



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2023**  
**Schedule 17**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 3, 2023**

**SB 455**     **Senator Hayes**

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license to include completion of certain criteria in the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 16-302 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 456**     **Senator Lam, et al**

**HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – RAILROAD EMPLOYEES – UNPAID LEAVE**

Requiring a railroad employer to provide a railroad employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave under the Healthy Working Families Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-1304(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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**SB 457 Senator Bailey****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$41,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 458 Senator Bailey****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – BOND AUTHORITY – YMCA FACILITY**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$15,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of a YMCA facility in St. Mary's County contingent upon certain conditions, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 459 Senators M. Washington and Carter****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 certain 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(a)(3) - amended and §§ 9-614(a)(4), 9-614.3, and 9-614.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 460**     **Senator M. Washington, 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: Finance

**SB 461**     **Senator Hershey, et al**

## RETIREMENT TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 2023

Allowing, subject to certain limitations, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to a certain amount each year for certain individuals who are receiving certain benefits under the Social Security Act or who are at least 65 years old and are not employed full–time; prohibiting income included in certain subtraction modifications from being included under the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(oo) - added and § 10-209(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 462**     **Senator Folden, et al**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel, at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-324(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 463**     **Senator Folden, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN DENIAL – REFUND OF APPLICATION FEE**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to refund certain application fees under certain circumstances to individuals who were denied a permit to wear, carry, or transport a firearm from July 5, 2019, to July 5, 2022.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 464**     **Senators Folden and Gallion****CRIMINAL LAW – FENTANYL AND FENTANYL ANALOGUES – PENALTY**

Increasing, from 10 years to 20 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for a violation of the prohibition against manufacturing, distributing, possessing with intent to distribute, or dispensing certain controlled dangerous substances containing fentanyl or an analogue of fentanyl.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 5-608.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 465**     **Senator M. Washington****TRANSPORTATION – COMMISSION TO STUDY ESTABLISHING A BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Establishing a Commission to Study Establishing a Baltimore Regional Transit Authority; requiring the Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of establishing a Baltimore Regional Transit Authority; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 466 Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITIES AND SURPLUSES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 467 Calvert County Senators****WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Board Construction, the Calvert County Delegation, and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 468 Senator Rosapepe****FUNDING FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER WORKERS**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 469**     **Senators Elfreth and Guzzone****TASK FORCE TO STUDY SOLAR TAX INCENTIVES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Solar Tax Incentives to study and make recommendations regarding a tax strategy that is more competitive than the State's current strategy to maximize the installation of rooftop solar panels, to facilitate and promote installation of grid-connected generation of renewable energy, and to meet the State's renewable energy goals; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 470**     **Senator Elfreth, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND CONSERVATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS AND PROGRAMS (MARYLAND THE BEAUTIFUL ACT)**

Establishing certain goals and programs related to land conservation; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Program to provide loans to certain land trusts to purchase land for conservation purposes; establishing the Land Preservation Rapid Response Advisory Committee to review loan applications and make recommendations on which projects to fund; establishing the Local Land Trust Revolving Loan Fund; requiring the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2025 budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, Various Sections and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and NR, § 3-210 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 471 Senator Elfreth****WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGE PERMITS –  
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from authorizing the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activity under a general discharge permit and requiring the Department to instead require an individual discharge permit under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain permit holder from causing, allowing, or failing to control the runoff of soil or other pollutants from a construction site or causing erosion into certain waters of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-323.1 - added and § 9-342 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 472 Senator Elfreth****CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART  
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing an art establishment beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption to a nonprofit organization engaged in certain arts-related activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 10-1001 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 473 Senator Klausmeier****COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL TO THE GLOBAL WAR  
ON TERROR**

Establishing the Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Marylanders who have fought in the Global War on Terror and their families; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before 1 year and 3 months after the effective date of the Act.

CONTINGENT

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 474**     **Senator Klausmeier****MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF A RETROACTIVE DENIAL – REPEAL OF APPLICABILITY**

Providing that a managed care organization that retroactively denies reimbursement to a health care provider is not required to provide the name and address of the entity acknowledging responsibility for payment of the denied claim.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, 15-102.3(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 475**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al****WORKGROUP ON THE MARYLAND 529 PREPAID COLLEGE TRUST PROGRAM**

Establishing the Workgroup on the Maryland 529 Prepaid College Trust Program; requiring the Workgroup to identify policies, procedures, and practices that led to issues relating to the earnings calculation formula and Maryland 529 account holders' inability to access their prepaid college trust benefits to pay for college expenses; requiring the Workgroup to develop and make recommendations for improvement in certain areas; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2024.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 476**     **Senators Zucker and Guzzone****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, § 12-105(f)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 477**     **Senator Feldman****RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OR SIGNIFICANT RENOVATION –  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

Establishing and altering certain requirements related to the installation of equipment for the charging of electric vehicles during the construction or significant renovation of certain housing units; and clarifying that a county or municipal corporation may require a greater number of electric vehicle parking spaces under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 478**     **Senator Sydnor****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, 2025; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 479**     **Senator Sydnor****DEPARTMENT OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISES – ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES**

Renaming the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to be the Maryland Department of Small, Minority, and Women Business Enterprises; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; transferring certain authority relating to procurement preference programs to the Department; providing that the head of the Department is the Secretary of the Department of Small, Minority, and Women Business Enterprises; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, EC, ED, EN, HG, HS, IN, PU, SF, SG, SP, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 480**     **Senator Lewis Young, et al****MENTAL HEALTH LAW – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 481**     **Senator Young****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONVESTED ACCOUNTS – REGULAR INTEREST**

Requiring a certain rate of interest on certain member contributions in active members' nonvested accounts in the State Retirement and Pension System if the members have not withdrawn contributions from the nonvested accounts and are not eligible to receive a certain vested allowance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 22-215, 23-213, 24-206, 25-204, 26-205, and 27-203 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 482**     **Senator Lewis Young, et al****JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Expanding the purpose of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include assisting in the repayment of loans for mental health professionals serving as school psychologists, resource psychologists, psychologist coordinators, social workers, social worker supervisors, or mental health coordinators in the public schools; and requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to publicize the Program to eligible mental health professionals to help recruit and retain mental health professionals in the public schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 18-1501, 18-1502, and 18-1506 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 483**     **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe**

## PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

Establishing the Private Well Safety Program in the Department of the Environment to manage and, subject to the availability of certain funding, address the contamination of certain private and domestic water supply wells in the State; establishing the Private Well Safety Fund to award grants to certain counties and households for costs associated with water quality testing and remediation; requiring the Department to utilize an online portal to receive and upload certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 9-4A-01, 9-4A-04 through 9-4A-10, and 9-4A-13 and RP, § 10-713 - added and EN, § 9-4A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 484**     **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe**

## VEHICLE LAWS – REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMITS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Authorizing local authorities statewide to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour after performing a certain investigation; and establishing certain restrictions on the use of speed monitoring systems along highways for which the speed limit has been decreased.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 485**     **Senator Lewis Young**

## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SALES CONTRACTS – DISCLOSURES

Requiring a contract for the sale of residential real property located within 0.5 miles of a National Priorities Superfund site, at the time of down payment, to contain a notice of the proximity of the property to the site signed by the seller of the property and initialed by the buyer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 10-713 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 486**     **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF – STAFFING**

Increasing from one to three the number of assistant sheriffs required to be appointed by the Baltimore City Sheriff; and altering the staff the Baltimore City Sheriff is authorized to appoint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-316(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 487**     **Senator Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL CONDITION**

Prohibiting a certain incarcerated person from violating a pretrial or posttrial condition prohibiting the person from contacting, harassing, or abusing an alleged victim or going in or near an alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 5-213.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 488**     **Senator Brooks, et al****ELECTION LAW – ELECTRONIC BALLOT RETURN SYSTEM – STUDY AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to complete a study on the creation of an electronic ballot return system on or before December 1, 2023; and requiring the State Board of Elections to issue a request for proposals for an electronic ballot return system on or before January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 489**     **Senator Brooks****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – LOCAL PERMITS**

Requiring a county or a municipal corporation to process any local permit required under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Service Commission for generating stations, transmission lines, and qualified generator lead lines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-207(h) and 7-208(j) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 490**     **Senator Brooks****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – BURIAL IN STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES – SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Veterans Affairs from charging the cost for opening and closing the burial plot when burying a spouse or dependent of a veteran at a State veterans' cemetery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 9-906 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 491**     **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES – NEGOTIATIONS**

Requiring that the Charles County Board of Education be considered as a joint employer of certain school bus contractor employees for certain purposes; and requiring the Board to include representatives who reflect the interests of the employees in negotiations over a master school bus service contract.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LG, § 11-602 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 492**     **Senator Carozza, et al****OYSTERS – ROTATIONAL HARVEST – PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the rotational harvest pilot program for oysters to be implemented by the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to open certain areas of the Chesapeake Bay to the rotational harvest of oysters in certain manners; requiring the Department, before opening an area to oyster harvesting under the pilot program, to survey and investigate the area to collect certain baseline data and, after closing the area, to continue to monitor the area to collect certain additional data; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

NR, § 4-1011 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 493**     **Senator Carozza, et al****COMMISSION TO STUDY TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for operating, capital, and workforce costs; and requiring the Commission to report its finding and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 494**     **Senator Gile****MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE STATUS AND DESIGNATION**

Requiring the Secretary of the Budget and Management to assign certain employees of the State Department of Education to the executive, management, professional, and skilled services of the State Personnel Management System and to assign certain employees to certain bargaining units; and requiring that these employees suffer no diminution of pay or benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 495**     **Senator Kramer, et al****RESEARCH FACILITIES AND TESTING FACILITIES THAT USE ANIMALS – LICENSING AND REGULATION**

Requiring each research facility and testing facility in the State to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture to use animals in research, education, or testing; establishing requirements for the use and treatment of dogs or cats by a research facility or a testing facility; prohibiting a research facility and a testing facility from using certain dogs and cats for research or testing purposes and performing certain procedures on dogs or cats; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, §§ 15-101 through 15-104 and 15-106 through 15-110 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added, AG and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 496**     **Senator Kramer****CONSUMER CREDIT COMMERCIAL FINANCING TRANSACTIONS**

Requiring that certain revenue, fees, and examination and investigation fees and assessments relating to commercial financing transactions be credited to the Nondepository Special Fund; and regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of special offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FI, § 11-610(a)(13)(i), (b)(1), and (c) - amended and §§ 12-1101 through 12-1114 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 497**     **Senator Hershey****STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE**

Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, § 7-318 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 498**     **Senators Hershey and Mautz****RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT REPEAL AND MID SHORE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION FUNDING**

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation in the State budget in certain fiscal years to the Mid Shore Health Improvement Coalition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, §§ 2-901 through 2-908 - repealed and § 24-2201 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 499**     **Senator West****WORKGROUP TO STUDY REENTRY**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Reentry; requiring the Workgroup to examine the current role of State and local agencies in the reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals after completing their terms of confinement in State and local correctional facilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations regarding policy changes for improvement of reentry to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 500**     **Senator West****HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED THROUGH PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from certain requirements relating to the offering of health benefit plans to individuals and small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization that engages in employee leasing.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, §§ 15-1204.1 and 15-1303 - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 501 Senator M. Washington****LIBRARIES – AGING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Aging Infrastructure Capital Improvement Grant Program to be administered by the State Library Agency; providing the purpose of the Program is to provide funds for county library systems to address the aging infrastructure capital needs identified in the 2022 Statewide Facilities Needs Assessment; requiring the State Library Agency, by October 1 each year, to make recommendations to the State Library Board regarding capital project grants for the next fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-510 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 502 Senator M. Washington****ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2024 through 2029 an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to fund certain capital expenses for the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library to demonstrate a 10% match for each dollar of State funds granted; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-402(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 503 Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS – CARE PROVIDERS**

Establishing procedures for child advocacy centers when there is a change in certain health care providers for children at the center; and establishing that the Health Care Worker Whistleblower Protection Act applies to certain health care providers working with child advocacy centers to ensure their protection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-928 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 504**     **Senator Muse****LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES AND HOLDOVER TENANCIES – LOCAL JUST CAUSE TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

Authorizing a county to adopt by local law or ordinance provisions prohibiting a landlord of residential property from failing to renew a lease or from terminating a holdover tenancy without just cause; and establishing certain requirements for a local law or ordinance adopted in accordance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 8-402(c)(2) - amended and § 8-402.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 505**     **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CONVICTIONS**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of a conviction of certain misdemeanor and felony convictions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 10-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 506**     **Senator Muse****TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS (PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR BLIGHT CLEARANCE**

Granting the Town of Forest Heights in Prince George’s County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution; and authorizing the municipality to levy certain taxes and issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds to carry out urban renewal powers.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 507 Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL – DISMISSAL OF CHARGES AND VICTIMS’ RIGHTS**

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; and authorizing a victim or victim’s representative to petition the court to extend the time for dismissal of certain charges against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, §§ 3-107 and 11-506 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 508 Senators Elfreth and Feldman****HEMP FARMING PROGRAM – USE OF HEMP AND HEMP PRODUCTS IN CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS**

Altering the definitions of “hemp” and “hemp product” in provisions of law relating to the Hemp Farming Program; and authorizing a person that produces hemp or a hemp product in accordance with the Program to include the hemp or hemp product in consumable products for sale by the person if the product is tested by an independent testing laboratory to ensure the product meets applicable safety standards and the delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of the hemp product does not exceed 1% on a dry weight basis.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AG, §§ 14-101, 14-201, 14-202(e), 14-301, and 14-309 - amended and § 14-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 509 Senator Augustine, et al****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS AND LICENSURE**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain information regarding the acquisition of a nursing home to the Office of Health Care Quality; and requiring the Secretary of Health to consider the information before taking action regarding licensure to operate a nursing home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 19-115 and 19-1401.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 510**     **Senator Ellis****PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND  
VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES –  
PARTICIPATION GOAL SCORECARD**

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units’ performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program; establishing a certain grading scale for the scorecard; and requiring grades achieved by each unit to be included in the Office’s annual report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 9-307 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 511**     **Senators Ellis and Hester****HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023**

Establishing the Rural Nonemergency Medical Transportation Program for hospitals to coordinate transportation provided by a nonprofit organization to or from medical services for eligible individuals; repealing a certain cap on the amount of grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 annually for the Rural Nonemergency Medical Transportation Program in the State budget beginning in fiscal year 2025; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4805 and TR, §§ 7-1107 and 7-1109 - added, TR, § 7-1002 - amended, and TR, § 7-1107 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 512**     **Senator Lam****DRINKING WATER – LEGIONELLA PNEUMOPHILA BACTERIUM –  
MINIMIZING GROWTH AND TRANSMISSION**

Requiring an owner or operator of a public water system to maintain a detectable residual disinfectant level of at least 0.5 milligrams per liter of chlorine, not to exceed the maximum residual disinfectant level set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the water distribution system and to conduct certain sampling and analysis at frequent and regular intervals; requiring an owner or operator of a public water system to provide certain notice of certain water distribution system disruptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-407.1 - added and § 9-413(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 513**     **Senator Lam****ENVIRONMENT – COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DRINKING  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DATA AND INFORMATION –  
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a water utility operating in the State to provide certain data and information to the Department of the Environment and comply with certain reporting requirements; requiring the Department to develop a certain protocol and form to provide and report certain drinking water and wastewater data and information; requiring the Department to create, operate, and maintain a statewide Open Water Data Reporting Platform that includes certain data and information for each water utility operating in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-1201 through 9-1207 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 514**     **Senator Lam, et al****COUNTY PROCUREMENTS – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
UTILIZATION PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATION**

Requiring that a county that operates a minority business enterprise utilization program and has a process for the certification of minority business enterprises shall accept as certified a person that holds a certification as a minority business enterprise by the State certification agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LG, § 12-304 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 515 Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL  
– REVISIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-142 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 516 Senators Feldman and Hayes****CANNABIS REFORM**

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult–use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult–use cannabis at certain rates in certain fiscal years; establishing the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Division in the Commission; requiring the Division, on or before a certain date, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult–use cannabis business; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, TG, EC, HG, and SP, Various Sections - amended and added and HG, Various Sections - repealed and transferred

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 517 Cecil County Senators****PORT OF DEPOSIT STATE HISTORICAL PARK – INCLUDED AREAS**

Altering the areas included in the Port of Deposit State Historical Park; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer a certain portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center to the Department of Natural Resources on or before June 1, 2024.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 5-1012(g)(2) and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2022, § 5 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 518**     **Senators Corderman and McKay****TAX SALES – REVISIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

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

**SB 519**     **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – UNLICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that live entertainment be offered or provided by an unlicensed establishment for certain prohibitions relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County to apply; and altering the conditions under which certain exemptions apply.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 18-2501 - amended  
Assigned to: Finance

**SB 520**     **Charles County Senators****CODE COUNTIES – LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the notice requirements in code counties for bill hearings and passage of bills.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LG, § 9-311 - amended  
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 521 Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

Authorizing the governing body of Charles County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the owner-occupied residence of certain emergency responders and their surviving spouses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-310(l) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 522 Senator Hershey, et al****EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-402(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 523 Senator McKay****MEDICAL CANNABIS – EMPLOYEES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS CARING FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting, from certain restrictions on the number of patients qualifying for the use of medical cannabis who may be served by a caregiver, employees of certain health care providers or facilities designated to care for qualifying patients under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-3301(c) and 13-3304(g)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 524**     **Senator McKay**

## GARRETT COUNTY – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MEETINGS

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County to meet at least twice a month; and authorizing the Board to hold public meetings in person or over video broadcast.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 30.03 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 525**     **Senator McKay**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 526**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; establishing and authorizing certain alternative methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR and TP, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 2021, § 11 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 527**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Smith****FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES –  
PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Altering the defined term “peer support counseling program” for peer services offered to fire, rescue, or emergency medical services members to be “peer support program”; and requiring peer support programs to be evidence-based.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 7-404 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 528**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****DRUNK DRIVING OFFENSES – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM  
PROGRAM**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug or drug combination, or a combination of drugs and alcohol to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 16-404.1(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i)1., (2)(i), and (4) - amended and § 16-404.1(d)(1)(i)2. - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 529**     **Senator Ready****CARROLL COUNTY – SOBER LIVING HOUSES – AUTHORIZATION**

Requiring the Carroll County planning commission to include a sober living house element in the county comprehensive plan; and requiring the approval of a special exception prior to authorizing the establishment of a sober living house in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, § 9-605 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 530**     **Senators Klausmeier and McCray****INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – ASSESSMENTS**

Altering the formula for the calculation of certain assessments by the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, under certain circumstances, to authorize the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to withdraw certain amounts from a certain overassessment account to offset certain private passenger auto and commercial auto assessments; prohibiting members of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association from being subject to an annual assessment under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

IN, §§ 20-404, 20-405, 20-409, and 20-410 and TR, § 17-106(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 531**     **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS – SUPPLIER REQUIREMENTS (WATER SAFETY AND CYBERSECURITY ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring a supplier of water to inspect certain valves in a public water system in a certain manner, repair or replace certain valves, inspect certain fire hydrants, formulate and implement a certain plan, identify the locations of certain valves, and record certain characteristics and identifiers of certain valves; requiring a supplier of water to develop a certain cybersecurity program by February 1, 2024; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-429 through 9-438 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 532**     **Senator Corderman****CRIMINAL LAW – OVERDOSING IN PUBLIC – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from overdosing in certain public places or on a public conveyance; and authorizing a court to refer a person who overdoses in certain public places or on a public conveyance to drug court or substance abuse treatment rather than imposing a term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 10-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 533**     **Senators Corderman and McKay****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority of Washington County and municipal corporations in Washington County to impose an admissions and amusement tax.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 4-102(b) and (c) and 4-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 534**     **Senator Gile, et al****PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2023**

Extending to June 30, 2025, the inclusion of certain audio-only telephone conversations under the definition of “telehealth” for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to reimbursement and coverage of telehealth by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, § 15-141.2(a)(7) and (g) and IN, § 15-139(a) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 535**     **Senator James, et al****HUMAN RELATIONS – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – SERVICE DOGS AND GUIDE DOGS**

Prohibiting a person from discriminating in the sale or rental of, or otherwise making unavailable or denying, a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has, obtains, or retains a certain service dog or guide dog.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 20-706 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 536**     **Senator Ellis, 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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 537**     **Senator King**

## GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE – RENEWAL

Requiring that 2 years before the expiration of a certain term of a video lottery operation license the licensee file a certain notice with the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; requiring a video lottery operation licensee, within 1 year after filing a certain notice, to file an application to renew the license that includes a certain payment; and requiring the Commission to renew the license unless the Commission makes a certain finding.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, § 9-1A-13 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 538**     **Senator Kramer**

## WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION

Repealing the requirement that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal experience partial or total disability or death for hypertension to be presumed to be an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers’ compensation law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 539 Charles County Senators****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to include certain voting members who are residents of each Southern Maryland county and appointed in a certain manner.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, § 13-603(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 540 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****HUMAN RELATIONS – CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT – POWERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, prosecute, and remediate certain civil rights violations under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; authorizing the Attorney General to intervene in certain causes of action under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties and authorizing the Attorney General to obtain certain relief in certain civil actions, conciliation agreements, and settlement agreements; authorizing the Attorney General to recover certain investigation and litigation costs in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 541 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****CIGARETTES – WHOLESALERS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Requiring each licensed cigarette wholesaler to submit complete and accurate information in the form and manner the Comptroller requires to facilitate compliance with certain provisions of law relating to cigarettes; and authorizing the Attorney General to impose a certain civil penalty for a violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 542 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PRICE GOUGING**

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service for more than a certain increase in price during and for a certain time after a certain state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 543 Senators Ellis and Guzzone****CHARLES COUNTY – CEMETERIES – SEDIMENT CONTROL, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND FOREST CONSERVATION**

Exempting cemeteries located in Charles County from certain sediment control, stormwater management, and forest conservation requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EN, §§ 4-102 and 4-204(a) and NR, § 5-1602(b)(12) and (13) - amended and NR, § 5-1602(b)(14) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 544 Senator Muse, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – WAITING PERIOD**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 545**     **Senators Muse and Jackson****TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES – RECLAMATION HOURS**

Limiting, to at a minimum from 6 a.m. to midnight, the hours during which a certain person in possession of a vehicle that has been towed or removed from a parking lot is required to provide an opportunity for the vehicle owner or the owner's agent to retake possession of the vehicle; and altering a certain signage requirement imposed on the owner or operator of a parking lot relating to hours during which a towed vehicle may be reclaimed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 21-10A-02(b)(4) and 21-10A-05(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 546**     **Senators Muse and Smith****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY**

Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 1-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings