



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2024 Budget Bill**

**SB360**

**Chapter 716**

**The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2025)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

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## 2024 Chapters – Emergency Bills

**HB 1526**  
**Chapter 2**

**Delegate Clippinger, et al**

MARYLAND PROTECTING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL  
TRADE (PORT) ACT

Establishing the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program and the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Fund; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt an individual from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce to establish certain temporary relief programs to provide assistance to individuals and certain entities impacted by a certain closure of the Port of Baltimore; etc.

**SB 1188**  
**Chapter 3**

**Senators Ferguson and Salling**

MARYLAND PROTECTING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL  
TRADE (PORT) ACT

Establishing the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program and the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to a student who was a dependent or is the surviving spouse of a fallen transportation worker; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce to establish programs to assist individuals and certain entities impacted by the reduced operations of the Port of Baltimore; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to alter certain unemployment eligibility requirements; etc.

**SB 480**  
**Chapter 20**

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

PROTECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

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**HB 585**  
**Chapter 21****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

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**SB 1007**  
**Chapter 40****Senator Hayes**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Authorizing the Governor to appoint individuals to the State Board of Elections and the Accountability and Implementation Board during the recess of the Senate under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate if the term of office will end during the next upcoming recess of the Senate; authorizing the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate more than 40 days after the commencement of the regular legislative session and before Sine Die only if the Senate consents; etc.

**Except Section 2****HB 1521**  
**Chapter 47****Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

## MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND ADMINISTRATION

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Children's Health Program; and repealing the requirement that the Program be administered, based on the family income of eligible individuals, through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and managed care organizations or the MCHP premium plan.

**SB 252**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 76**                **Request – Departmental – Maryland Emergency Management**  
                                  **Agency)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to authorize the use of certain allocated funds for the payment of the salary of certain personnel.

**HB 785**  
**Chapter 129**

**Delegate D. Jones, et al**

FREEDOM TO READ ACT

Establishing a State policy that local school systems operate their school library media programs consistent with certain standards; requiring each local school system to develop a policy and procedures to review objections to materials in a school library media program; prohibiting a county board of education from dismissing, demoting, suspending, disciplining, reassigning, transferring, or otherwise retaliating against certain school library media program personnel for performing their job duties consistent with certain standards; etc.

**SB 738**  
**Chapter 130**

**Senator King, et al**

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**SB 680**  
**Chapter 137**

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

STATE GOVERNMENT – ATTORNEY GENERAL –  
DETERMINATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS

Requiring the judge or jury in certain actions to make a certain determination and assign responsibility and liability in a certain manner; authorizing the State to continue to pursue certain actions if it does not obtain complete relief from certain responsible persons; establishing that certain provisions of law requiring uniform contribution among joint tort-feasors do not apply to certain actions; and establishing the impact of a certain settlement on the liability of certain responsible persons.

**HB 846**  
**Chapter 143**

**The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
INVESTMENT GUIDELINES – INVESTMENT STANDARDS

Requiring the Treasurer to consult with governmental entities prior to proposing certain regulations; repealing the limitations on investment in certain assets in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; authorizing the Treasurer to retain investments made prior to the effective date of the Act until the investments have reached their respective maturity dates; and authorizing the Treasurer and governmental entities to invest or reinvest in certain surplus funds under certain circumstances.

**SB 776**  
**Chapter 144**

**The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**

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INVESTMENT GUIDELINES – INVESTMENT STANDARDS

Requiring the Treasurer to consult with governmental entities prior to proposing certain regulations; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations, on or before December 1, 2024, that specify asset classes in which the Treasurer may invest; requiring the Treasurer to notify governing bodies of certain governmental entities about certain updates to certain investment standards; authorizing the Treasurer to retain investments made prior to the effective date of the Act until the investments have reached their respective maturity dates; etc.

- SB 1178**  
**Chapter 176**      **Senator Bailey, et al**  
HIGHER EDUCATION – DOUGLAS J. J. PETERS VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – REPEAL OF SERVICE TERMINAL DATE  
Repealing the service terminal date required to be eligible for the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.
- HB 96**  
**Chapter 177**      **Delegate T. Morgan**  
HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – IMPLEMENTATION OF TESTING  
Repealing a certain requirement related to the inclusion of a core condition in the system for newborn screening; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to implement testing for a core condition listed in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within a certain time period after the core condition is added to the Panel; authorizing the Department to screen for any condition recommended by the Advisory Council and approved by the Secretary; requiring the Department to implement testing for Krabbe leukodystrophy at a certain time; etc.
- SB 117**  
**Chapter 178**      **Senator Bailey**  
HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – IMPLEMENTATION OF TESTING  
Repealing a certain requirement related to the inclusion of a core condition in the system for newborn screening; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to implement testing for a core condition listed in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within 1 year and 6 months after the core condition is added to the Panel; requiring the Department to implement testing for Krabbe leukodystrophy within 1 year after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issues a recommendation to add screening of the condition to the Panel; etc.

- HB 1228**  
**Chapter 214**      **Delegate Stewart**  
CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION – EXEMPTIONS AND REMEDIES
- Establishing that certain provisions of law that prohibit a person from making or causing to make a certain telephone solicitation that involves using a certain automated system or playing a recorded message do not apply to a noncommercial telephone solicitation for public opinion research; authorizing a certain called party who is aggrieved by a person who violates certain provisions of law to bring an action to enjoin further violations and to recover certain damages; etc.
- HB 371**  
**Chapter 220**      **Delegate Grossman**  
ELECTION LAW – RECOUNTS – PROCEDURES
- Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records and conduct a recount in a certain manner.
- HB 76**  
**Chapter 231**      **Delegate Lopez, et al**  
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES
- Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals at least 3 years old; and altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations.
- SB 18**  
**Chapter 232**      **Senators Augustine and Lam**  
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES
- Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals who are at least 3 years old; and altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations.



**SB 684**  
**Chapter 233****Senator Augustine****HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – SUNSET REPEAL AND MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; altering requirements for certain analyses of nonquantitative treatment limitations required of health insurance carriers; establishing certain remedies the Commissioner may use to enforce compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and related reporting requirements; repealing the requirement that a certain form be used for the reporting requirements; etc.

**HB 1074**  
**Chapter 234****Delegate Bagnall, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – SUNSET REPEAL AND MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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**HB 253**  
**Chapter 241****Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)****CANNABIS REFORM – ALTERATIONS**

Making alterations and clarifications related to the duties of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, the Office of Social Equity, the Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis, and the Maryland Cannabis Administration; altering the membership of the Commission; requiring the Advisory Board to elect a chair and removing the Director of the Administration as chair; authorizing processors to provide cannabis to cannabis licensees; providing that certain violations may be charged by a citation; etc.

**SB 701****Chapter 247****Senator Beidle****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SUBSIDIES**

Altering the amount of funds in each of calendar years 2024 and 2025, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is authorized to designate for annual subsidies under the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to include unspent funds designated for subsidies for young adults in a previous calendar year.

**HB 953****Chapter 248****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SUBSIDIES**

Altering the amount of funds the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is authorized to designate for annual subsidies under the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program for certain fiscal years to include unspent funds designated for subsidies for young adults in a previous calendar year.

**HB 1230****Chapter 249****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – TIANEPTINE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale a tianeptine product to an individual; and establishing a penalty for a retailer who violates the Act of a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to 90 days or both.

**SB 1101****Chapter 252****Senator Smith, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND POLICE OFFICERS AND PROBATION AGENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of an eligible institution for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include a community college in the State.

- HB 1047**  
**Chapter 262**      **Delegate Bartlett, et al**  
CONSUMER PROTECTION – SELF-ADMINISTERED SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS
- Providing that a party in a criminal trial involving an allegation of sexually assaultive behavior may not introduce information that physical evidence of sexually assaultive behavior was obtained using certain materials; providing that selling, offering for sale, or distributing a certain self-administered sexual assault evidence collection kit is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; establishing the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program and the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program Fund; etc.
- HB 757**  
**Chapter 286**      **Delegate R. Lewis, et al**  
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATES AND CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS (BRIDGE TO MEDICAL RESIDENCY ACT)
- Authorizing a supervised medical graduate to provide delegated duties under direct supervision in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Physicians; prohibiting an individual from practicing as a supervised medical graduate for more than 2 years; and repealing the termination of certain provisions of law relating to delegation of duties by licensed physicians to cardiovascular invasive specialists.
- HB 720**  
**Chapter 310**      **Carroll County Delegation**  
CARROLL COUNTY – DEPUTY CLERK OR DEPUTY SHERIFF – OATH OF OFFICE
- Requiring that every deputy clerk or deputy sheriff in Carroll County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by the Maryland Constitution.
- SB 1108**  
**Chapter 311**      **Carroll County Senators**  
CARROLL COUNTY – DEPUTY CLERK OR DEPUTY SHERIFF – OATH OF OFFICE
- Requiring that every deputy clerk or deputy sheriff in Carroll County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by the Maryland Constitution.

**HB 471**  
**Chapter 353****Delegates Fair and Pruski****ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION PROCEDURES**

Altering the records and documents that a board of canvassers is required to investigate under certain circumstances; altering the responsibilities of the State Administrator, the State Board of Elections, and the Board of State Canvassers regarding the certification of election results; authorizing the members of the Board of State Canvassers to appoint certain designees to serve on the Board of State Canvassers; and altering the responsibilities of the Governor regarding election results.

**HB 834**  
**Chapter 370****Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – ETHICS – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND COMMISSIONER EXPULSION**

Requiring that the conflict of interest provisions enacted by Calvert County include certain provisions relating to judicial relief for certain violations of the county's conflict of interest provisions; requiring the ethics provisions enacted by Calvert County to include a provision requiring the Calvert County Ethics Commission to make public any recommendation it makes to expel a Commissioner; and requiring Calvert County to enact a law or regulation that authorizes the removal of a county elected official for certain violations.

**HB 1397**  
**Chapter 377****Delegate Simmons, et al****CIVIL RIGHTS – DISCRIMINATION BASED ON PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM**

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability; and withdrawing and repealing Chapter 244 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023.

**Except Section 1**

- SB 1106**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
**Chapter 382**      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.
- HB 1516**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 384**      **Assessments and Taxation)**
- REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS – NOTICE OF CHANGE IN VALUE OR CLASSIFICATION – TIME PERIOD
- Increasing, for taxable year 2024, the time period after which a failure to send a notice of change in value or classification creates an irrebuttable presumption that the prior value or classification of certain real property has not changed.
- HB 1064**      **Delegate Hartman, et al**  
**Chapter 416**      INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DEATH BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS
- Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for the payment of a death benefit under a collective bargaining agreement to a spouse or beneficiary of a law enforcement officer or fire fighter whose death arises out of the course of employment; and applying the Act retroactively to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

**SB 897**  
**Chapter 417****Senator Carozza, et al****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DEATH BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS**

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for the payment of a death benefit under a collective bargaining agreement from a county or municipality in the State to the surviving spouse or other beneficiary of a law enforcement officer or fire fighter whose death arises out of or in the course of employment as a law enforcement officer or fire fighter; and applying the Act retroactively to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.