



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 6, 2023**  
**Schedule 18A**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 6, 2023**

### **SB 547 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

#### **BROADBAND EXPANSION INCENTIVE ACT OF 2023**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualified broadband grants awarded during the taxable year for broadband deployment; and providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain equipment related to providing Internet service and deploying broadband.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-207(oo), 10-307(g)(7), and 11-245 - added and § 10-307(g)(5) and (6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 548 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS (CLEAN TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY ACT)**

Altering the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Program by extending the duration of the Program, repealing the rebates that may be issued to retail service station dealers, and repealing the limitation on the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue in each fiscal year; altering the definition of “grant” for purposes of the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9-2009, 9-2011, and 9-20B-05(g),(i), and (l) - amended

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

**SB 549 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)**

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; establishing the Build Our Future Grant Fund to provide grants for projects to support innovation in eligible technology sectors; and requiring the Department to report by July 1 2026, on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 5-102 - amended and §§ 5-2301 thru 5-2307 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. & 171. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 550 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

FINANCIAL REGULATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ACCESS TO BANKING ACT)

Authorizing the establishment of a Community Investment Venture Fund by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation for certain purposes; providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions that establish de novo branches or maintain branches in certain areas; authorizing the use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

FI, §§ 2-118, 5-203, and 6-712 - amended and § 2-118.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 551 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

EDUCATION – SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (SERVING EVERY REGION THROUGH VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Service Year Option Program; requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to administer and provide staff for the Program; requiring a Program participant to work at least 30 hours per week and partner with an on-site mentor while working in a service placement; requiring a participating employer to pay a Program participant \$15 per hour; authorizing the Department to disburse a stipend of up to \$3,000 to a Program participant who completes a service placement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 24-11A-01 through 24-11A-07 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 552 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****FAMILY PROSPERITY ACT OF 2023**

Altering the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income tax credit under certain circumstances; repealing a certain limitation on the amount certain individuals may claim as a refund under the credit; altering the definition of “qualified child” and income eligibility requirements for purposes of qualifying for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-704 and 10-751 and Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2021, §§ 2 and 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 553 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)**

Increasing the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals, regardless of age, for certain military service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 554 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (HEALTH CARE FOR HEROES ACT OF 2023)**

Establishing the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department for the Department to award grants to reimburse certain members of the National Guard for the cost of premiums for certain health care and dental care plans; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations to administer and implement the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 13-411 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 555 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****FAIR WAGE ACT OF 2023**

Increasing the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on annual growth in a certain consumer price index; altering the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the minimum wage rate; and repealing the requirement that the Governor's budgets for certain fiscal years include certain provider rate increases.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, §§ 7-307, 16-201.3, and 16-201.4 and LE, §§ 3-413 and 3-413.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 556 Senator Guzzone****MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION –  
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of certain Commission employees; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 19-2106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 557 Senators Guzzone and Zucker****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND  
LUNCH PROGRAMS – UNIVERSAL EXPANSION**

Altering the standards of the State Free Feeding Program, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to require that if a school participates in the federal School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program, then each student in the school must be offered a meal at no cost to the student; providing for the reimbursement rate at which the State shall pay county boards and participating nonpublic schools for the meals offered to students; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, §§ 7-601, 7-602, and 7-702 - amended and § 7-606 - added

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

**SB 558**     **Senator Guzzone****RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the Maryland Department of Health to award competitive grants to recovery residences to support operations, services, and programs; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the annual budget bill to include \$500,000 for the program beginning in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly about the program's grant recipients by December 1, 2024.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-2505 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 559**     **Senators Guzzone and Zucker****EDUCATION – MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the appropriation required by the Governor for the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program from \$7,550,000 to \$12,050,000 in the annual budget bill.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-704(j) - amended

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

**SB 560**     **Senator Guzzone****ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUNDING AND ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH LICENSURE**

Establishing the Human-Relevant Research Fund under the administration of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Corporation to establish a grant and loan program to provide grants and loans for State-funded, human-relevant animal testing alternatives research; requiring a person, on or after January 1, 2024, to be issued a license by the Secretary of Health before the person may use nonhuman animals to conduct medical or product testing or research in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, HG, and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 561**     **Senator Guzzone****GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CHESAPEAKE EXCEL CENTER IN BALTIMORE CITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the name of a recipient from the Goodwill Excel Center to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Chapter 359 of the Acts of 2022, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 562 Senator Guzzone****MARYLAND SMALL FOOD BANKS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Small Food Banks Grant Program in the Department of Human Services; requiring the Department to give priority to nonprofit entities in the State that conduct assessments, with ongoing data collection to track success, and can demonstrate strong community involvement and partnerships, consistent stakeholder engagement, sustainability with diverse funding streams, innovation, and a focus on underserved communities; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill up to \$3,000,000 for the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, §§ 6-901 through 6-905 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 563 Senators Corderman and McKay****TAX SALES – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND NUISANCE CONDITION VIOLATION JUDGMENTS AND FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing a tax sale for real property for certain unpaid judgments for property maintenance and nuisance condition violations of local law; establishing that certain judgments are a first lien on real property; establishing the priority of certain liens on real property; authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or Washington County or a municipal corporation in Allegany County or Washington County to file a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption at any time under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-801, 14-805(a), 14-809(a)(2), and 14-833(g) - amended and § 14-833(i) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 564 Senator Ready, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN**

Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, 2 to 5 years of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment for 5 to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 565**     **Senators Ready and Klausmeier****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: Finance

**SB 566**     **Senator Ready, et al****FAMILY LAW – FUNDAMENTAL PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child; and prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent's fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, §§ 5-2B-01 through 5-2B-03 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 567**     **Senator Ready, et al****ELECTIONS – IN-PERSON VOTING – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 568**     **Senator Folden, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT AGAINST STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL – FIRST RESPONDER**

Including first responders within the scope of certain prohibitions against making or delivering threats to take the life of, kidnap, or cause physical injury to certain State and local officials; and providing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 3-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 569**     **Senators Folden and Corderman****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MURDER – DIMINUTION CREDITS**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 570**     **Senator Folden, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – OFFENSES RELATED TO METHAMPHETAMINE – PENALTY**

Adding methamphetamine to a certain penalty provision applicable to certain crimes involving controlled dangerous substances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 5-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 571**     **Senator Folden, et al**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – TIME LIMIT FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident that led to the investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 572**     **Senators Lewis Young and Salling**

**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide Maryland Medical Assistance Program services for individuals under the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program in accordance with certain requirements; prohibiting a certain individual from receiving EID Program services; prohibiting the consideration of certain assets in determining an individual's eligibility for certain programs; prohibiting the Department from limiting eligibility to receive services under the EID Program based on certain criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 15-138 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 573**     **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe****SCHOOL HEALTH AND VISION SERVICES – SCREENINGS AND EYE EXAMINATIONS**

Altering the duties of the State Department of Education’s and the Maryland Department of Health’s primary contact employees for school-based health centers to include the implementation and oversight of the Vision for Maryland Program; altering the requirements for vision screenings for students; requiring a county board of education to determine whether certain students should receive an eye examination and eyeglasses; establishing the Pediatric Vision Program and the Vision for Maryland Program to expand vision support services; etc.

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

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

ED, §§ 5-240(a)(2) and 7-404 - amended and §§ 7-401.1 and 7-404.1 through 7-404.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 574**     **Senators Lewis Young and Salling****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: Finance

**SB 575 Senator Lewis Young****DRUG MANUFACTURERS – DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS (TAKE IT BACK MARYLAND ACT)**

Requiring manufacturers of certain drugs to operate a certain drug take-back program or enter into a certain agreement with a drug take-back organization or the Maryland Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, to determine whether a drug take-back program complies with certain requirements and to provide notification of its determination within a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 21-228 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 576 Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe****CORPORATE INCOME TAX – COMBINED REPORTING**

Requiring affiliated corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain combined reporting method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using the water's edge method; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland corporate income tax for certain changes to a certain combined group's deferred tax assets or liabilities that are the result of certain provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, §§ 10-311 and 10-402.1 - added and § 10-811 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 577 Senator Lewis Young****VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Repealing the authority of a municipal corporation that does not have a law enforcement agency to implement a speed monitoring system program; and altering the locations where a county or a municipal corporation may place and use a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-809(a)(2), (b)(1)(i) and (ii), (d)(1)(viii), and (e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 578**     **Senator Hayes**

STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PROCUREMENT FORECAST, EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE, AND OUTREACH (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION ACT OF MARYLAND)

Requiring each unit to publish on the unit’s website annually a certain procurement forecast listing certain known and anticipated procurements to be made by the unit in the upcoming fiscal year; requiring a unit determining eligibility for a merit increase or promotion for a procurement officer or other employee to consider certain efforts by the procurement officer or other employee responsible for procuring goods and services for the unit in meeting the unit’s minority enterprise participation goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SF, §§ 14-302(a)(16) and 14-302.1 and SG, § 9-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 579**     **Senator Hayes**

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS – LIMIT ON DURATION

Prohibiting an exclusive listing agreement for the sale of residential property from being effective for more than 1 year; and requiring the State Real Estate Commission to include an assessment of the use of exclusive listing agreements in a certain annual report.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

RP, § 10-803 - added and BOP, § 17-210 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 580**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINING GRANT FUND

Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 to the Fund to provide grant assistance to local law enforcement agencies; and requiring the Governor’s Office Of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 31 each year.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 4-1012 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 581**     **Senators Klausmeier and Mautz****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION VALUE-BASED PURCHASING PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Behavioral Health Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement an intensive care coordination model using value-based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pilot Program; and requiring the Department to report by November 1, 2027 on the findings and recommendations from the Pilot Program.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4807 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 582**     **Senator Augustine****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – TREATMENT AND ACCESS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL FOR MARYLAND)**

Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Department to submit a State plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish certified community behavioral health clinics; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4807, 13-4901 through 13-4907, and 15-141.5 - added and HG, § 15-141.2 and IN, § 15-139 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 583**     **Senator Sydnor****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – ACQUISITION AND USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY**

Prohibiting the use of certain surveillance technology by a law enforcement agency except under certain circumstances; establishing the Privacy Technology Board in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for certain purposes relating to the use of surveillance technology by law enforcement agencies; and requiring law enforcement agencies to submit certain reports to the Privacy Technology Board for each surveillance technology used by the agency.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 584**     **Senators Gile and Elfreth****PUBLIC HEALTH – PARKINSON’S DISEASE REGISTRY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Parkinson’s Disease Registry in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to collect certain data for the Registry; authorizing the Department to share certain information in the Registry with certain entities under certain conditions; providing for the confidentiality of information collected under the Act; and requiring the Department to maintain a record of individuals granted access to confidential information in the Registry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 18-1201 and 18-1203 - amended, § 18-204 - repealed, and §§ 18-1202 and 18-1204 through 18-1210 - added

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 585 Senator Hester, et al****CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE –  
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Career and Technical Education Committee; altering the Committee's duties and authorized actions to include the perspective of career colleges and skilled trade organizations; and requiring the Committee to develop and provide to guidance counselors and public schools in the State a list of all skilled trade organization programs and career school programs in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, § 21-209(d), (h), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 586 Senator Hester****NATURAL RESOURCES – LICENSED TREE EXPERTS –  
ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the work of the treatment, care, or removal of certain trees for compensation under a tree expert's license unless the person is employed by the licensed tree expert; increasing a certain penalty for operating a tree expert business without a license; requiring a licensed tree expert to carry, show proof of, and maintain valid workers' compensation insurance for the period the license is in effect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, §§ 5-417 and 5-418 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 587 Senator Hayes****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Requiring certain health care facilities to allow a qualifying patient with a certain written certification to consume medical cannabis within the health care facility if the patient is receiving certain medical care at the health care facility; and authorizing a health care facility to suspend compliance with the requirement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 20-2301 through 20-2303 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 588 Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-1603(c)(14) and (15) and 12-2005(d) - amended and § 12-1603(c)(16) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 589 Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER’S PERMIT**

Clarifying that the defined term “related event” as it applies to a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City includes events for which tickets are sold in advance or at the door or cover charges are imposed; reducing the number of days within which a person must apply for a permit, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City must take certain actions relating to the permit, and alterations may be made to the permit; and altering the standards for determining the permit fee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-1102.2 and 12-2802 and Chapter 764 of the Acts of 2019, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 590 Senator Lewis Young****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – ALTERATIONS (RECLAIM RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2023)**

Altering the definitions of “qualifying biomass”, “thermal biomass system”, and “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain forest-related resources, animal manure, waste, and refuse and gas produced from the anaerobic decomposition of animal waste or poultry waste from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-701 and 7-704(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 591 Senator Smith****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS – APPLICATION OF PROHIBITION**

Altering the application of the prohibition on including a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract or similar document or agreement that restricts the ability of an employee to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-716 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 592 Senator Smith****SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORTING – EXTENSION**

Requiring the Department of State Police to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before February 1 each year relating to the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus programs; and requiring the Department of State Police to include on its public website in a prominent location a link to a certain report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-521 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 593 Senator Smith****CONDOMINIUMS – COMMON ELEMENTS – CLEAN ENERGY EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing certain governing bodies of a condominium to grant an interest affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment; and generally relating to the common elements of a condominium and leased clean energy equipment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 11-125 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 594**     **Senator Smith, et al****DISTRICT COURT – SMALL CLAIMS – ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENTS**

Prohibiting the District Court, in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment resulting from a certain small claim action, from ordering the appearance of an individual for an examination or ordering an individual to answer interrogatories.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 11-704 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 595**     **Senator Klausmeier****GAMING – PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND – TABLE GAME FEES AND DISTRIBUTION OF SPORTS WAGERING PROCEEDS**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to establish a certain annual fee of \$500 for each table game to be distributed to the Problem Gambling Fund; and altering the distribution of the proceeds from sports wagering to provide 1% of the proceeds to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9-1A-33(a)(2) and 9-1E-12 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 596**     **Senator Carter****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES – CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Prohibiting certain boards and commissions within the Maryland Department of Labor that issue occupational licenses and certificates from denying a license or certificate to an applicant solely because of the criminal history of the applicant; and requiring certain boards and commissions to establish a certain predetermination review process for certain individuals seeking a certain occupational license or certificate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 1-209 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 597 Senator Carter****PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Establishing that law enforcement officers are subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System or a local system when a law enforcement officer is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the law enforcement officer's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 21-502(a)(3) - amended and §§ 21-801 through 21-809 and 40-201 through 40-209 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 598 Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)****MARYLAND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND – APPROPRIATION**

Increasing, from at least \$3,000,000 to at least \$40,000,000, the annual appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the budget bill for the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 4-902 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 599 Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – PARKING LOTS – MAXIMUM FEES**

Clarifying the basis for determining the maximum amount for the fee that a vehicle owner can be charged by a person who undertakes the towing or removal of the vehicle from a parking lot.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-10A-04(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 600**     **Senators Feldman and Lewis Young****HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IMMUNITY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALTY TERTIARY CARE PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAMS**

Establishing that certain mental health care providers, administrators of certain programs, and certain employees of administrators have immunity from liability for certain actions related to harm to or from certain patients; and providing that the Maryland Department of Health is a “reporting agency” for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing public–private partnerships under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-609.1 - added and SF, § 10A-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

**SB 601**     **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – SUNSET REPEAL**

Renaming the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; and repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

IN, §§ 31-107 and 31-122 and Chapter 778 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 602**     **Senator Benson, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – SALE OF DIET PILLS TO MINORS – PROHIBITION**

Establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding the sale of diet pills to individuals under the age of 18 years; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a notice with information about the potential health risks of diet pills; and authorizing the Department to establish limitations on which diet pills are subject to the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 21-259.4 - added and § 21-1215 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 603**     **Senators Benson and Jackson****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – FEE IN LIEU OF SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Authorizing a landlord to offer the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit in a residential lease subject to certain requirements; requiring a landlord to purchase certain insurance coverage using a fee in lieu of a security deposit; establishing certain procedural requirements for a landlord and an insurer relating to certain insurance claims; authorizing a tenant to dispute certain claims by a landlord and providing that claims by a landlord or an insurer are void under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 8-203(a)(3) - amended and § 8-203.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 604**     **Senator Benson, et al****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 hourly reimbursement rate to personal care aides and to provide a written notice regarding the wage to personal care aides; requiring provider agencies to submit annual cost reports to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 605**     **Senator Lewis Young****ELECTION LAW – CITIZENS WHO LIVE OVERSEAS – RIGHT TO VOTE**

Authorizing an overseas voter to register to vote and vote in federal, State, and local elections in the county where the individual last resided before departing from the United States and was eligible to be registered to vote before departing from the United States; and prohibiting an election director from removing an individual from a statewide voter registration list under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, §§ 3-102 and 3-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 606**     **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL LAW – MARYLAND RICO (RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS) ACT**

Establishing the statute of limitations for a certain civil action for damages resulting from a certain pattern of racketeering activity; prohibiting a person from participating in certain racketeering activity; authorizing the filing of and establishing procedures for civil actions for injunctive relief and damages arising out of certain racketeering activity; and establishing procedures for the forfeiture of property connected to certain racketeering activity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-122, CR, §§ 9-901 through 9-907, and CP, §§ 13-601 through 13-637 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 607**     **Senator Ferguson****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to approve a license expansion to a noncontiguous property with a separate use permit issued by the City if a certain condition is met; authorizing the establishment and conversion of various alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; extending for 1 year the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purposes of transferring the license to another owner at the same location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-104, 12-1604(c), and 12-1706(d) - amended and § 12-1604.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 608**     **Senator M. Washington****HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

Codifying the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council as an instrumentality of the State to submit, monitor, implement, and evaluate the State Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act in conjunction with a certain State entity; establishing a Board of Directors for the Council; and requiring the Attorney General to be the legal advisor to the Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HU, §§ 7-1001 through 7-1007 - added

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 609 Senator M. Washington****EDUCATION – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHERS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for early childhood education teacher certification completed through an alternative preparation program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 6-120(a) and (b) and 7-1A-04(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 610 Senator M. Washington****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – VIRTUAL EDUCATION**

Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training related to teaching in a virtual learning environment as a component of instruction; providing that a county board of education may authorize a county superintendent of schools, under certain circumstances, to provide virtual education days to students instead of closing the public schools in the county because of severe weather conditions; altering the requirements for virtual schools operated by county boards of education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 6-121(a) and 7-1401 through 7-1408 - amended and §§ 7-103.2, 7-1401.1, and 7-14A-01 through 7-14A-09 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 611 Senator Bailey, et al****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONITORING UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Environment and Natural Resources Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases against persons that violate State criminal environmental and natural resources laws and to assist the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in investigating or bringing a civil action regarding a violation of State civil environmental and natural resources laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 6-701 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 612 Eastern Shore Senators****EASTERN SHORE CODE COUNTIES – MAXIMUM HOTEL RENTAL TAX RATE – ALTERATION**

Increasing, from 5% to 6%, the maximum hotel rental tax rate that counties in the Eastern Shore class of code counties may impose.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LG, § 20-405 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 613 Senator Brooks, et al****ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

Making permanent the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; requiring a community solar energy generating system to serve at least 40% of its kilowatt-hour output to low-income and moderate-income subscribers under certain circumstances; authorizing a subscription coordinator to act on behalf of a subscriber organization; altering requirements related to the siting and size of certain community solar energy generating systems projects; authorizing the use of consolidated billing for certain charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-306.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 614 Senator Brooks, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DAMPERS, SMOKE DAMPERS, COMBINATION FIRE SMOKE DAMPERS, AND SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Establishing requirements for the installation, inspection, and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt certain regulations relating to the technical specifications for the installation of and the timing and technical specifications for the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 9-1001 - renumbered and §§ 9-1001 through 9-1006 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 615 Senator Hettleman****GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT REPORTING PROGRAM**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish and administer a certain reporting program relating to sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring a law enforcement agency and a person with control or possession of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to report certain information to the program and comply with certain regulations; and clarifying the uses for the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-926.1 - added and PS, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 616 Senator Corderman****MOTOR VEHICLES – MODIFIED EXHAUST SYSTEMS AND NOISE ABATEMENT DEVICES – CITATIONS**

Authorizing a police officer who observes a motor vehicle being operated with a modified exhaust system or noise abatement device that causes the motor vehicle to exceed a certain noise level in violation of law to stop the motor vehicle and requiring the officer to issue a citation for the violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 22-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 617 Senator Hettleman, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FARE PRICE REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing certain requirements that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services according to the Consumer Price Index; and repealing certain provisions prohibiting the Administration from increasing fares under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, §§ 7-208(b-1) and 7-506(a)(1) - amended and § 7-208(b-2) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 618**     **Senator Hettleman, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM**

Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve no more than 6 programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, §§ 24-2201 through 24-2206 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 619**     **Senator Hettleman****COURTS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; establishing certain standards and requirements relating to a motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 620**     **Senators Hettleman and Zucker****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a certain regulated gaming entity or a certain agent of a regulated gaming entity if the institution of higher education receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; and providing that a certain contract formed by a public institution of higher education is subject to public inspection in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 26-801 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 621**     **Senators Zucker and Hettleman****GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF SPORTS WAGERING CONTENT**

Requiring the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, by December 31, 2023, to identify and accredit certain independent evaluators to evaluate certain sports wagering content provided by certain sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners; requiring the Commission to establish standards of practice governing sports wagering content; requiring certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators to contract with certain independent evaluators for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, § 9-1E-17 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 622**     **Senator Zucker, et al****MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS – WAITLIST AND REGISTRY REDUCTION (END THE WAIT ACT)**

Authorizing certain Medicaid funding to be used for hiring and retaining providers in certain waiver programs; and altering the uses of certain funding appropriated to the Dedicated Purpose Account in the fiscal year 2023 budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, § 15-150 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 623**     **Senator Zucker****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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 624**     **Senator Zucker, et al**

## INCOME TAX – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TAX CREDIT

Allowing an individual or a business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for the first \$500 of the purchase price of an automated external defibrillator purchased for use at a restaurant location in the State with annual gross income of at least \$400,000, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 625**     **Senator Lam**

## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, subject to certain conditions, to adopt 12-month continuous eligibility for children under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Maryland Children's Health Program; and requiring the Department, subject to certain conditions, to adopt 24-month continuous eligibility for both adults and children under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Maryland Children's Health Program under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 15-103(a)(5) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 626**     **Senators Lam and Salling**

## HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT

Requiring that the members of the Health Services Cost Review Commission be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 627 Senator Lam****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMERGENCY DIALYSIS SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning on January 1, 2025, to provide coverage for dialysis services to certain noncitizen individuals under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 628 Senator Lam****SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS – SERVICES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FUNDING**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for sports physicals performed by school-based health centers; requiring the Secretary of Health to include certain infrastructure needs in guidelines on the expansion of school-based health centers; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before January 1, 2024, to develop a certain school-based health center funding allocation formula and a certain budget proposal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi) and 19-22A-01 - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxii), 19-22A-02, and 19-22A-03 - added

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

**SB 629 Senator Lam****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – POLICIES ON BULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION – REVISIONS**

Altering certain requirements for a model policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, or intimidation in public and nonpublic schools; requiring that if the act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation is determined to be motivated by the alleged victim's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, notification to the parent or guardian of the alleged victim shall be at the discretion of the alleged victim; and requiring the State Board of Education and each nonpublic school to update the model policy by September 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-424(b), 7-424.1(b), and 7-424.3(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 630**     **Senator Lam, et al**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HEADS OF BUSINESS UNITS  
– APPOINTMENT AND SENATE CONFIRMATION

Requiring that the Executive Directors of the Maryland Transportation Authority, Aviation Administration, and Port Administration, the Maryland Transit Administrator, the State Highway Administrator, and the Motor Vehicle Administrator be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate; and requiring that the Executive Directors of the Maryland Transportation Authority, Aviation Administration, and Port Administration be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the approval of the Governor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 4-203(a), 5-202.1(a), 6-203(a), 7-202(a), 8-202(a), and 12-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Executive Nominations

**SB 631**     **Senator James**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTS AND RECORDS –  
DISCLOSURE

Providing that a report or record of child abuse and neglect is not confidential if the report pertains to a child who suffered a fatality or near fatality, was in the custody of a State department or agency or in the care of a foster parent at the time the child suffered a fatality or near fatality, and is the subject of an investigation, a report, a referral, or a complaint received by a local department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 632**     **Senator Mautz**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE  
BENEFITS PROGRAM – BWI AIRPORT FIRE AND RESCUE  
DEPARTMENT – EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS

Authorizing employees who began employment with the BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department before October 1, 1993, and who are receiving a retirement allowance from the Baltimore City Fire and Police Retirement System to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and authorizing a surviving spouse and surviving dependent children of certain deceased retirees to participate in the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 2-508 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 633 Senator Mautz****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF SERVICE**

Allowing certain former members of the Employees' Pension System to purchase credit for eligibility service for certain employment with the State for which the former members are not entitled to credit; and providing for the manner in which to purchase the service credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 634 Senator Mautz****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE**

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1 per bushel; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; and requiring that \$1 of each \$2 of the severance tax levied be distributed to certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars within the waters of the counties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

NR, § 4-1020(a) through (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 635 Senator Mautz****BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES – DORCHESTER COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT**

Altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include, for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, reasonable administrative costs incurred by the Dorchester County Sanitary District, Inc., to address certain bermed infiltration ponds, up to \$200,000 for each fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 636**     **Senator Mautz****PUBLIC SAFETY – SOLAR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Requiring buildings where certain solar battery energy storage systems are installed to be equipped with a self-contained fire suppression system, an explosion prevention system, and an air quality monitoring system; and requiring the State Fire Marshal to administer and enforce the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-706 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 637**     **Senator Mautz****TIDAL FISH LICENSES – OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS – REINSTATEMENT**

Authorizing a person whose authorization to catch oysters is revoked under certain provisions of law to apply for reinstatement of the authorization after 5 years; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish an Oyster Harvester Education Program; and requiring an applicant for reinstatement of an oyster authorization to successfully complete the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

NR, § 4-1210 - amended and § 4-1210.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 638**     **Senator Mautz****NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION PROTECTION ZONES – AERIAL SURVEYS**

Altering the definition of “aerial survey” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to submerged aquatic vegetation protection zones to mean an aerial survey compiled by an entity approved by the Department of Natural Resources, rather than the annual survey compiled by the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences for the annual Bay-wide Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Mapping Program; and requiring the Department to update the delineations of submerged aquatic vegetation zones annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, § 4-1006.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 639**     **Senator Bailey****HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION REFORM ACT OF 2023**

Altering certain provisions of law governing the Historic St. Mary's City Commission, including laws relating to membership of the Commission, appointment of certain officers, Commission meeting times, and duties; and specifying the process for the Commission to collaborate with the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, §§ 24-505, 24-506, 24-507(b), and 24-508 - amended and §§ 24-508.1 and 24-511(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 640**     **Senator Jackson****SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity used for agricultural purposes under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 11-201(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 641**     **Senator Jackson****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – CITY OF BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRANSFERS AND PURCHASES OF SERVICE**

Authorizing a transfer of service credit to, and a purchase of service credit in, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the City of Bowie Police Department hired on or before January 1, 2007, and not later than December 31, 2015, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 642**     **Senator Carozza**

## VEHICLE LAWS – ANNUAL VEHICLE SHOWS – MOTOR AND TRAILER HOMES

Repealing a certain limitation on an exemption for a motor or trailer home dealer and a salesman employed by the dealer from restrictions on the number of annual vehicle shows in which the dealer or salesman may participate; authorizing out-of-state motor or trailer home dealers to participate in vehicle shows in the State; and creating an exception for motor or trailer home shows to the requirement that vehicle shows offer only new vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 15-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 643**     **Senator McCray**

## HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACT – FUNDING

Requiring the Administrator of a certain abandoned property fund to distribute \$5,000,000 to a certain Community Development Program Fund; altering the contents of the Community Development Program Fund to include any money distributed from a certain abandoned property fund; and repealing a certain provision providing for the construction of certain Acts of the General Assembly concerning the Community Development Program Act.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

CL, § 17-317 and HS, § 6-606 - amended and Chapters 801 and 802 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 644**     **Senator McCray**

## MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – LOCAL TEAMS – ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RECORDS

Altering the information to which a local maternal mortality review team is to be provided access on request of the chair of the team; and requiring that a local team be provided immediate access to requested information and records including information on prenatal care maintained by a health care provider regarding a woman whose death is being reviewed by the local team.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 13-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 645 Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – SALARIES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, rather than the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the salaries for deputy sheriffs and certain other employees of the Sheriff in Baltimore City; and altering certain provisions relating to collective bargaining for full-time sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers and sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-316(e) and (i)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 646 Senator McCray****SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Public Charter School Facility Fund to provide funding on an annual basis to public charter schools in the State for eligible expenses associated with school facilities; exempting the Fund from a requirement that interest earnings on State money accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to administer the Fund; and requiring the Fund to be used only to acquire, plan, develop, finance, construct, lease, improve, repair, and maintain public charter school facilities.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 5-330 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 647**     **Senator Carozza, et al**

## STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND DELEGATED PHARMACY ACTS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy to include a registered pharmacy technician; authorizing a licensed pharmacist, under certain circumstances, to delegate pharmacy acts to be performed at a remote location to a registered pharmacy technician and a registered pharmacy intern; repealing the prohibition on a registered pharmacy technician administering influenza vaccines; continuing the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation act to July 1, 2033; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 12-101(g), 12-202(a) and (b), 12-6B-06, and 12-802 - amended and § 12-307(e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 648**     **Senator Rosapepe**

## ELECTRONIC HEALTH NETWORKS AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS – NURSING HOMES – RELEASE OF RECORDS

Authorizing a nursing home that contracts with or uses an electronic health information network or electronic medical record vendor to direct the network or vendor to release electronic medical records and electronic health care transactions to a business associate of the nursing home.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 4-302.5 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 649**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATION PROCEDURES AND THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Requiring the Division of State Documents to make at least the 15 most recent issues of the Maryland Register available to the public for online searching; altering the requirements for a unit of State government to submit certain proposed or emergency regulations, work plans, and evaluation reports to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Administrator of the Division of State Documents; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SG, §§ 7-206.2(b), 10-110(c)(1), and 10-111(a) - amended and § 10-111.2(c) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 650 Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND**

Establishing the State Disaster Recovery Fund to provide disaster related assistance to units of local government for individuals and families and for the repair or replacement of public facilities, and for low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses and nonprofits when a federal disaster declaration is not received; requiring the fund to provide disaster-related assistance for the unmet needs of individuals and families after a federal disaster declaration or in the event of a certain denial of federal assistance; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 14-110.5 - added

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

**SB 651 Senator Carter****REAL ESTATE – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES AND TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS (THE ANTHONY MOORMAN ACT)**

Requiring a real estate broker or an escrow agent, if a purchaser terminates a certain transaction under certain circumstances, to distribute trust money to the purchaser within 30 days after a certain written notice of the termination is sent; requiring a holder of trust money who makes a certain distribution to notify the seller and purchaser of the distribution within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 17-505 and RP, § 10-802 - amended and RP, § 10-803 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 652 Senator Carter****CRIMINAL LAW – FELONY MURDER – LIMITATION FOR YOUTH (YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFETY ACT)**

Providing that a person who was under the age of 25 years at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed murder in the first degree if the charge is based on a murder committed in the perpetration or attempt to perpetrate a certain felony.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 2-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 653 Senator Carter**

## CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – CANNABIS USE

Providing that the use of cannabis by a parent or certain other individuals who care for a child does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law applicable to children in need of assistance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-801(s) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 654 Senator Gallion**

## HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE

Establishing a 6–Day and a 7–day Class HC (health club) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a person who sells health club services; exempting the holder of the license from specified distance requirements related to places of worship and schools; establishing an annual fee of \$1,300 for a 6–day license and a \$1,400 fee for the 7–day license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 22-1004 and 22-1004.1 - renumbered, § 22-1004 - added, and § 22-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 655 Senator Carter**

## INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of certain firearm safety devices in an amount equal to the lesser of 100% of the purchase price or \$250 during the taxable year; making the credit refundable; requiring proof of purchase to be provided to the Comptroller for a firearm safety device for which an individual is claiming a credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 656** Senator Carter

## CRIMINAL LAW – FAILURE TO PROPERLY STORE FIREARM – DEATH OF ANOTHER

Prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that a certain ward would gain access to the firearm; and prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child or a certain ward would gain access to the firearm resulting in the child or ward using the firearm and causing the death of another.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 657** The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

## COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT – PREMERGER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND REMEDIES

Requiring a person who has acquired certain voting securities or assets of another person to file a certain notice with the Attorney General under certain circumstances; exempting certain information or documentary material filed with the Attorney General from the Maryland Public Information Act except under certain circumstances; and altering the definition of “restitution” relating to remedies for a violation of the Maryland Antitrust Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 11-205 through 11-213 - renumbered, § 11-205 - added, and §11-210(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 658** The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

## HUMAN RELATIONS – PATTERNS AND PRACTICES OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS – REMEDIES

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and initiate a civil action to remedy unlawful patterns or practices committed by certain government officials; providing that the Attorney General shall have subpoena power to support certain investigations; and providing that the Attorney General may obtain equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice of certain conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 20-1040 and 20-1041 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 659      The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the 21st Century Financial Systems Council to modernize the financial management information systems infrastructure in the State; specifying the responsibilities and priorities of the Council; and establishing the position of the 21st Century Financial Systems Director in the Office of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 4-113 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 660      The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – TAXPAYER ADVOCATE DIVISION**

Establishing the Taxpayer Advocate Division in the Office of the Comptroller to assist taxpayers and their representatives in resolving certain taxpayer problems and complaints and represent taxpayers' interests in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 2-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 661      The President (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – TAX PARITY FOR DELAYED PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS**

Requiring the Comptroller to provide a certain grant payment to an individual paid certain unemployment insurance benefits during calendar year 2022 under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 662 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee****HIGHER EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ALTERATIONS**

Providing that the Secretary of Higher Education is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor; altering eligibility criteria for, and the process for awards from, the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards; altering eligibility criteria for services provided to students through the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program; requiring community colleges to award Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships in place of the Office of Student Financial Assistance; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and Chapters 639 and 640 of the Acts of 2022, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 663 Senator Feldman****INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CLEAN ENERGY HOMES PILOT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND RESILIENT AND CLEAN ENERGY HOMES ACT)**

Requiring each investor-owned electric company, on or before January 1, 2024, to file with the Public Service Commission an application for a pilot program to support residential customer adoption of beneficial electrification measures; requiring the pilot program to include a certain make-ready program, a certain rebate program, a certain multifamily housing facilities clean energy incentive program, and a certain load management and electric grid support services program; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023**

PU, §§ 7-901 through 7-913 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 664**     **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, AND ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to require a person selling or leasing a Tier 1 renewable source to inform certain applicants for a grant, loan, or other form of financial assistance through the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program of certain terms; authorizing the use of certain compliance fees paid into the Program to make certain loans and grants and establish certain programs to create new solar energy systems that are owned by or directly benefit low- and moderate-income residents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 9-20B-01(g) - added and §§ 9-20B-04 and 9-20B-05(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 665**     **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, or a designee of the Department, to investigate whether residents in an assisted living program have been subject to neglect or physical abuse if the assisted living program is operating without a license; subjecting certain assisted living programs operating without a license to immediate prosecution under a certain provision of law under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-1809 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 666 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND FALSE HEALTH CLAIMS ACT – REVISIONS**

Authorizing certain persons to continue with actions under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act when the governmental entity or the State elects not to proceed with the action; authorizing the governmental entity or the State to serve certain subpoenas under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act; and requiring certain penalties under the Maryland False Claims Act and the Maryland False Health Claims Act be at least \$5,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, §§ 8-102, 8-103, 8-104, and 8-105(a) - amended and HG, §§ 2-602, 2-603, 2-604, and 2-605(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 667 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

EMERGENCY BILL

Annotated Code, Various Sections and Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 668 Senator Rosapepe****TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP**

Establishing the Teacher Apprenticeship Startup Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring a sponsor participating in a teacher apprenticeship program to establish an apprenticeship that develops certain career paths and pays certain compensation; requiring a sponsor, in coordination with the CTE Committee, to develop a high school level apprenticeship; authorizing the Department to award up to \$500,000 to a sponsor for development and launch of a teacher apprenticeship program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LE, § 11-607 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 669**     **Senator Rosapepe****REGISTERED NURSE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup to study the feasibility of developing and implementing a registered nurse degree apprenticeship program in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 670**     **Senator Rosapepe****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023**

Altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner for certain years; prohibiting the applicable table of rates from shifting more than a certain number of tables under certain circumstances; establishing certain collateral requirements for certain investment funds that own certain portfolio companies; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LE, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 671**     **Senator Klausmeier****MEDICAL CANNABIS – VISITING QUALIFYING PATIENTS**

Prohibiting a visiting qualifying patient from being required to have a written certification issued by a certifying provider or an identification card issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; including a visiting qualifying patient among the individuals with respect to whom the Commission is required to allow a licensed dispensary or registered dispensary agent to take certain actions related to medical cannabis without being subject to certain penalties or arrest; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-3301(f) and (q), 13-3304, 13-3307(f),(g), and (l), and 13-3313(a) - amended and § 13-3301(q) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 672 Senator Klausmeier****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

Authorizing certain students who are at least 18 years old and under the age of 21 years to taste certain alcoholic beverages while participating in certain educational classes at certain institutions of higher education without criminal penalty to the student, instructor, or institution of higher education under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 1-401(c) - amended and § 1-411 - added and CR, §§ 10-114(b)(1), 10-116, and 10-117(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 673 Senators Carozza and Klausmeier****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration registration, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; authorizing physician assistants who are employees of the federal government to perform acts, tasks, or functions as a physician assistant during a certain disaster; and providing certain immunity to certain physician assistants.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, HG, HO, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 674**     **Senators Carozza and Klausmeier****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PARITY ACT OF 2023)**

Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program, the Attendant Care Program, and petitions for extreme risk protective orders; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related to examinations by a physician assistant for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, ET, HG, HO, HU, PS, and SP, Various Sections - amended and HG, §§ 10-601(g) and 18-214(d)(12) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 675**     **Senators Guzzone and Bailey****HOWARD COUNTY AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY – DRIVER’S LICENSES – DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATIONS**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a pilot program in Howard County and St. Mary’s County to allow certain drivers’ schools to administer the driver skills examination required for an individual to obtain certain driver’s licenses; requiring the drivers’ school to have been licensed and in operation for at least 5 years before the date of application for the authorization to administer the driver skills examination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 15-707 and 16-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 676**     **Senator Waldstreicher****DRUGGED DRIVING – CANNABIS–IMPAIRED DRIVING TEST PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a pilot program to examine the effectiveness of cannabis–impaired driving tests in enforcing the prohibition against driving while impaired by drugs; authorizing a police officer in a participating jurisdiction to administer voluntary cannabis–impaired driving tests if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an individual is or has been driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while the individual is impaired by cannabis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 16-205.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 677 Senator Waldstreicher****MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – STATEWIDE SECURE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Statewide Secure Schools Emergency Response Program within the Maryland Center for School Safety; prohibiting the inspection of certain records related to the Program; requiring the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to establish procedures to integrate county 9–1–1 systems with the Program; and requiring the Governor to provide \$4,500,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2024 for the Program and \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, § 7-1502(g)(20) and (21) - amended and §§ 7-1502(g)(22) and 7-1513 - added, GP, § 4-314.1 - amended, and PS, § 1-306(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 678 Senator Beidle****HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHARMACIST**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist’s lawful scope of practice, rather than only certain services, to the same extent as services rendered by any other health care practitioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-148 and IN, § 15-716 - amended and HG, § 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 679 Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 680**     **Senator Beidle****PUBLIC LIBRARIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing employees of county public libraries to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in other activities related to collective bargaining; requiring library employers and certified exclusive representatives to engage in good faith bargaining; establishing a collective bargaining process for employees of county public libraries; establishing a process for resolving impasses during collective bargaining; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, §§ 23-901 through 23-914 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 681**     **Senator Beidle****EDUCATION – VIRTUAL SCHOOLS – ACCESS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Requiring virtual schools to provide students with access to extracurricular activities and athletics at the public school the student would otherwise be required to attend; and requiring virtual schools to provide to the parent or guardian of each enrolled student informational materials on access to extracurricular activities and participation in athletics and on athletic teams at the public school the student would otherwise be required to attend.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 7-1403 and 7-1404 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 682**     **Senator Beidle****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – SAFETY BARRIERS**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to install and maintain safety barriers on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 4-213 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 683**     **Senator Waldstreicher****COURTS – WRONGFUL ACTS BY DECEASED INDIVIDUALS – ACTIONS IN REM**

Authorizing an individual who has been harmed by a deceased individual for whom no estate has been opened to bring an action against the deceased individual's insurance policy for personal injury or death arising from a motor vehicle accident; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-2301 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 684**     **Senator Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS' RIGHTS – NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT**

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-508 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 685**     **Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE LAWS – AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CONVERTERS – SALE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Authorizing an autonomous vehicle converter to sell, transfer, lease, offer for sale, or resell a converted autonomous vehicle or a motor vehicle purchased with the intent to convert the motor vehicle into a converted autonomous vehicle; establishing that certain portions of the Act apply only to motor vehicles intended for commercial or industrial use; and prohibiting an autonomous vehicle converter from holding certain occupational vehicle licenses issued under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, §§ 15-101(c)(3) and 15-201 - amended and §§ 15-901 through 15-903 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 686**     **Senator Smith****CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION, DAMAGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023)**

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” for purposes relating to civil actions for child sexual abuse to include any act that involves an adult allowing or encouraging a child to engage in certain activities; repealing the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, ED, & SG, Various Sections - amended & Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 & 3 & Chapter 656 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 & 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 687**     **Senator Lewis Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION**

Authorizing in Frederick County the owner or operator of a certain unlicensed establishment to allow patrons who are at least 21 years old to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for personal consumption; establishing certain authorizations and requirements for owners or operators of certain unlicensed establishments if patrons are allowed to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for personal consumption; and altering and establishing penalties for certain alcoholic beverages violations in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 20-2501 and 20-2502 - amended and § 20-2503 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 688**     **Senator Lewis Young****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from limiting eligibility to receive services under the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program based on the earned or unearned income of the applicant or the applicant’s spouse, or any assets or resources of the applicant or the applicant’s spouse.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 15-138 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 689 Senator Lewis Young****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – ALTERATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the goals and requirements of certain energy efficiency programs to include certain greenhouse gas emissions reductions from electric companies and gas companies beginning January 1, 2024; requiring the EmPOWER Maryland Program to provide consumer rebates, and promote the use of certain federal rebates, for certain technologies; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and electric utilities to promote fuel switching from gas to electricity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-211(d), (g), (h), (i), and (k) - amended and § 7-211.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 690 Senator Lewis Young****AGRICULTURE – CONFINEMENT OF EGG-LAYING HENS IN COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCTION – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a certain farm owner or operator from knowingly confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure in a certain manner, subject to certain exceptions, on and after January 1, 2025; prohibiting a business owner or operator or a farm owner or operator from selling shell eggs or egg products under certain circumstances on and after January 1, 2025; and specifying that a certain certification be obtained in a certain manner to sell shell eggs and egg products.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

AG, §§ 3-1101 through 3-1106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 691 Senator King****HOME AMENITY RENTALS – SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSED AND LOCAL TAX AUTHORIZED**

Applying the sales and use tax to a sale or use of certain home amenity rentals; and authorizing a county or municipality to impose a certain home amenity rental tax under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, Various Sections - amended, added, and renumbered and LG, §§ 20-901 through 20-911 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 692**     **Senator King****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF ZERO-EMISSION AND HYBRID MOBILE MACHINERY**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of certain zero-emission and hybrid mobile machinery during taxable years 2023 through 2032 by certain taxpayers for use in the taxpayers' businesses or for rental or lease to the general public.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 693**     **Senator Waldstreicher****TRANSPORTATION – ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a certain annual report on assaults on public transit operators to each local executive authority, the State's Attorney for each county, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 7-714 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 694**     **Senator Jennings****DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REAL PROPERTY – EXCHANGE WITH PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the State to exchange real property owned by the State for the use and benefit of the Department of Natural Resources with private real property under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

NR, § 1-109(e) and SF, §§ 5-310(c)(1) and 10-305(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 695 Senator Jennings**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT

Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive service credit of up to 16 months for attendance at a United States service academy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 38-103 and 38-104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 696 Senator Augustine**

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – GATEWAY ARTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Gateway Arts Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, §§ 12-901 through 12-906 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 697 Senator Augustine**

## ENERGY STORAGE – TARGETS AND MARYLAND ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for the deployment of new energy storage devices in the State; and requiring the Commission to establish and implement the Maryland Energy Storage Program to meet certain energy storage goals and develop a certain energy storage system in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-216.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 698**     **Senator Augustine****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE AND BIOMETRIC DATA PRIVACY**

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; regulating the use of biometric data by a controller; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxv) and 13-408 - amended and §§ 13-301(xxxvii) and 14-4501 through 14-4512 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 699**     **Senator Augustine, et al****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EQUITECH GROWTH FUND AND COMMISSION**

Establishing the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the economic competitiveness and inclusive growth of emerging and advanced industries in the State through the creation of supporting infrastructure assets, resources, and a diverse workforce that builds the strengths of the State's economy; and establishing the Equitech Growth Commission to create a strategic plan and long-term goals for growing the State's innovation economy.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 10-488 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation



**SB 700**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE ARTICLES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting, for commercial purposes, the copying, reproduction, distribution, or use of the shield, badge, insignia, emblem, or shoulder patch adopted by the Department of State Police without the authority of the Secretary of the Department of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 701**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – AGE REQUIREMENT**

Altering the age requirement for employment as a correctional officer in any unit of the Division of Correction, any unit of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, and the Patuxent Institution from 21 to 19 years of age.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 2-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 702**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**

Prohibiting a person from operating or causing the operation of an unmanned aircraft over a State correctional facility unless authorized by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or the Secretary's designee; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 10-802 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 703**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE LAW – COMMUNITY DETENTION

Altering the definition of community detention to apply the program to children over whom a criminal court exercises jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-01(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 704**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

CHILDREN CHARGED AS ADULTS – CONFINEMENT

Repealing certain provisions requiring a certain court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a certain case involving a child to order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a certain determination, except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain child to be held in a certain secure juvenile facility while the child is awaiting trial or other legal process, except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, §§ 4-202 and 4-202.1 - amended and § 4-202.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 705**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE – SURVIVING SPOUSE

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a fee for the issuance of a new certificate of title to a surviving spouse under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 13-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 706 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

**CHILD SUPPORT – REPORTING OF EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

Altering the definition of “earnings” in certain provisions of law relating to child support enforcement to include certain payments received by independent contractors; and establishing certain procedures for the reporting of certain employment information concerning certain independent contractors to the Child Support Administration for certain purposes related to child support enforcement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 10-101 - amended and § 10-139 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 707 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL – PROBATIONARY STATUS AND PROMOTION**

Requiring a certain deputy State fire marshal to be on probation for a period of 2 years after the date of appointment to the Office of the State Fire Marshal under certain circumstances; and specifying the pay that a certain deputy State fire marshal is entitled to on promotion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 2-403 and 2-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 708 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – YOUTH CAMPS, DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROGRAMS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for criminal history records checks for certain youth camp applicants; and repealing the authority of youth development organizations and programs to request from the Department a determination of whether the results of a criminal history records check would prohibit the hiring of a job applicant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 14-403.1 - added and § 14-407 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 709**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS – REVISIONS**

Altering the expiration date for a commercial driver’s instructional permit held by certain individuals; and exempting a holder of a commercial driver’s license who applies for renewal from the requirement to pass a vision test if the holder has a current certificate of physical examination on file with the Motor Vehicle Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 16-105(e) and 16-115(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 710**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DISCLOSURE OF REPORTS AND RECORDS**

Expanding the circumstances under which a report or record concerning child abuse or neglect may be disclosed to certain school personnel or to a director of a licensed child care facility or licensed child placement agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, § 1-202(c)(1)(vii) through (xi) - amended and § 1-202(c)(1)(ix) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 711**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

**CHILD SUPPORT – SPORTS WAGERING AND FANTASY COMPETITION INTERCEPT**

Making certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Administration to intercept lottery prizes won by certain child support obligors under certain circumstances applicable to the winning of certain prizes from sports wagering or fantasy competitions by certain child support obligors under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 10-113.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 712 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2033, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

BOP, § 16-802 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 713 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2033, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

BOP, § 3-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 714 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Certified Interior Designers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 8-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 715**     **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2035, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 7-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 716**     **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 9-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 717**     **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 6.5-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 718 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM – DETERMINATION AND RECORDATION DEADLINES**

Altering determination and recordation deadlines for the Voluntary Cleanup Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 7-506(e)(1) and (i)(1), 7-513(a), and 7-514(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 719 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE FUEL SECURITY PROGRAM**

Establishing the State Fuel Security Program to be administered and enforced by the Maryland Energy Administration for the management and distribution of certain energy resources during an energy emergency; establishing fuel percentages under the Program; designating certain activities for which an assignment of fuel may be issued under the Program during an energy emergency and authorizing the Administration to set priorities for fuel assignments under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 14-501 through 14-511 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 720 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

**MARYLAND HORSE RACING ACT – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date of the Maryland Horse Racing Act from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2034.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, § 11-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 721**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR FEDERAL SECURITY CLEARANCE COSTS – EXTENSION**

Extending from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2028, the termination date for a credit against the Maryland income tax for certain costs incurred by employers to obtain federal security clearances for employees, rent certain spaces, and construct or renovate certain sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-732(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 722**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – REPEAL**

Repealing the mandatory retirement age for the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the supervisor of assessments for a county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, §§ 2-102 and 2-105(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 723**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRONIC COPIES FEE – REPEAL**

Repealing a \$1-per-page fee for electronic copies of certain documents recorded or filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CA, § 1-203(b)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 724 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL GRIEVANCE PROCESS – MODIFICATION

Altering the process by which a health insurance carrier is required to provide notice of an adverse decision in nonemergency cases under the internal grievance process established by the carrier for its members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, § 15-10A-02(f) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 725 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PRODUCT AND SERVICE OFFERINGS

Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to offer and provide certain products or services in conjunction with a policy at no charge or at a discounted price under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from increasing a premium or denying a claim based on a certain action by a policyholder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

IN, §§ 27-209 and 27-212 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 726 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HO, § 18-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 727 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HO, § 13-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 728 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners in Optometry in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HO, § 11-602 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 729 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HO, § 8-802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 730 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HO, § 19-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 731 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HO, § 20-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 732 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**

## DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities to add one individual with a traumatic brain injury.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HU, § 7-120 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 733 Carroll County Senators**

## CARROLL COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Carroll County.

EMERGENCY BILL

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-101(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 734 Senator Zucker****TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAYS – TOURIST AREA AND CORRIDOR SIGNAGE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Tourist Area and Corridor Signage Program to create a system of supplemental guide signs to direct motorists to eligible individual attractions by directing the motorists first to groups of attractions; requiring the Administration to conduct a certain investigation on signing feasibility and prepare a signing plan if the Eligibility Committee approves an attraction's application; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$350,000 to the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 8-755 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 735 Senator Zucker, et al****WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE WAGES OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals to determine what percentage of education support professionals in the State earn a living wage and to study increasing the wages of education support professionals to attract and retain skilled workers; and requiring the Workgroup to submit its final report of its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by August 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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

**SB 736 Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE**

Establishing a Class AE (arts and entertainment) beer and wine license in Harford County that authorizes organizations engaged in certain arts and entertainment activity to sell beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$750.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 22-1001 and 22-1001.1 - renumbered and § 22-1001 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 737 Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS L LICENSE**

Establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; authorizing the license holder to hold another license or permit issued by the Board; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snacks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 22-911 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 738 Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE**

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on-premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 22-1005.2 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 739 Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUBPOENA AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County in its discretion to subpoena witnesses or records on behalf of a license holder, a prospective license holder, or an attorney representing a license holder or prospective license holder in connection with any hearing before the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 22-2607 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 740**     **Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to the holder of certain business permits; requiring the holder of the license to purchase alcoholic beverages from certain sources; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 22-1001.1 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 741**     **Senator Jackson****PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS ON USE**

Providing that, notwithstanding any other law, regulation, or requirement, the use of a refrigerant may not be prohibited or otherwise limited if the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-706 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 742**     **Senator Smith****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES**

Requiring that any system operated by a vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch or its affiliate for allocating new vehicles to dealers be reasonable and fair.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 15-208(f) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 743**     **Senators Jackson and Lewis Young**

## CLIMATE, LABOR, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for certain communication with certain residents in a certain manner; and altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 1-7A-01 through 1-7A-05 - added and § 2-1305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 744**     **Senator Folden, et al**CRIMES AND CORRECTIONS – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES  
(VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2023)

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, § 5-134(c) and (d) - renumbered, CS and PS, Various Sections - amended and added, and CR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 745**     **Senator Folden**CRIMINAL LAW – WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING  
HANDGUN – PENALTIES (GUN VIOLENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Altering certain penalties for certain violations involving the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun on or about the person; and repealing certain exceptions for certain minimum sentencing requirements for a first violation involving the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun on or about the person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, §§ 4-203(c) and 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 746 Senator Folden****MANUFACTURED HOMES – SALE OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES (MANUFACTURED HOUSING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the owner of a manufactured housing community to comply with certain requirements when selling the manufactured housing community; requiring the owner, at least 60 days prior to entering into a contract for the sale of the community, to provide notice of the terms of the offer to each homeowner in the community and provide homeowners the opportunity to purchase the manufactured housing community; and providing that the community owner is liable to the homeowners organization for \$10,000 under certain circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, §§ 8B-401 through 8B-405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 747 Senator Folden****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS – POLICE OFFICERS**

Providing that records relating to investigations of police officers for misconduct are personnel records under the Public Information Act, except for records relating to allegations of excessive force or racial bias.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, § 4-311 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 748 Senator Folden****VEHICLE LAWS – MILITARY VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND OPERATION**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register certain military vehicles; providing for the registration classification of military vehicles; establishing certain standards and procedures for the registration of military vehicles; requiring an owner of a military vehicle to submit with the registration application a certain certification relating to the purposes for which the vehicle will be operated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 13-936.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 749**     **Senator Folden**

CRIMES – INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATIONS – EXCEPTION FOR IMMINENT DANGER AND  
ADMISSION AS EVIDENCE

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication when the person reasonably believes that the person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a violation of a protective order; and authorizing the admission of a communication intercepted as authorized under the Act as evidence under certain circumstances and subject to certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added and § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings