



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 16, 2023
Schedule 3

PLEASE NOTE: January 20 – Bill request deadline.
February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 16, 2023

HB 145 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION –
POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to remove a certain requirement on an individual who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

Department of Legislative Services

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HB 146 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUBLIC HEARING
HO. CO. 13–23

Exempting applications for changing certain resident agents from the requirement that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County hold a public hearing on the applications; and authorizing the Board to hold a public hearing on certain applications if the Board determines there is good cause for the hearing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 23-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 147 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

ENVIRONMENT – CLIMATE CRISIS PLAN – REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change in the county; requiring each county to submit its plan to the Department of the Environment for review and feedback on or before June 1, 2024; requiring the Department to provide feedback to each county on or before November 1, 2024; requiring each county to finalize its plan on or before January 1, 2025; and requiring each county to review and update its plan at least once every 3 years.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EN, § 2-1209 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 148 Delegate Palakovich Carr

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Commerce may designate an area as an enterprise zone or a focus area; prohibiting the Secretary from designating a new enterprise zone or granting an expansion of an existing enterprise zone if the Secretary reasonably anticipates that the aggregate amount of property tax credits claimed for the immediately preceding fiscal year may exceed \$60,000,000; and terminating the Program on January 1, 2031, except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EC, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and EC, § 5-710 and TG, § 10-702(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 149 Delegate Hornberger**MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the entity that must administer or approve an apprenticeship program for electricians; substituting the term “uninsured” for the term “inactive” in certain provisions of law relating to liability insurance requirements for certain electricians; prohibiting a certain electrician from contracting to provide electrical services unless the electrical work is covered by certain liability insurance; specifying who is authorized and required to purchase certain insurance; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

BOP, §§ 6-205(b), 6-304, 6-307.1, 6-311, 6-312, 6-313, and 6-604 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 150 Delegate Stewart, et al**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE**

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; and requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HS, § 1-102 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 151 Delegate Wells**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – NOTIFICATION OF RENT INCREASES**

Requiring a landlord to notify a tenant in writing or through e-mail at least 120 days before increasing the tenant’s rent by more than 4%.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 8-209 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 152 Delegate Wells**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANT FUND**

Altering the purpose and contents of and the requirements and qualifications under the Urban Agriculture Grant Fund; requiring the Governor in each of Fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 to include \$250,000 for the Fund in the annual budget bill; and altering the membership of the Review Board established to implement the grant application process that prioritizes applications that benefit socially disadvantaged urban farmers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, § 2-2001(e) and (g) - added and §§ 2-2001(e), 2-2003, and 2-2004 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 153 Delegate Wells**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – STUDENT MEMBERS AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBERS**

Altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 3-108.1(d) and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 154 Delegate Wells**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF COURT-MANDATED FINES AND FEES**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Impact of Court-Mandated Fines and Fees, particularly as it relates to low-income residents; requiring the Workgroup to develop a plan and legislative recommendations for eliminating or reducing court-mandated fines and fees, and a comprehensive database and schedule of court-mandated fines and fees; and requiring the Workgroup to report its plan and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 155 Delegate Kipke

GENETIC TESTING – PROHIBITIONS ON DISABILITY, LIFE, AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review and update certain materials relating to the benefits of genetic testing and the impact of testing on access to certain insurance policies and contracts by April 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, § 27-909.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 156 Delegate Williams

COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION

Altering the circumstances under which an individual may be disqualified from jury service; and providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of probation, is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 157 Delegate Moon

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of an inmate when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain inmates; and requiring the Commission to report certain information relating to outcomes of parole considerations under the process to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 158 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 11–23

Providing that a resident of the State meets certain residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Howard County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 23-1401, 23-1404, 23-1406, and 23-1407(a) - amended and § 23-1403.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 159 Delegate Attar

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARREST – STRAW PURCHASE PARTICIPANT

Adding the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm to the list of crimes subject to warrantless arrest; and providing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 160 Delegate Stewart, et al

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS (LONG–TERM CARE RELIEF ACT OF 2023)

Altering eligibility for and the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax for certain long–term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$250,000 for long–term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 161 Delegates Korman and Szeliga

NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY –
EVALUATION AND TERMINATION OF BOND AUTHORITY
(NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY SUNSET
ACT)

Prohibiting the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority from issuing bonds beginning June 1, 2023; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to evaluate the Authority providing enough detail for the General Assembly to determine whether the Authority should continue in its current form; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to review certain aspects of the Authority and analyze whether the Environmental Service or the Clean Energy Center could assume those aspects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

NR, §§ 3-905(a) and 3-907(a) - amended and § 3-907.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 162 Delegate Moon, et al

FIREARMS – MARYLAND VOLUNTARY DO NOT SELL FIREARM
REGISTRY – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of State Police to create and maintain a Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry in which a person may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a firearm; prohibiting a dealer or other person from selling, renting, loaning, or transferring a firearm to a purchaser, lessee, borrower, or transferee who the dealer or other person knows or has reason to believe is registered on the registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 5-134(b) and 5-207(c) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-906 - added
and GP, § 4-325.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 163 Delegate Otto**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – CRISFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SP, § 31-2A-06 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 164 Delegate Crosby**SEXUAL OFFENSES – CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND LIFETIME SUPERVISION**

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of "crime of violence" to include sexual abuse of a minor if the offender is at least 21 years old and the victim is under the age of 16 years; and requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 14-101(a) and CP, § 11-723 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 165 Delegate Crosby**GENERAL PROVISIONS – STANDARD TIME – YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

Altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year-round; and making the Act contingent on the enactment of similar legislation by Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia by December 31, 2028.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

GP, § 1-301 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 166 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STANDING**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” to authorize community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; and repealing a provision of law requiring the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to determine the amount and conditions of a bond filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 167 Delegate Grammer**FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY – MEDICAL CANNABIS (MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT)**

Providing that an individual may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the individual is authorized under certain provisions of law to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 5-901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 168 Delegate Palakovich Carr**HUMAN SERVICES – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – CALCULATION OF BENEFITS**

Requiring local departments of social services to disregard 100% of the amount of certain housing subsidies in the calculation of the amount of temporary cash assistance for eligible recipients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, § 5-310(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 169 Delegate Charkoudian**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve certain target annual incremental gross energy savings for the 2024–2026 program cycle; requiring the Department to update the weather-normalized gross retail sales against which savings are measured for certain plans; requiring the target annual incremental gross energy savings to be achieved based on an average of certain Department plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PU, § 7-211(k) - amended and §§ 7-211.1 and 7-211.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters