SYNOPSIS



House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

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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.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2023

HB 346 Delegate Rosenberg

TAX CLINICS FOR LOW–INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING – REPEAL OF SUNSET

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders Fund which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low–income Maryland residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CL, § 17-317 and Chapters 678 and 679 of the Acts of 2021, § 3 - amended Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 347 Delegate Ruth, et al

ATTORNEY GENERAL – CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any suit or action that holds accountable a publicly traded entity with market capitalization greater than \$1,000,000,000 or its subsidiaries for any tortious or otherwise unlawful conduct that has contributed to climate change; and authorizing the Attorney General to hire outside counsel on a contingency fee basis to assist with an action under the Act if the Attorney General makes a certain determination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 1-307 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 348 Delegate Forbes

BALTIMORE COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – VACANCY PROCEDURES

Requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold a public hearing on the selection of a nominee for a single vacancy on the Baltimore County Board of Education in a certain manner under certain circumstances; and requiring the Commission to make publicly available on its website live video streaming of certain public hearings and certain archived video recordings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 3-2B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 349 Delegate Foley, et al

MARYLAND FAIR SCHEDULING ACT

Requiring an employer who employs individuals in a food service facility or retail establishment to pay certain employees at a certain rate of pay for certain shifts of work, except under certain circumstances; providing that certain employees employed in a food service facility or retail establishment have the right to decline to work hours that occur during the 11 hours following the end of a shift; authorizing the Commissioner to conduct an investigation under certain circumstances; imposing certain civil penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(n) and 3-1801 through 3-1811 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 350 Delegate Grammer

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – REPORTING OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, STALKING, AND HARASSMENT (REPORT ACT OF 2023)

Requiring a school administration to file an administrative incident report if sexual misconduct, stalking, or harassment is reported to the school administration; requiring the report to include information regarding the time, date, location, and description of the incident and the identities, and statements of witnesses; requiring the school administration to provide a copy of the report to the victim and the parent of the victim; and requiring each county board of education to adopt a policy specifying the penalty for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 351 Delegate Cullison

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT–ENTRY MIDWIVES – PREVIOUS CESAREAN SECTION

Allowing a licensed direct—entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a client who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken; altering the required contents of a certain informed consent agreement; and requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop a transport protocol for clients who had a previous cesarean section.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 8-6C-03(11), 8-6C-04(a)(20) and (21), and 8-6C-09 - amended and § 8-6C-04(a)(22) and (e) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 352 Delegate Stein, et al

RAILROAD COMPANY – MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT – REQUIRED CREW

Prohibiting a train or light engine used in the movement of freight in the same rail corridor as a high–speed passenger or commuter train from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members; and establishing a penalty for a first offense of a \$500 fine and for subsequent offenses within a 3–year period, a fine of \$1,000 for each offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 5.5-110(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 353 Delegate Healey, et al

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the use of traffic control device monitoring systems, devices designed to capture a recorded image of a violation, by State and local agencies, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a traffic control device is subject, under certain circumstances, to a citation and civil penalty not exceeding \$40; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a traffic control device monitoring system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10-311 - amended and TR, § 21-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 354 Delegate Chang

MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ACCOUNT ESTABLISHMENT – PROCEDURES

Establishing certain procedures regarding the persons who may establish or receive distributions from an ABLE account in the Maryland ABLE Program for a certain eligible individual; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt certain procedures regarding the establishment and operation of an ABLE account by a person other than a certain designated beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, §§ 18-19C-01, 18-19C-02(d), and 18-19C-04 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 355 Delegate Bridges

BALTIMORE CITY LIFELINE LOW–COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM

Establishing the Baltimore City Lifeline Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program in the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to offer low-cost automobile insurance policies to residents of Baltimore City; requiring the Program, on receipt of a certain premium, to sell, issue, and deliver certain policies of automobile insurance to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements; requiring the Program to offer certain applicants the option to purchase certain additional coverages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, § 20-301 - amended and §§ 20-6A-01 through 20-6A-10 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 356 Delegate Healey, et al

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICY

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy related to pregnant and parenting students that is consistent with Title IX of the federal Higher Education Act; and requiring each public institution of higher education to post the policy on the institution's website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-136 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 357 Delegate Kipke

PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITIONS OF CARRIER, ERISA, AND PURCHASER

Repealing the definitions of "carrier" and "ERISA" and altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of applying certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits in the State through plans or programs subject to ERISA; and repealing a certain provision that restricts applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, Various Sections - amended and § 15-1633 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 358 Delegate Attar

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – JUVENILE FELONY DATABASE

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, in coordination with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop, maintain, regularly update, and publish on its website a searchable database of all offenses committed by juveniles that would be felonies if committed by adults; and prohibiting the database from containing certain identifying information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-27(i) and HU, § 9-224 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 359 Delegate Szeliga, et al

EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY TEAMS AND SPORTS – DESIGNATION BASED ON SEX (SAVE WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT)

Requiring certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain schools to be expressly designated based on biological sex; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain adverse actions against a school or county board of education for maintaining separate interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams and sports for students of the female sex; and providing that certain individuals have the right to bring a civil action under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 360 Delegate Szeliga, et al

RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST–APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY'S AND CHRISTIAN'S LAW)

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 361 Delegate Smith, et al

CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATES – SEX DESIGNATION (BIRTH CERTIFICATE MODERNIZATION ACT)

Altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Health is required to make a new certificate of birth due to the change of a sex designation of an individual; and establishing requirements and a prohibition related to the making of new certificates of birth.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 4-211 - amended

HB 362 Delegate Simpson, et al

INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTY

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 10-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 363 Delegate Cullison

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS – REPORT

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, or qualified health plans due to the individuals' immigration status; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 364 Delegate Grammer

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT REQUIREMENT – REPEAL (MARYLAND'S CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT OF 2023)

Repealing the requirement that a person have a certain permit before the person carries, wears, or transports a handgun; and repealing certain criminal prohibitions against a person who is at least 21 years old wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 5-301 through 5-314 - repealed, CR, §§ 4-101(b) and 4-203(a) and (b) and NR, § 10-410(c) 4-207 - amended, and CR, § 4-207 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 365 Delegate Lehman, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – SPAY/NEUTER FUND

Altering the contents and authorized uses of the Spay/Neuter Fund; requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a process through which a person may make a voluntary donation to the Fund; requiring the Department to give priority to certain competitive grant proposals that meet certain criteria; and requiring that a certain fee on commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats and registered in the State in a certain manner be adjusted annually for inflation in a certain manner beginning October 1, 2023. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AG, §§ 2-1602 and 2-1603 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 366 Delegate Smith

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY

Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, § 8-315 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 367 Delegate Charkoudian

VEHICLE LAWS – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to use a stop sign monitoring system if authorized by local law and if the local jurisdiction conducts certain public engagement and performs certain actions; prohibiting a civil penalty for a violation recorded by a stop sign monitoring system from exceeding certain amounts, based on the annual income of the owner or driver of the vehicle; providing for the distribution of revenue collected by the District Court and local jurisdictions for violations recorded by stop sign monitoring systems; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1)(i), (2), (3), and (4)(i), and 10-311 and TR, § 8-904 - amended and TR, § 21-707.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 368 Delegate Cullison

STATE PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE BRANCH SERVICE CONTRACTS – POLICY, CERTIFICATION, AND NOTIFICATION

Altering State policy regarding the preference to use State employees to perform State functions in State—operated facilities by repealing the requirement that State employees perform the functions in State—operated facilities; authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve certain service contracts if the Board receives a certain certification; and requiring the Department of Budget and Management to send a copy of the certification to the exclusive representative of the affected employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 13-401, 13-402, and 13-403 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 369 Delegate D. Jones, et al

EDUCATION – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for certain fiscal years.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-205(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 370 Delegate Rogers, et al

6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 9 as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in recognition of the service of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion during World War II.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, § 7-402 - added and §§ 7-402 through 7-418 - renumbered

HB 371 Delegate Attar

RECORDATION TAX – INDEMNITY MORTGAGE EXEMPTION – THRESHOLD AMOUNT

Increasing the threshold amount for certain indemnity mortgage transactions that are exempt from the recordation tax from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, $\S 12-105(f)(7)$ - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 372 Delegate Rogers, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERING NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

Altering the name of the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to be the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 18-604(b) and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 373 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF HO. CO. 2–23

Requiring the Howard 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 Howard County except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 374 Delegate Kipke

HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – AUDITS OF PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS

Expanding the applicability of the provisions regarding audits of a pharmacy or pharmacist to all pharmacy benefits managers; establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding audits by pharmacy benefits managers, including provisions related to audit limits, the acceptance of certain documents as validation or proof, the charging and payment of fees, access to financial documentation, and audit documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-102.3(k) - added and IN, § 15-1629 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 375 Delegate Attar

EDUCATION - COACHES - MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches in providing mental health first aid to students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide mental health first aid training to coaches; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-452 and 15-130.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 376 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER – COST–SHARING

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-814.1 - added

HB 377 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT – PROCUREMENT MC 15–23

Increasing the threshold amount above which the Friendship Heights Village Council is prohibited from entering into a certain contract without a competitive bidding process; and authorizing the village council, by majority vote, to enter into a certain contract that exceeds the \$20,000 threshold amount without a competitive bidding process if the procurement is in response to an emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PLL of Mont Co, Art. 16, § 66-10 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 378 Delegate Love, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BEAR CONFLICT REDUCTION AND DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND – USES

Altering the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund to authorize grants from the Fund to be made for projects that reduce conflicts between black bears and humans; renaming the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund to be the Black Bear Conflict Reduction and Damage Reimbursement Fund; increasing the minimum and maximum amounts of reimbursement from the Fund per person annually authorized for damage caused by black bears; requiring the Governor to include at least \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, § 10-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 379 Delegate Jackson

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE

Establishing the name of a certain office under the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor as the Office of Financial Regulation; designating a certain appointee of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as the Deputy Commissioner for Depository Activities; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Non–Depository Activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

BR, § 7-201, FI, §§ 2-101, 2-103, 2-110, 2-113(c), 2-119, 11-611, & 12-105.1(a)(5), RP, § 7-105.14(i)(1), & SG, § 8-403(22) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 380 Delegate Korman, et al

ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2023

Altering the collective bargaining process for State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are advisory; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 7-108, SP, §§ 3-103, 3-501, 3-502, and 3-603, and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended and SP, § 3-503 - added

HB 381 Delegates Attar and Guyton

BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF

Requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners or the Baltimore County Board of Education, as applicable, 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 Baltimore City or Baltimore County except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 382 Delegate Kipke

PHARMACY BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS

Altering the reimbursement levels for drug products that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to establish and that pharmacy benefits managers that contract with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization are required to reimburse the pharmacy; and altering the definition of "purchaser" for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating pharmacy benefits managers to include certain insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organizations.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 15-118(b) and IN, § 15-1601(s) - amended and HG, § 15-118(f) and IN, § 15-1632 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 383 Delegate Watson, et al

INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – SYSTEMIC RENOVATION PROJECTS – ELIGIBILITY

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects with a construction cost of at least \$100,000 as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund in fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 10-650(a) - amended

HB 384 Delegate Smith, et al

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS – PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO STUDENT DEBT

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student's transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-118 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 385 Delegate Bartlett

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – LIMITATIONS (MARYLAND MANDELA ACT)

Requiring hearing officers and personnel involved with the supervision and care of individuals placed in restrictive housing to undergo at least 40 hours of training; establishing guidelines and procedures for the placement of incarcerated individuals in certain types of restrictive housing or disciplinary segregation; and requiring each correctional facility to create a monthly report containing certain information about individuals placed in restrictive housing and to publish the report on the facility's website.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, §§ 9-614.3 and 9-614.4 - added and § 9-614(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 386 Delegate Jacobs, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 4-701(a), (b)(1), and (d)(2)(ii)4. - amended and § 4-701.2 - added Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 387 Delegate Bouchat

EVIDENCE - WITNESS CREDIBILITY - FORGERY CONVICTION

Requiring that evidence that a witness has been convicted of forgery be admitted in court for the purpose of attacking the credibility of the witness under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 10-905 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 388 Delegate Watson

BOND SALES – NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC

Authorizing the Board of Public Works and the State Treasurer to provide public notice of a public sale of State bonds by The Municipal Market Monitor (TM3) or a similar service or such other method deemed appropriate by the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SF, § 8-123 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 389 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE OMBUDSMAN FOR VALUE–ADDED AGRICULTURE

Establishing the State Ombudsman for Value–Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, § 2-106 - amended and §§ 2-2201 and 2-2202 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 390 Delegate Feldmark, et al

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND RESIDENCY WAIVERS – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to fund State—mandated community college tuition and residency waivers.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 16-322 - added

HB 391 Delegate Healey, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – PARKING ENFORCEMENT – CITATIONS

Requiring a parking citation issued by a political subdivision or a State agency to include a box that the person issued the citation may check to indicate that the registration plates cited were not issued for the vehicle described in the citation; requiring a political subdivision or State agency that receives a parking citation from a person with the box checked to perform a certain investigation and dismiss the citation under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a person from returning a citation with the box checked inaccurately.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 26-302 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 392 Delegate Wells

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to examine and prepare a written evaluation of the record of certain regulated financial institutions in meeting the financial needs of local communities where the institution is chartered; requiring the Commissioner to give a certain regulated financial institution a certain rating based on a certain examination and to prepare a written evaluation; requiring a certain regulated financial institution to prepare a certain improvement plan under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FI, §§ 1-501 through 1-509 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 393 Delegate Rogers, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – FORMS – VETERANS' BENEFITS

Requiring each department or independent unit of State government to include in certain forms questions regarding eligibility for veterans' benefits, provide information on veterans' benefits to certain individuals under certain circumstances, and annually publish a certain report and provide certain information to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 10-603 - amended

HB 394 Delegate Watson

MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT - DENIAL OF CLAIMS - NOTICE

Altering the means by which the State Treasurer may send notice of a denial of a claim made under the Maryland Tort Claims Act to authorize notice by email or, if it is the only available means, by regular mail.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SG, § 12-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 395 Delegate White, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE FACILITIES CHANGES AND CLOSURES – PROCEDURES

Requiring a principal department of the Executive Branch to give certain notice to the public, the General Assembly and any exclusive representative with certain bargaining unit employees and hold a public hearing before changing the use, purpose, or function of a State facility or closing a State facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 8-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 396 Delegate Feldmark, et al

TAX – FEES FOR ELECTRONIC FILING OF TAX DOCUMENTS – PROHIBITION (FREE FILING ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a tax return preparer or software company from charging a separate fee for the electronic filing of certain tax documents; and establishing a civil penalty of \$500 for a first violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TG, § 1-208 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 397 Delegate Watson

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain commercial paper in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations to establish a State investment policy with certain thresholds; and requiring the Treasurer to notify certain officials and governing bodies of certain local governmental units about the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SF, § 6-222 - amended