SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 18, 2023
Schedule 6

PLEASE NOTE: January 20 – Bill request deadline.
February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 18, 2023

SB 155  Senator Jackson
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY DEER HUNTING AND ARCHERY HUNTING SAFETY ZONES

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting season from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive, in Prince George’s County; and adding Prince George’s County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
NR, § 10-410(a) and (g)(3) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 156  Prince George’s County Senators

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REENTRY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 to the Prince George’s County Office of the County Executive to be used for the Prince George’s County Reentry Employment Incentive Program; and requiring that funds made available by the Act are supplemental to, and may not supplant, funds otherwise available for the reentry employment incentives in Prince George’s County.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
LG, § 16-505 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 157  Senator Waldstreicher

MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – NOTICE

Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
LG, §§ 4-304(b) and 4-305(f) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 158  Senator Hettleman

PESTICIDE REGISTRATION – PFAS TESTING – REQUIREMENTS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
AG, § 5-105.1 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 159  Senator Hettleman
FIREARMS – MARYLAND VOLUNTARY DO NOT SELL FIREARM REGISTRY – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of State Police to create and maintain a Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry in which a person may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a firearm; prohibiting a dealer or other person from selling, renting, loaning, or transferring a firearm to a purchaser, lessee, borrower, or transferee who the dealer or other person knows or has reason to believe is registered on the registry; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
PS, §§ 5-134(b) and 5-207(c) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-906 - added
and GP, § 4-325.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 160  Senator Hettleman
HUMAN SERVICES – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – CALCULATION OF BENEFITS

Requiring local departments of social services to disregard 100% of the amount of certain housing subsidies in the calculation of the amount of temporary cash assistance for eligible recipients.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HU, § 5-310(a) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 161  Senator Lam (By Request – State Board of Physicians)
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DISPENSING PERMITS

Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications; requiring the Board to report to the Office any violation related to controlled dangerous substances; providing for the transfer of certain functions, powers, duties, property, records, fixtures, credits, assets, liability, obligations, rights, and privileges; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HO, §§ 12-102(a) and (c), 12-102.1, 12-102.2, and 14-509 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 162  Senator Lam, et al

MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION – DUTIES, COMPOSITION, AND MEMBER ORIENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Aviation Commission to establish policies, based on accepted scientific research on creating and maintaining healthy and livable communities, to best mitigate any negative impacts of the local aviation and airport industries; requiring the Commission to consider information and advice from certain additional stakeholders; and requiring that certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor are to be selected from candidates designated by the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
TR, §§ 5-201 and 5-201.2 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 163  Senator Watson

REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS

Limiting the requirement that an instrument effecting a change in ownership of real property be endorsed by the assessment office for a county to only those transfers subject to an agricultural land transfer tax; altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; establishing that a deed of trust or mortgage presented for recordation is not required to be accompanied by an intake sheet or information that would otherwise be provided in an intake sheet unless required by a clerk; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
RP, Various Sections - amended and §§ 3-104(c)(4), 3-107, and 7-201 - repealed
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 164    Senator Watson

DRIVER’S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – EXCEPTION

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive if the obligor’s income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203(e) and (f) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 165    Senator Watson

ACTION TO COLLECT A PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Prohibiting private education lenders and private education loan collectors from initiating a certain action unless the private education lenders or private education loan collectors possess and enter into evidence certain documents; requiring a private education loan collector to provide certain information to a student loan borrower in a certain manner and on the request of the borrower; authorizing a person that suffers damage from a creditor’s failure to comply with the Act to bring an action against the creditor; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, §§ 5-1301 through 5-1304 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 166    Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ADAPTIVE REUSE

Establishing that adaptive reuse, retrofitting and repurposing of existing buildings to develop new affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; and requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HS, § 1-102 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 167  Senator Elfreth, et al

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL – FUNDING

Altering the calculation for certain funding for the Maryland State Arts Council for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to ensure that the amount is not less than funds received in the previous fiscal year.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
SF, § 7-325 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation