



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2023

HB 1249 Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS – ESTABLISHED

Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to submit a State plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish certified community behavioral health clinics; requiring, if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the amendment, the Department to amend the State plan to cover certain services; and requiring the Department to establish certain payment systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 15-141.5 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1250 Delegate McComas, 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

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HB 1251 Delegate Mireku–North**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCING – PRIMARY CARETAKER**

Authorizing a defendant, on conviction of a nonviolent crime, to file a motion requesting that the court consider the defendant's status as the primary caretaker of a child or vulnerable adult in determining the sentence for the crime; and establishing procedures for filing a motion, granting a motion, sentencing, and modifying a sentence under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 6-237 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1252 Delegates Schmidt and Holmes**PUBLIC SAFETY – VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose and uses for a loan or grant from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to include emergency medical services and emergency medical equipment; altering certain reporting requirements for the Maryland State Firemen's Association; requiring the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to report information on the total of the grants and loans made from the Fund, which volunteer company received the grant or loan and its purpose, certain financial statements, and documentation on actual expenditures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 8-203 and 8-206 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1253 Delegate Stein**VEHICLE LAWS – LIGHTING – PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS**

Authorizing certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and white lights or signal devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 22-218(c)(3) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1254 Delegate Stein**NATURAL RESOURCES – RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE PILOT PROGRAM**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, § 4-11A-24 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1255 Delegate Cardin**COURTS – JUSTICES AND JUDGES – SELECTION AND RETENTION**

Decreasing the term of office for the judges of the circuit courts; increasing the number of years between successive retention elections for judges of the Appellate Court of Maryland and justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; and providing that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election in November 2024.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, § 3 - repealed and §§ 5 and 5A - amended and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1256 Delegate Turner**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAYMENT OF MINIMUM WAGE – TIPPED EMPLOYEES**

Specifying a certain tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting certain employers of tipped employees, beginning July 1, 2027, from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages and requiring employers to pay a wage that is at least equal to the State's minimum wage; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish the High Road Kitchen Program as a recognition program for restaurants that do not include the tip credit as part of certain employees' wages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-419 - amended and § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1257 Delegate Boyce**SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES – CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION – APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill beginning in fiscal year 2025 an appropriation for the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. that is calculated based on the amount of revenue collected from certain special vehicle registration plates beginning in fiscal year 2025, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 13-618(c)(2)(vi) - added and § 13-619.2(d) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1258 Delegate Harris**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans; establishing a property tax credit in an amount equal to the service-connected disability rating of the disabled veteran; requiring certain disabled veterans to provide certain documents when applying for the credits under the Act; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-112 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

HB 1179 Delegate Forbes

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – AFFILIATED
FOUNDATIONS

Providing that certain officials or employees of the University System of Maryland, constituent institutions, centers, or institutes are not barred under certain laws from holding certain employment positions with certain affiliated foundations under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-104 - amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation