



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 25, 2023
Schedule 8

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 2023

HB 253 Delegate Shetty

ENVIRONMENT – ON-FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES – PERMIT EXEMPTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on-farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on-farm composting facility uses 40,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of feedstock composted and the date and time the feedstock arrived on the farm, retains the records for 3 years, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption specified in regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1725 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 254 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION AND SAFETY FOR CHILDREN**

Regulating children’s social media accounts on large social media platforms in the State; requiring large social media platforms to identify all public social media accounts created or operated by unauthorized minors and delete all associated user data; penalizing a large social media platform that violates the Act with a fine of \$100,000 per violation to be deposited in the Digital Citizenship Fund; providing the purpose of the Fund is to assist county boards of education with investing in digital citizenship programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 14-4501 through 14-4508 and ED, § 7-452 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 255 Delegate Boyce, et al**MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP**

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment on or before July 1, 2024, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint under certain circumstances beginning January 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, Various Sections - added and §§ 9-1701(i-1), 9-1702, and 9-1707(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 256 Delegate Cardin, et al**COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a provision in a contract with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; and prohibiting a provision in a contract with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 257 Delegate Ebersole**GAMING – ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MACHINES**

Allowing an entity licensed to offer instant bingo under a commercial bingo license on July 1, 2007, to operate up to a certain number of electronic instant bingo machines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CR, § 12-308 and Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 258 Delegate Arentz, et al**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Removing the requirement that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license be a resident of Queen Anne’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 27-1401(c) and 27-1402 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 259 Delegates Atterbeary and Rosenberg**CIVIL ACTIONS – PUBLIC NUISANCES – FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS (GUN INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023)**

Prohibiting firearm industry members from knowingly or recklessly creating, maintaining, or contributing to public harm by the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, or marketing of a firearm-related product; requiring a firearm industry member to implement certain controls regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession, or use of certain firearm-related products; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; authorizing certain civil actions for violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2304 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 260 Delegate Bagnall, et al**MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for sign language interpreters under the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund to be used exclusively to cover the documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the Board's duties, including development of programs to assist licensure of marginalized interpreters, development of certain mentorship programs, and financial assistance for certain applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 8-403(59) through (63) - renumbered, §§ 8-403(59) and 9-2410 through 9-2435 - added, and §§ 9-2401 and 9-2403 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 261 Delegates Kerr and Fair**PUBLIC PROJECTS – GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL OF MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)**

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials, any cement or concrete mixture, used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; requiring a successful bidder or offeror of an eligible project to submit certain information about each eligible material proposed to be used in an eligible project; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, §§ 4-901 through 4-905 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 262 Delegate Foley**ABANDONED VEHICLES – SECURED PARTIES – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION**

Authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to notify any secured party electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the police department, the tower, and the secured party in a certain manner; and altering the application of a provision of law authorizing a police department to provide certain alternative public notice of custody of an abandoned vehicle to include circumstances where electronic notice is unacknowledged or undeliverable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 25-204 and 25-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 263 Delegate M. Morgan**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING – DEVICES AND EVENTS**

Altering the definitions of “gaming device” and “gaming event” to include a gaming table where a game of chance is played for money or something of value or a game or device where money or any other thing of value is bet, wagered, or gambled for purposes of provisions of law governing gaming in St. Mary’s County; authorizing a senior activity center to conduct certain gaming events; requiring any money that remains after prizes are awarded to be used to support future programming at the senior activity center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CR, § 13-2101(d) and (e) - amended and § 13-2116 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 264 Delegate Bhandari, et al**PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING**

Requiring all places of public accommodation that are motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring that a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 265 Delegate Guyton**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STANDARDIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STUDENTS – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for developing a standardized behavioral health questionnaire to identify students with behavioral health services needs; requiring each behavioral health services coordinator to develop and implement a standardized behavioral health questionnaire based on the guidelines developed by the Consortium; and requiring that the questionnaire be given to the parent or guardian of each student at certain times.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-447(c) - amended, § 7-447.1(l) through (s) - renumbered, and § 7-447.1(l) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 266 Delegate Boyce, et al**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – BRONCHODILATOR AND EPINEPHRINE AVAILABILITY AND USE – POLICIES**

Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train certain school personnel to administer in emergency situations bronchodilators to a student who is determined to have asthma, is experiencing asthma-related symptoms, or is perceived to be in respiratory distress; requiring the State Department of Education to develop training for school personnel in identification of respiratory distress in students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-426.2 and 7-426.3 - amended and §§ 7-426.6 and 7-426.7 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 267 Delegate Bartlett**FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY AND VISITATION – NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRAVEL (MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT)**

Authorizing a court in a custody or visitation proceeding to require a party to provide a written notice of the intent to travel internationally with a child at least 90 days prior to the planned travel; authorizing a court to order child abduction prevention measures if the Court finds there is a credible risk of abduction of the child; authorizing certain parties to petition the court for child abduction prevention measures; requiring a traveling parent to disclose certain information to a nontraveling parent: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 9-106 - amended and §§ 9.6-101 through 9.6-108 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 268 Delegate Wilkins**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2023, to not exceed \$1,000,000; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2023, to not exceed \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 7-309(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 269 Delegates Moon and Wilkins**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – VOTER ELIGIBILITY – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a municipality from authorizing a property owner who is not a resident of the municipality to vote in a municipal election; and prohibiting a municipality from authorizing a person who is not an individual to vote in a municipal election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LG, §§ 4-107.1 and 4-107.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 270 Delegate Wells**INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the aggregate amount of film production activity tax credit certificates that the Secretary of Commerce may issue in fiscal year 2024 to \$25,000,000 and for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to \$50,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-730(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 271 Delegates Kelly and Bagnall**9–8–8 TRUST FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund for the purpose of designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and for developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services in the State.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 272 Delegate Atterbear**PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS – PERFORMANCE AUDITS – OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION**

Requiring, in the absence of a certain agreement, the State Department of Education, at the request of the Office of the Inspector General for Education, to contract for a performance audit of a county public school system to address issues raised in findings identified by the Office of the Inspector General for Education through an investigation or investigative audit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-110 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 273 Delegate Alston, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS
– REVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “practice as an environmental health specialist” to include aspects related to public health emergency preparedness; altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist; authorizing the Board of Environmental Health Specialists to approve an examination provider to administer the licensure examination; altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 21-101(i), 21-304, 21-312, and 21-314 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 274 Delegate Bhandari, et al**TASK FORCE ON REDUCING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT
TIMES**

Establishing the Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times to study best practices for reducing emergency department wait times; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 275 Delegate Foley, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY,
PART-TIME FACULTY, AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Granting collective bargaining rights to faculty, part-time faculty, and certain graduate students at an institution within the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland; establishing separate collective bargaining units for faculty, part-time faculty, and graduate assistants; and altering the procedures for petitions, elections, and certification applicable to the bargaining units for faculty and part-time faculty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-102, 3-402, 3-403(d), 3-404, 3-405, and 3-406 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 276 Delegate D. Jones, et al

EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – FUNDING

Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-503 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 277 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOLDERS OF CLASS B–BWL (CLUBHOUSE/LODGE) LICENSE AND CLASS 7 MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE MC 16–23

Providing that the restriction on holding or having a financial interest in other retail alcoholic beverages licenses for holders of a Class 7 micro–brewery license does not apply to a holder of a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license in Montgomery County who is issued a Class 7 micro–brewery license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 25-401 and 25-405 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 278 Delegate Cullison

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING

Defining “clinical nurse specialist” and “practice as a clinical nurse specialist” for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an “authorized prescriber” under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 12-101(b) and 12-102(c)(2)(iv)2. - amended and § 8-514 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 279 Delegate Cullison**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS**

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 21-2C-13 through 21-2C-16 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 280 Delegate Davis, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENSES – CIVIL PENALTIES**

Substituting civil penalties in place of criminal penalties for certain offenses relating to possessing, possessing with the intent to distribute, and cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 5-101(e-2) - repealed and §§ 5-601(c)(2) and (d), 5-601.1, 5-601.2, 5-602, and 5-607 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 281 Delegate Fair**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SALES CONTRACTS – DISCLOSURES**

Requiring a contract for the sale of residential real property located within 0.5 miles of a site listed on the Superfund Enterprise Management System to contain a notice signed by the homeowner of the proximity of the property to the Superfund site to be initialed by the buyer; and establishing that a contract may not be voided because the contract did not contain notice of the proximity of the property to a Superfund site or was not initialed by the buyer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 10-713 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 282 Delegate Queen**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the licensing of mortgage loan originators to provide for the licensing of certain independent contractors as mortgage loan originators under certain circumstances; and requiring licensed mortgage lenders to supervise certain activities of certain mortgage loan originators in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FI, §§ 11-501(q), 11-511.2, and 11-601(x) - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 283 Delegate Kaiser, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT (TRANS HEALTH EQUITY ACT)**

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender–affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender–affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender–affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 284 Delegate Love, et al**ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING PACKAGING MATERIALS – PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a statewide recycling needs assessment every 10 years; requiring, by April 1, 2026, producers of certain packaging materials to individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization submit a producer responsibility plan to the Department for approval; prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a producer of certain packaging materials from selling or distributing the packaging materials unless the producer has an approved producer responsibility plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-1702 and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1702.2 and 9-2501 through 9-2510 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 285 Delegate Atterbearry**FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2024, an individual complete 20 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 5 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 286 Delegate Shetty**PERFUSIONISTS – LICENSURE EXEMPTION – EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF FEDERALLY DESIGNATED ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Exempting employees and agents of federally designated organ procurement organizations who preserve or perfuse organs from deceased human donors for certain purposes from licensure requirements for perfusionists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, § 14-5E-08 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 287 Delegate Fair**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 18-601.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 288 Delegate Cullison**FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (JOE SHEYA ACT)**

Requiring the owner and operator of a food service facility with an annual gross income greater than \$400,000 to develop and, beginning on January 1, 2025, to implement an automated external defibrillator program that meets specified requirements; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 21-330.3 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 289 Delegate Stein**MARYLAND FORESTRY EDUCATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Forestry Education Fund to expand and enhance the Maryland Forestry Foundation's capacity to provide certain education and resources to forest landowners, the ability of district forestry boards and the knowledge of local governments to achieve healthy and sustainable forests, and the ability of businesses to test innovative best management practices in forestry; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$250,000 for the Fund in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

NR, § 5-2001 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 290 Delegate Bagnall, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – DENTAL SERVICES – ACCESS**

Requiring parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Maryland Public School System, a family child care home, a large child care home, or a child care center to provide to the System, the home, or the facility certain evidence that the child has received a dental screening within certain time periods; establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding the eligibility for dental services and the reimbursement of dental-related services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED and HG, Various Sections - added and amended and HO, § 4-205(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

HB 291 Delegates Guzzone and Cullison**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE**

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 17-302 and 17-309 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 292 Delegate Patterson, et al**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – REGISTRATION AND LICENSING – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting certain family child care homes, large family child care homes, and child care centers located on certain federal property or certified by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard from certain registration and licensing requirements for child care providers in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 9.5-303.1 - added and § 9.5-403 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 293 Delegate Henson**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEES – ELECTRONIC FILING EXEMPTION**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to waive the filing fees for annual reports filed electronically by certain business entities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CA, §§ 1-201(c) and 1-203(b)(2)(iv), (3)(ii), and (14) - amended and § 1-203(b)(14) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 294 Delegates Atterbeary and Griffith**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF**

Requiring a county board of education to bear the burden of proof in due process proceedings that initiate from a due process complaint regarding the provision of special education services or a program for a child with disabilities in the county in which the county board is located, except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 295 Delegate Henson, et al**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring constituent institutions and centers of the University System of Maryland to authorize students to withdraw under extenuating circumstances of illness, injury, hospitalization, and mental health and wellness and to reimburse the student any tuition and fees paid by the student for the semester during which the student withdraws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 12-124 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 296 Delegate Bridges**MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2024; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SP, § 35-101 - amended and § 35-206 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 297 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SAFE HARBOR AND SERVICE RESPONSE**

Altering procedures that a law enforcement officer and a court are required to follow when the law enforcement officer or court has reason to believe that a child who has been detained is a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of human trafficking; providing that a minor may not be criminally prosecuted or proceeded against under certain provisions of law for a certain offense if the minor committed the offense as a direct result of being a victim of sex trafficking or being a victim of human trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-14 and CP, § 8-302(a) - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-17.13 and CR, § 1-402 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 298 Delegate Bridges**STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) from 30 to 32; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may participate in the DROP from 5 to 7; and authorizing certain individuals to elect to extend their participation in the DROP.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 24-401.1(c) and (d) and 26-401.1(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 299 Delegate Lehman, et al**ENVIRONMENT – SYNTHETIC TURF – CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a system to track the chain of custody of synthetic turf installed on sports and playing fields in the State; requiring the custodian of a synthetic turf sports or playing field installed in the State to report chain of custody information to the Department beginning January 1, 2024; and requiring the Department to serve as the custodian for chain of custody information and develop and maintain a website that includes chain of custody information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-2501 through 9-2504 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 300 Delegate Bhandari, et al**SCHOOL BUILDINGS – SOLAR TECHNOLOGY – SOLAR PANELS ON SCHOOLS**

Requiring local school systems, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2034, to consider whether to construct schools with solar panels on the roofs of the schools; and requiring local school systems to provide to the Interagency Commission on School Construction an explanation for a decision not to include solar panels as part of the construction of a school.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, § 5-319 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 301 Delegate Rosenberg**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BROKERAGE SERVICES – REAL ESTATE WHOLESALING**

Altering the definition of “provide real estate brokerage services” to include engaging in the business of real estate wholesaling to require an individual providing such services to be licensed as a real estate broker, an associate real estate broker, or a real estate salesperson.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 17-101(l) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 302 Delegate Shetty**PUBLIC HEALTH – RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4804 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 303 Delegate Wells**BALTIMORE CITY – AIR CONDITIONING IN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS**

Requiring landlords of residential rental units in Baltimore City to provide air conditioning between June 1 and September 31 of each year at a certain level for properties with residents 3 years of age or younger or 65 years of age or older.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 9-8A - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 304 Delegate Lehman, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – NOISE LIMITS AND MODIFICATION OF EXHAUST SYSTEMS AND NOISE ABATEMENT DEVICES**

Establishing the Sound Measuring Equipment Grant Program in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of equipment to measure the sound level of a motor vehicle in operation on a highway; establishing a maximum sound level limit that the Motor Vehicle Administration may set for motor vehicles; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 4-1012 - added and TR, §§ 22-601, 22-605, and 22-609 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

HB 305 Delegate Kerr, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – REVISIONS**

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review, including provisions regarding benchmarks for standardizing and automating the preauthorization process, the online preauthorization system for payors, preauthorizations for prescription drugs, and private review agents; altering timelines related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; increasing the penalties for violating certain provisions of law regarding private review agents; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 19-108.2 and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 306 Delegate Wilkins**MARYLAND CONSORTIUM ON COORDINATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to include a school counselor certified by the State Department of Education, designated by the Maryland School Counselor Association.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-447.1(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 307 Delegate Bartlett, et al**FIREARM SAFETY – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION (JAELYNN’S LAW)**

Altering a certain provision relating to the storage of firearms and ammunition in a location that can be accessed by an unsupervised child; prohibiting the storage of firearms and ammunition in a manner that allows access by a certain person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm; repealing a certain provision relating to negligence; and requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide, with recommendations from a stakeholder committee.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 4-104 - amended and HG, § 13-39A-01 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 308 Delegate Tomlinson**POLICE RETENTION WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Police Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 309 Delegate Simpson, et al**STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – COMPLAINTS**

Authorizing an applicant for State employment or a State employee to file a complaint alleging harassment by an employer within 2 years after the alleged violation that is the basis of the complaint; and increasing, from 30 days to 1 year, the period of time for an applicant or employee to file a complaint alleging certain prohibited personnel actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SP, § 5-211 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 310 Delegate Rosenberg**ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY – INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITIES WITH LOW– TO MODERATE–INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before December 1, 2023, to develop certain policies and recommendations to require at least 40% of overall spending on certain programs, projects, or investments to benefit communities with low– to moderate–income households, starting with fiscal year 2025; requiring the Department to conduct public information–gathering sessions in different areas of the State to solicit input; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 1-703 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 311 Delegate J. Long**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – FALLEN HEROES FISHING CREEK BRIDGE – DESIGNATION**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 8-665 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 312 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION – FEE**

Establishing a fee of \$14 to be collected once every 2 years on each motor vehicle registered in the State that is granted a waiver from, exempted from, or not subject to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; and requiring the fee to be deposited in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and used to provide rebates on the sale of electric vehicles, purchase electric vehicles, and expand electric vehicle infrastructure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 13-616(d) and SG, § 9-20B-05(e) - amended and TR, § 23-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 313 Delegate Washington**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL STADIUM GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Public School Stadium Grant Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual operating or capital budget bill an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the Program; and specifying that State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to public school construction funding from other sources.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, § 5-330 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 314 Delegate Washington**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – RATE FILINGS – TRADE SECRETS AND FACTORS USED TO ESTABLISH RATES**

Repealing certain confidentiality protections for proprietary rate-related information; and prohibiting an insurer that uses territory as a factor in establishing automobile insurance rates from using more than five territories.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, §§ 11-307 and 11-319 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 315 Delegate Washington**MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS – SMOKING POLICIES**

Requiring the governing body of a common ownership community to develop a smoking policy if the property subject to the control of the governing body is a multifamily dwelling.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 316 Delegate Bagnall, et al**INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund and to include certain information in each individual income tax return package.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 2-117 and 10-804(l) - added and SG, § 9-913 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 317 Delegate J. Long**OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

GP, §§ 7-415 through 7-418 - renumbered and § 7-415 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 318 Delegate Bagnall**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PROVIDER AGENCIES AND PERSONAL CARE AIDES – REIMBURSEMENT AND WAGES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for certain personal assistance services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to a minimum of \$25 per hour; requiring provider agencies to pay the greater of \$16 per hour or 64% of the reimbursement rate to personal care aides and to provide a written notice regarding the wage to personal care aides; and requiring provider agencies to submit annual cost reports to the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 319 Delegate Stein**PESTICIDE REGISTRATION – PFAS TESTING – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Agriculture from registering a pesticide for use against mosquitoes in the State unless the distributor of the pesticide submits to the Department test results indicating the pesticide has passed the PFAS test and an affidavit attesting to the legitimacy of the PFAS test results; and prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2026, the Secretary from registering a pesticide for use in the State unless PFAS test results and a certain affidavit are submitted by the distributor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, § 5-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 320 Delegates Guyton and Kaiser**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – DEFINITION OF STUDENT DATA – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System to include student disability data by specific disability category.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 24-701(l) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 321 Delegate Rosenberg**CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – PAYMENTS FOR SALE AND MARKETING OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – USE**

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State as a result of litigation by participating manufacturers related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices; and providing that distributions from the separate account may be used only to supplement General Fund appropriations designated for certain programs with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under 21 years of age.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SF, § 7-317(b) and (i) - amended and § 7-317(i) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 322 Delegate Bagnall, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health collaborative care, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 15-1101 and 15-1102 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 323 Delegate Charkoudian**SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, who meet certain financial eligibility requirements, in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in certain Office of Home Energy Programs assistance programs; and altering the eligibility requirements for the electric universal service program to provide assistance to customers with annual incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, §§ 5-501 and 5-5A-07 and PU, § 7-512.1(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 324 Delegate Lopez**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Establishing a rebuttable presumption that “neglect” in provisions of law relating to child abuse and neglect and children in need of assistance does not include certain behaviors on the part of a victim of domestic violence; and prohibiting a court from considering certain instances of domestic violence in determining whether a child is a child in need of assistance under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-801.1 - added and § 3-819(b) - amended, and FL, § 5-701.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 325 Delegate Terrasa, et al**PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE AND RABIES VACCINES**

Requiring the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to authorize a veterinary practitioner licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to provide routine medical care in the State under certain circumstances; and requiring the Secretary of Health to allow individuals who work in or for a certain veterinary hospital or a certain animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, § 2-304(e) - repealed, § 2-304(f) - amended, and § 2-305.1 - added and HG, § 18-313 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 326 Delegate Henson, et al**DRIVER'S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – EXCEPTION**

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive if the obligor's income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 327 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT RIGHT NOW PROGRAM – STRATEGIC INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS – DEFINITION**

Expanding the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now Program by altering the definition of “strategic industry partnership” to include a collaboration between a single employer and other partners in which the employer offers to its employees workforce development and training to address certain workforce needs and shortages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 11-701 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 328 Delegate Kaiser, et alSTATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – GRANTS – PROMPT
PAYMENT REQUIREMENT

Establishing invoicing and prompt payment requirements for certain State grants.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SF, § 2-211 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 329 Delegate Ruth, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State, by July 1, 2026, to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4803 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 330 Delegate WilliamsCRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW – MOTION
FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a certain motion for a reduction of sentence at any time during the period of active incarceration recommending a lesser sentence if it is in the interest of justice; and establishing procedures for a proceeding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 331 Delegate Terrasa, et al

REAL PROPERTY – COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Requiring a person conducting a meeting of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association by telephone conference, video conference, or similar electronic means to provide a participant a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting; requiring certain participants in a meeting of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association to have equal access to any available chat function; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CA, § 5-6B-25.1 and RP, §§ 11-139.3 and 11B-113.6 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 332 Delegate J. Lewis, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS (BODY–WORN CAMERA APPROPRIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, to negotiate contracts to acquire and maintain body–worn cameras, equipment, and technology at the request of a law enforcement agency; and requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in coordination with certain departments, to study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and access system for law enforcement body–worn camera data.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 3-511.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 333 Delegate Charkoudian**HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS**

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; modifying the process the Health Services Cost Review Commission is required to develop for identifying and reimbursing certain patients of hospitals; providing that a hospital is not required to provide a reimbursement for a single refund per year in an amount of \$25 or less; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 19-214.4 and TG, § 13-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 334 Montgomery County Delegation**VOTING SYSTEMS – RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND INCLUSION OF CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON THE STATE BALLOT MC 7–23**

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from certifying a voting system unless the State Board determines that the voting system will be capable of tabulating ballots cast in an election conducted using ranked choice voting; requiring the State Board to acquire additional voting machines and independent software to tabulate ranked choice voting results if City of Takoma Park municipal elections are approved by the State Board to appear on the State ballot; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EL, § 9-102(a) and (d)(1) and LG, § 4-108.3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 335 Delegate Hill**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Providing that a first responder who is diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed under certain circumstances to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law; limiting the applicability of the presumption to benefits for services related to the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for a period of 2 years immediately following an initial diagnosis; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 336 Delegates Terrasa and Moon**COURTS – EXPERT WITNESSES – LETTER OF EXCEPTION**

Prohibiting a court from requiring a letter of exception for an individual to testify in a criminal proceeding as an expert witness if the individual is reviewing the data, opinion, interpretation, or conclusion of another expert witness or forensic laboratory and is not handling any physical evidence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 9-120.1 - added and HG, § 17-2A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 337 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

INCOME TAX – CAPITAL GAINS, DIVIDENDS, AND FOREIGN–
DERIVED INTANGIBLE INCOME – ALTERATIONS (INVESTING IN
MARYLANDERS ACT OF 2023)

Providing for an additional State individual income tax rate on the net capital gains of individuals; providing addition modifications under the Maryland income tax for certain deductions for foreign income under the Internal Revenue Code; altering a certain addition modification for certain corporate interest expenses and intangible expenses; altering a certain subtraction modification for certain dividends from a foreign corporation to preclude inclusion of certain income treated as dividends under the Internal Revenue Code; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-105(a), 10-305, 10-306.1, and 10-307(d) - amended and § 10-204(m) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 338 Delegate Boyce, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – COMMERCIAL USE – DEFINITION

Defining “commercial use” in Baltimore City to include multifamily residential development if the development is located within a waterfront commercial zoning district and within a 0.50–mile radius of a commuter rail station.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LU, § 10-101 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 339 Delegate White, et al

MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to December 1, 2024; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 1(h) and 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 340 Delegate Cullison

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – 2-1-1 MARYLAND –
OVERSIGHT

Defining the term “Health and Human Services Referral System” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the System to mean a certain coordinated system for health and human resources that is accessible to State residents, rather than a certain telephone service; repealing the requirement that the Maryland Department of Health evaluate the performance of certain call centers and make certain recommendations regarding the quality of service provided by call centers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 24-1201 through 24-1204 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 341 Delegate J. Lewis, et al

TRANSPORTATION – STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS – EQUITY IMPACTS

Requiring the Department of Transportation to include in the statewide transportation improvement program analyses of how the transportation improvement program may impact low-income communities and minority communities; and requiring a metropolitan planning organization to include in a transportation improvement program analyses of how the transportation improvement program may impact low-income communities and minority communities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 342 Delegate Terrasa, et al**ENVIRONMENT – PLASTIC PRODUCTS – POSTCONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT PROGRAM**

Prohibiting certain producers of certain plastic products from selling, offering for sale, or distributing the products to any person in the State unless certain conditions are met; requiring certain producers of certain plastic products to, individually or as part of a representative organization, register and pay a certain annual registration fee to the Department of the Environment; establishing certain minimum postconsumer recycled content percentage requirements for certain products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-2501 through 9-2510 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 343 Delegate Boyce, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS – BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

Establishing rules for public school athletic schedules for basketball, including the maximum number of games played per week and season and the number of tournament games played each year; and requiring each county board of education to decide whether to authorize a team to play in a tournament or showcase game.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 344 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VOTING METHODS MC 03–23**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked choice voting method or an approval voting method for elections for certain local offices; and authorizing the Montgomery County Council to provide for the format of ballots to be used in an election conducted by ranked choice voting or approval voting.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EL, §§ 8-101 and 9-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 345 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES –
ADVISORY BOARD MC 04–23

Altering the membership of the Advisory Board of the Alcohol Beverage Services of Montgomery County to include a designee of the Director of the Services and a designee of the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AB, § 25-306(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters