 Delegate Buckel, et al****TAX SALES – REVISIONS**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to file a motion with a court to request that a certain certificate of sale be assigned to the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in a certain foreclosure action under certain circumstances; providing that, on a grant of the motion by the court, the holder of the certificate of sale forfeits certain rights and the amount paid to acquire the certificate of sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-820.1 and 14-821(c) - added and §§ 14-811(c) and 14-847 - amended  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 780 Delegates Buckel and Grossman****TAX SALES – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND NUISANCE  
CONDITION VIOLATION JUDGMENTS AND FORECLOSURE  
PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing a tax sale for real property for certain unpaid judgments for property maintenance and nuisance condition violations of local law; establishing that certain judgments are a first lien on real property; establishing the priority of certain liens on real property; authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or Washington County or a municipal corporation in Allegany County or Washington County to file a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption at any time under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-801, 14-805(a), 14-809(a)(2), and 14-833(g) - amended and § 14-833(i) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State’s economy; and establishing the Equitech Growth Commission to create a strategic plan and long–term goals for growing the State’s innovation economy.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 10-488 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 782 Delegate Atterbeary****EDUCATION – MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
FOR EDUCATION – POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

Providing that the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education is a state educational authority under a certain federal law; providing that the Office is the State unit authorized to audit or evaluate certain education programs; prohibiting the Inspector General for Education from serving more than two full terms; requiring the Governor, the Attorney General, and the State Treasurer to provide the Inspector General with a certain notice and opportunity for a hearing before removing the Inspector General; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 9.10-102 through 9.10-104 - amended and § 9.10-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 783**    **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAM – REVISIONS AND EXTENSION MC/PG 101–23

Revising the minority business enterprise utilization program within the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, including altering the definition of “minority business enterprise”, altering the duties of the Office of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion, and merging the program for design/build and construction contracts with the program for the procurement of goods and services; extending until July 1, 2028, provisions relating to procurement from minority business enterprises by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

PU, §§ 20-201, 20-202, 20-204, 20-206, 20-208, and 20-302 - amended, §§ 20-202 and 20-205 - added, and §§ 20-203 and 20-205 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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

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

Authorizing the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County to serve beer, wine, and liquor by the glass or by the bottle for on–premises consumption; authorizing the holder of a certain entertainment permit to contract with one or more promoters to publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or stage an event, which may include patron dancing and entertainment; applying certain provisions relating to a certain entertainment permit to contracted promoters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 26-902(c) and 26-1103 - amended and §§ 26-2606 and 26-2803 - added  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 785 Delegates S. Johnson and White****HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL  
– REVISIONS**

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for certain prescription drugs used to treat a certain mental disorder or condition; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail–first protocol.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-142 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 786 Delegate Guzzone****ELECTRONIC HEALTH NETWORKS AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL  
RECORDS – NURSING HOMES – RELEASE OF RECORDS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 4-302.5 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 787 Delegate Atterbary****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL DELIVERY – ALTERATIONS  
AND THIRD–PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT**

Establishing a delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in the State under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in the State through a third–party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a delivery service permit under certain circumstances; and establishing certain standards and requirements for the retail delivery of alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 2-165 - added and § 4-507 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 788 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****COMMISSION TO ADVANCE AND STRENGTHEN FIRE FIGHTING WITHIN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting Within Maryland to study and make recommendations regarding the effectiveness and viability of certain incentives, offerings, or practices employed in other states to attract, support, and retain individuals in fire fighting roles; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 789 Delegate D. Jones****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 14-110.5 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 790 Delegate Crosby****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS**

Establishing that a public employee is subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System when a public employee is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the public employee's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 21-502(a)(3) - amended and §§ 21-801 through 21-809 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 26-201, 31-2A-01, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-04, and 31-2A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 792 Delegates Buckel and Hinebaugh****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – FROSTBURG  
CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the Frostburg City Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that an individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Frostburg City Police Department's participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SP, § 31-2A-06 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 793 Delegate Charkoudian, et al****OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY – STATE GOALS AND PROCUREMENT  
(PROMOTING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT)**

Requiring an application for any new qualified offshore wind project and a certain proposal for an offshore wind transmission facility to be subject to a certain community benefit agreement; requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct a certain analysis of transmission system expansion options; requiring the Commission to issue a certain number of competitive solicitations for proposals for certain offshore wind transmission facilities and transmission upgrades and expansions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-701(g-1) and (h-1), 7-704.3, and 7-704.4 - added and § 7-704.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 794 Delegate Bridges****BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission to review and approve annual budget requests of the Maryland Transit Administration, updates to the Central Maryland Transportation Plan, and annual reports on the Administration's state of good repair and to perform other oversight and advocacy duties related to Baltimore region transit services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

**HB 795 Delegate Vogel****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TICKET SALES (EVENT-GOER RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTABLE SALES (ERAS) ACT)**

Requiring a ticket issuer, primary ticket sales platform, or secondary ticket exchange to implement a certain refund policy for tickets to certain entertainment events; prohibiting a ticket issuer or seller from restricting the resale, transfer, or offer of resale of tickets or requiring certain identification at the venue; requiring a ticket seller, primary ticket sales platform, or secondary ticket exchange platform to display certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 14-4001 through 14-4004 - amended and §§ 14-4002 through 14-4005 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 796 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT MC/PG 104-23**

Establishing the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Restructuring Task Force to study the feasibility of transferring Montgomery County-specific duties of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to the Montgomery County government; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the County Executive of Montgomery County, the County Council of Montgomery County, and the members of the Montgomery County Delegation by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 797**    **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

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

Authorizing the parties to a collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to request the services of a mediator–arbitrator during the term of a certain collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances; establishing the process for mediation–arbitration; and requiring the parties to share equally the costs of the mediator–arbitrator’s services.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, § 16-210.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 798**    **Delegates Rosenberg and Bridges**

BALTIMORE CITY – PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY – MODIFYING, USE, AND CLOSING

Requiring that, after the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners takes final action concerning the continued use of a public school facility for specified purposes, the Baltimore City Department of Planning shall appoint a certain community task force to review and make recommendations concerning the future use of the public school facility; authorizing the board to use a school building as a swing school for a period not exceeding 4 years; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, §§ 4-321 and 4-322 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 799**    **Delegate Ghrist, et al**

EDUCATION – LOW–DENSITY CALCULATION – MANDATED FUNDING

Requiring, for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation in an amount equal to the low–density calculation for counties that have a population density amount of less than 100 and a full–time equivalent student enrollment of fewer than 2,000 students.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 800 Delegate Phillips, et al****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 11-504(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 801 Delegate Attar****CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD – ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Altering which individuals are eligible to receive mental health counseling paid for by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; and requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to provide direct reimbursement to mental health professionals providing mental health services to a victim of a crime or a parent, child, stepchild, sibling, or intimate partner of a victim of a crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, §§ 11-808 and 11-811 - amended and § 11-816.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 802 Delegate Wilkins****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a certain regulated gaming entity or a certain agent of a regulated gaming entity if the institution of higher education receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; and providing that a certain contract formed by a public institution of higher education is subject to public inspection in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 26-801 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 803 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Altering the method by which administrative fees for participants in the State Retirement and Pension System are calculated by and remitted to the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to provide certain notice to local participating employers regarding the pro rata share of administrative fees for a fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SP, §§ 21-302, 21-303(d), and 21-316 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 804 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES

Altering the amortization periods to be used for certain unfunded liabilities or surpluses of the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 21-304(d) - amended and § 21-304(e) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 805 Delegate Wells, et al**

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Office of African American Affairs in the Department of Human Services; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for the salaries of two positions in the Office; and requiring the Office to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the activities of the office on or before January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, §§ 6-901 through 6-905 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, §§ 15-101(c)(3) and 15-201 - amended and §§ 15-901 through 15-903 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 807 Delegate Love****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE AND BIOMETRIC DATA PRIVACY**

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; regulating the use of biometric data by a controller; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxv) and 13-408 - amended and §§ 13-301(xxxvii) and 14-4501 through 14-4512 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 808 Delegates Williams and Hill****REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a judge from requiring a person to give certain testimony or a statement or to produce evidence in another state for a case involving an alleged violation of the criminal law of the other state relating to legally protected health care; requiring, subject to certain exceptions, that a request for a foreign subpoena include a sworn statement that the subpoena is not intended or anticipated to further an investigation or proceeding related to legally protected health care; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, CP, and IN, Various Sections - amended and HO, IN, and SP, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 809 Delegate Harris, et al****STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS**

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals to July 1, 2024; and altering the date by which certain reports must be submitted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PU, § 7-704.1(i)(4), SG, § 9-1A-10(c), and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 810 Delegate Ghrist, et al****HOSPICE CARE PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATE OF NEED – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that a hospice care program obtain a certificate of need to build or expand a facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 19-114, 19-120, and 19-906 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 811 Delegate Vogel, et al****HOSPITALS – OVERDOSES – TESTING FOR FENTANYL**

Requiring the emergency department of a hospital to conduct a rapid urine drug test for fentanyl in patients with a known or suspected drug overdose if a toxicology report is required by a treating health care provider.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-308.9 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 812 Delegates Rosenberg and Kelly****HEALTH – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES – PROTECTED INFORMATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Regulating the disclosure of certain information related to legally protected health care by custodians of public records, health care providers, health information exchanges, and dispensers; requiring that the regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding clinical information to be exchanged through the State– designated exchange restrict data of patients who have obtained legally protected health care; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, § 4-333, HG, §§ 4-301, 4-302.3, 4-305, 4-309, 19-103, and 19-145, and IN, § 15-857 - amended and HG, § 4-302.5 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 813 Delegate S. Johnson****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for prescription digital therapeutics for Program recipients; and defining “prescription digital therapeutic” as a product, a device, an Internet application, or any other technology approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that has an approved indication for the prevention, management, or treatment of certain medical conditions, primarily uses software to achieve results, and requires a prescription.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 15-101(f-1) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) - added and § 15-103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 814 Delegate Kerr, et al**

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE-BASED  
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM  
– SUNSET REPEAL

Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; and repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

IN, §§ 31-107 and 31-122 and Chapter 778 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended  
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 815 Delegate Fennell, et al**

BREAST AND LUNG CANCER – ESTABLISHMENT OF SCREENING  
AWARENESS PROGRAM AND INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COST  
SHARING

Establishing the Breast and Lung Cancer Screening Awareness Program in the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for breast cancer diagnosis, including diagnostic imaging, and certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement that the entities can require for the diagnostic imaging for breast cancer and lung cancer screening and diagnosis.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4803 and IN, § 15-859 - added and IN, § 15-814 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 816 Delegate Phillips, et al****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 included in the Office's annual report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 9-307 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 817 Delegate Rosenberg****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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SG, §§ 7-206.2(b), 10-110(c)(1), and 10-111(a) - amended and §  
10-111.2(c) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 818** **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MARYLAND–WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT – STANDING TO REQUEST REVIEW OF ZONING AND LAND USE DECISIONS MC/PG 107–23

Altering the list of persons that may request judicial review of a final decision of the Prince George's County District Council; altering the list of persons that may request the district council to review a decision of a zoning hearing examiner or the planning board of Prince George's County; and altering the circumstances under which a certain person may request the district council to review a decision of a zoning hearing examiner or the planning board of Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, §§ 22-407(a)(1) and 23-401 - amended and § 25-212 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 819** **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – OFF–STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS NEAR MASS TRANSIT STATIONS MC/PG 106–23

Prohibiting the Montgomery County district council from adopting or enforcing a local law that requires the creation of new off–street parking for a residential development that is located within a 0.25–mile radius of a present or planned Metro or Purple Line station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, § 22-109 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 820** **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 200 (INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR) MC 8–23

Requiring the placement and use of four mobile speed monitoring systems in a certain location on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; and requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority and Montgomery County to enter into a memorandum of understanding requiring Montgomery County to implement and administer the speed monitoring systems placed and used under the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(i), (ii), (vi), and (vii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 821**    **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY SALES – CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS MC 17–23

Requiring a contract for the sale of single-family residential real property in Montgomery County to identify to the extent known the name, address, and telephone number of any contractor or subcontractor and provide updated information at settlement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 10-712 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 822**    **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZED HIGHWAYS MC 6–23

Altering the highways in Montgomery County on which the placement of a speed monitoring system is authorized.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 823**    **Delegate S. Johnson, et al**

MENTAL HEALTH LAW – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Authorizing a county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program; and providing that an individual's failure to comply with an order of assisted outpatient treatment issued under a program may be considered by a hearing officer for a certain purpose when determining whether an individual is to be admitted as an involuntary patient at a certain facility or hospital.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 10-632 - amended and §§ 10-6A-01 through 10-6A-11 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 824 Delegate Clippinger, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – POSSESSION AND PERMITS TO CARRY, WEAR, AND TRANSPORT A HANDGUN**

Altering the disqualifiers for possession of a regulated firearm; altering the maximum fees, qualifications for issuance, and the renewal period for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Secretary of State Police to revoke a certain permit on a finding that the holder does not meet certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 5-133, 5-304, 5-306, and 5-309 through 5-312 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 825 Prince George’s County Delegation****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.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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The Charter of the Town of Forest Heights, §§ A1-101 through A1-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 826 Delegates Wilkins and Stewart****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 on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program; and requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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HS, §§ 4-101, 4-103, and 4-1401 - amended and §§ 4-2901 through 4-2921 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation