

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2024 Chapters - Effective July 1, 2024

SB 478 Chapter 6

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

FAMILIES SERVE ACT OF 2024

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to spouses of eligible service members; and requiring the appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government to apply a credit of 10 points on any selection test for eligible spouses and veterans of certain uniformed services.

HB 580 Chapter 7

The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al

TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024

Increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of disaster service leave for employees in the Executive Branch of State government; and increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of paid leave the Secretary of Budget and Management may provide for uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a reserve unit of the armed forces or organized militia.

Other Maryland Areas: 1–800–492–7122 — Maryland Relay Service: 1–800–735–2258

SB 477 Chapter 8

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024

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SB 411 Chapter 11

Senator Gile, et al

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – RENAMING AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF MILITARY FAMILY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Department of Veterans and Military Families; renaming the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families; requiring the Secretary to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs; and providing that the Department of Veterans and Military Families is the successor of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HB 431 Chapter 12

Delegate Pruski, et al

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HB 646 Chapter 15

Delegate Simmons, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARY AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$7,000, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying police auxiliary or reserve volunteer.

SB 108

Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 16

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARY AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$7,000, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying police auxiliary or reserve volunteer; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

HB 112 Chapter 22

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

SB 291 Chapter 23

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

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HB 418 Chapter 28

Delegate Stein, et al

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS

Altering the composition of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by removing the Director of the Governor's Grants Office or the Director's designee and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management regarding the creation of a State Grants Ombudsperson by July 1, 2025; altering certain reporting requirements; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2029.

SB 459 Chapter 29

Senator Kagan

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Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Chapter 32 **Departmental – Health)**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS - RECIPROCAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state.

SB 221

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

Chapter 33

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS - RECIPROCAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state.

HB 60

Delegate Guyton

Chapter 36

REHABILITATION SERVICES - DISABILITY - DEFINITION

Altering the definition of "disability" relating to the provision of rehabilitation services in the State to align with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and defining "disability" as any physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment or independent living.

HB 662 Chapter 37

Delegate Guyton, et al

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS - CHILD CARE TEACHERS - MINIMUM AGE

Requiring that certain regulations governing the registration and operation of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers require that child care teachers be at least 18 years old.

HB 678 Chapter 38

Delegates Harris and Boafo

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST – TARGETED RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH EFFORTS

Altering certain principles of public higher education in the State to include a principle that public higher education in Maryland should be committed to promoting diversity and inclusion at certain institutions by attracting and graduating a diverse student body committed to service; requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a certain written policy related to targeted recruitment and outreach efforts in certain communities of interest; etc.

HB 760 Chapter 39

Delegates Palakovich Carr and Hornberger

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – REPORT

Requiring each local school system, on or before November 1 of the third year of a 6-year audit cycle, to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on the status of implementation of corrective actions to address repeat findings and recommendations identified by the Office of Legislative Audits in the most recent audit; and requiring each local school system to publish the report on its website.

HB 1048 Chapter 41

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT AND ACCESS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership and terms of members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council; altering the membership of the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access; and requiring the Commission, in coordination with the Council, to make recommendations regarding the continuation of the State's behavioral health carve—out and the financing structure and quality oversight necessary to integrate somatic and behavioral health services and ensure compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

SB 212 Chapter 42

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

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HB 144 Chapter 51

Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

SB 232 Chapter 52

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)

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Delegate Adams, et al

Chapter 55

LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Increasing, from one member to two members, the number of public members from each area served by the participating library systems on the governing board for each regional resource center.

SB 248 Chapter 56

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Library)

LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Increasing, from one member to two members, the number of public members from each area served by the participating library systems on the governing board for each regional resource center.

HB 284 Chapter 59

Delegate Palakovich Carr

EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION

Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

SB 122

Senator Augustine

Chapter 60

EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION

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HB 386 Chapter 61

Delegate Feldmark

MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)

Clarifying that secondary schools participating in the Maryland Meals for Achievement In–Classroom Breakfast Program may serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school; and authorizing elementary schools participating in the Program, subject to certain approval and allowances, to serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school, including from "Grab and Go" carts.

SB 425 Chapter 62

Senator Hettleman, et al

MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)

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SB 143 Chapter 65

Senator Gallion

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT

Clarifying a certain exemption from a certain reemployment offset for retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System and Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by a local school system under certain conditions; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to certain retirees who were reemployed by the Harford County Board of Education.

HB 1211 Chapter 66

Delegate Adams, et al

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Repealing a certain exemption from certain reemployed retiree earnings offsets for certain retirees of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; repealing certain requirements that certain participating employers pay certain offsets under certain circumstances; establishing an exemption from a reemployed retiree earnings offset for retirees of the Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by certain employers if the retiree's salary is funded from certain sources; etc.

SB 366 Chapter 67

Senators Mautz and Bailey

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Repealing a certain exemption from certain reemployed retiree earnings offsets for certain retirees of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; repealing certain requirements that certain participating employers pay certain offsets under certain circumstances; establishing an exemption from a reemployed retiree earnings offset for retirees of the Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by certain employers if the retiree's salary is funded from certain sources; etc.

HB 26 Chapter 68

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce to allow grants of up to \$10,000 in conjunction with a loan.

SB 215 Chapter 69

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce.

HB 1487 Chapter 70

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS

Reestablishing the Maryland Entertainment Council to be the Maryland Entertainment Industry Council within the Department of Commerce to assess the State's existing assets, study certain existing State programs, agencies, and offices, and make recommendations on the development of a strategic plan for Maryland's future in the entertainment industry; and requiring the Council to submit an annual report by January 1 each year and a report of certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

SB 209 Chapter 71

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements relating to industry representation on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the purpose of the Commission; repealing a requirement that the Office of International Trade make a certain report to the Commission; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Tourism Development Board submit certain plans to the Commission.

SB 214 Chapter 72

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council to include the Maryland Secretary of Labor or a designee, the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee, and the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County; and increasing the number of members selected by the Governor from 5 to 6 and requiring that at least one is a spouse of a service member.

SB 210 Chapter 75

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE DATE

Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2030, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and COVID-19 immunizations under certain circumstances.

SB 216 Chapter 78

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO INSURE – PENALTIES

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the cap on penalties for an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance or comply with an order of the State Workers' Compensation Commission regarding an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance.

SB 280 Chapter 95

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

NOTARIAL ACTS – PROTEST FORM REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that a notary public use a certain protest form.

HB 197 Chapter 102

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DURING A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work–attached.

SB 234 Chapter 103

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

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HB 244 Chapter 104

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT – CIVIL PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain civil penalties for violations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to annually increase the maximum and minimum civil penalties, beginning in 2025, by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or a successor index published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SB 298 Chapter 108

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

STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – LICENSING – PENALTIES

Authorizing the State Board of Electricians to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 instead of or in addition to reprimanding a licensee or suspending or revoking a license for certain violations; requiring the Board to consider certain factors to determine the amount of a penalty imposed under the Act; and requiring by October 1, 2024, the Board to submit to certain committees of the General Assembly a report, covering years 2018 through 2023, on the Board's practices and processes for the timely resolution of complaints against licensees.

Except Section 1

HB 237 Chapter 109

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD LICENSE – GEAR

Repealing certain buffer zones within which a commercial northern snakehead licensee may not fish using bowfishing gear; and requiring a licensee who fishes for northern snakehead to comply with Department of Natural Resources regulations governing the use of gear.

SB 302 Chapter 110

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

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SB 303 Chapter 114

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AQUACULTURE – DEFINITION OF SHELLFISH – ALTERATION

Altering the definition of "shellfish" as it relates to certain provisions of law governing aquaculture to include live bivalves and bivalve shells.

HB 599 Chapter 123

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION – ESTABLISHMENT (HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCING ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Corporation as an independent unit to make investments and financial assistance available in certain low–income communities in the State; expanding the eligible uses of the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund to include grants and loans for credit enhancement for certain projects; requiring that members of the investment committee to be geographically representative of the locations of low–income communities in the State; etc.

HB 1386 Chapter 128

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

EDUCATION – SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ANTIBIAS TRAINING – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for an antibias training program for school employees; requiring each county board of education to offer training based on the guidelines; requiring each county board, every other year, to provide antibias training to each public school employee whose job duties include frequent interaction with students; requiring that antibias training be job—embedded, paid professional development training that is provided during nonteaching time; etc.

HB 609 Chapter 132

Delegate Solomon, et al

EDUCATION – PUBLIC LIBRARIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (LIBRARY WORKERS EMPOWERMENT ACT)

Authorizing employees of public libraries to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; requiring employers and certified exclusive representatives to engage in good faith bargaining; establishing a collective bargaining process for employees of public libraries; prohibiting employers and employee organizations from engaging in certain actions regarding the exercise of an employee's rights under the Act; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

HB 1005 Chapter 135

Delegate McCaskill

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP

Altering membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain employees of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer the creditable service of employees transferred into the Correctional Officers' Retirement System under the Act unless the employee elects not to transfer service on or before June 1, 2025; authorizing certain employees to elect not to transfer service; etc.

SB 972 Chapter 136

Senator Guzzone

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MEMBERSHIP

Altering membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain employees of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer the creditable service of employees transferred into the Correctional Officers' Retirement System under the Act; authorizing certain employees to elect, on or before June 1, 2025, not to transfer service to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; etc.

HB 1086 Chapter 138

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain benefits that a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted of a crime is entitled to receive; requiring the State to notify a certain individual of certain information in writing under certain circumstances when the State intends to reduce or prevent an award of compensation to the individual; and repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to the filing of a certain petition for compensation.

SB 890 Chapter 139

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain benefits that a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted of a crime is entitled to receive; requiring the State to notify a certain individual of certain information in writing under certain circumstances when the State intends to reduce or prevent an award of compensation to the individual; and repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to the filing of a certain petition for compensation.

HB 723 Chapter 141

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Authorizing the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief on behalf of the State on the basis of an imminent or ongoing violation of certain rights of residents of certain health care facilities; requiring that the resident bill of rights for assisted living program residents include certain rights; and prohibiting the Attorney General from duplicating certain corrective action by the Maryland Department of Health.

SB 1103 Chapter 142

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

HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS – OUTPATIENT FACILITY FEES

Altering the required contents of the written notice regarding outpatient facility fees; requiring the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, in consultation with certain entities, to study and make recommendations regarding hospital outpatient facility fees; requiring the Commission to convene a workgroup on outpatient facility fees notices; and requiring the Commission to submit, on or before December 1, 2024, a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on certain recommendations.

HB 241 Chapter 147

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – JUST COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Authorizing the Governor, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, to designate certain areas as Just Communities based on certain criteria; and providing for the prioritization of State funding for Just Communities to increase racial, economic and health equity in the State.

SB 308 Chapter 148

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – JUST COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Authorizing the Governor, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, to designate certain areas as Just Communities based on certain criteria; and providing for the prioritization of State funding for Just Communities to increase racial, economic, and health equity in the State.

HB 577 Chapter 151

Delegate Grossman, et al

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOMELESS SHELTER LICENSING PROGRAM

Establishing the Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Study to review current habitability and admissions standards of homeless shelters in the State; and requiring the Study to report to a certain Assistant Secretary in the Department and certain committees in the General Assembly by July 1, 2025, its recommendations on habitability and admission standards and a plan to establish a program in the Department to license homeless shelters.

SB 1107

Senator M. Washington, et al

Chapter 152

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOMELESS SHELTER LICENSING PROGRAM

Establishing the Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Study to review current habitability and admissions standards of homeless shelters in the State; and requiring the Study, by July 1, 2025, to report to the Assistant Secretary of the Homeless Solutions Division of the Department and certain committees of the General Assembly on its recommendations for a plan to establish a program to license homeless shelters in the State.

HB 283 Chapter 153

Delegate Palakovich Carr

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – IDENTIFYING SUITABLE PROPERTY

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development identify certain property as suitable for use or redevelopment; prohibiting the Department from identifying certain property for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring the Department to consider certain factors when identifying whether a property is suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

SB 333 Chapter 154

Senator Hettleman

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – IDENTIFYING SUITABLE PROPERTY

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Delegate Taylor

Chapter 155

APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Expanding eligibility for financial assistance under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program to include individuals who purchase certain qualified property after a qualified project is completed, at an affordable sales price as determined by certain regulations, and as an owner–occupant.

SB 704

Senator Hayes

Chapter 156

APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Expanding eligibility for financial assistance under the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program to include individuals who purchase certain qualified property after a qualified project is completed, at an affordable sales price as determined by certain regulations, and as an owner–occupant.

SB 418

Senator Watson

Chapter 157

SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the purpose and use of the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to include providing grants and loans to anchor institutions for a certain purpose in sustainable communities; and repealing a requirement that certain matching funds be from a private source.

HB 510

Delegate Stewart

Chapter 158

BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE FUNDING RECIPIENTS

Expanding the eligible recipients of funding provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development under the Business Facade Improvement Program to include community development organizations that serve at least one sustainable community and apply for funds.

SB 394

Chapter 159

Senator Hester, et al

CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECT TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS

Altering the amount of a certain credit against the State income tax that certain persons may claim for certain construction and rehabilitation costs for certain catalytic revitalization projects in the State; repealing a certain limitation on the number of initial tax credit certificates the Secretary of Housing and Community Development may award within a 2—year period; prohibiting the Secretary from revoking a tax credit certificate awarded on or before July 1, 2024, except under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 202

Senator Benson

Chapter 161

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – CAREGIVER EXPENSE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Caregiver Expense Grant Program in the Department of Aging to award grants to certain caregivers for up to 30% of the qualified expenses that exceed \$2,000 paid or incurred by the caregiver to provide care or support to certain qualified family members; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of up to \$5,000,000 to the Program.

HB 151 Chapter 162

Delegate Patterson

CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCY PROCEDURES – TIMING AND VIDEO STREAMING AND ARCHIVING

Requiring the Charles County Board of Education to fill a vacancy on the county board within 90 days after the vacancy occurs; authorizing the Board to choose not to fill a vacancy that occurs in an election year for a seat that is vacant; and requiring the county board to make publicly available through its website live video streaming and complete video recordings of public meetings during which the county board conducts interviews of applicants for a vacancy on the county board.

Delegate Feldmark, et al

Chapter 163

PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS – VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES (THE BAILEY BULLOCK ACT)

Requiring that each public middle school and high school alter the venue—specific emergency action plan for athletic facilities to incorporate a cardiac emergency response plan; requiring each nonpublic middle school and high school that receives State funding to develop a venue—specific emergency action plan for athletic facilities; specifying the contents of a nonpublic venue—specific emergency action plan; and requiring that the emergency action plans be reviewed and updated annually.

HB 1441 Chapter 165

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS

Altering staff qualifications in eligible prekindergarten programs; authorizing a county board to apply for funding to lease space for prekindergarten programs; establishing an early childhood educator career ladder; requiring the Department of Education to establish prekindergarten provider hubs; requiring the Department to distribute a list of eligible private prekindergarten providers; requiring the Governor to appropriate in fiscal year 2026 an amount that is at least equal to the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2024; etc.

SB 540 Chapter 166

Senator Gile, et al

EDUCATION – SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the Maryland Center for School Safety; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide funds to local school systems to produce school mapping data for each public school in the county, including public charter schools, to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at a school; requiring a custodian of records to deny inspection of any school mapping data produced under the Program; etc.

Chapter 167

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

EDUCATION – SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the Maryland Center for School Safety; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide funds to local school systems to produce school mapping data for each public school and public charter school in the county to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at a school; authorizing the use of the Safe Schools Fund to provide funding to local school systems for the program; and requiring a certain custodian of records to deny inspection of school mapping data.

HB 1163 Chapter 168

Delegate Atterbeary

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education to ensure the State match amount for the Division is met as required by certain federal acts.

SB 859 Chapter 169

Senators Zucker and Guzzone

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education to ensure the State match amount for the Division is met as required by certain federal acts.

SB 797

Senator Hester, et al Chapter 170

EDUCATION - ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS, ADVOCATES, AND CONSULTANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND FUND - ESTABLISHED

Requiring certain information to be provided to the parents of a child with a disability under certain circumstances; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Program; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund beginning in fiscal year 2026; etc.

HB 903 Chapter 171

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

EDUCATION - ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS, ADVOCATES, AND CONSULTANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND FUND - ESTABLISHED

Requiring certain information to be provided to the parents of a child with a disability under certain circumstances; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Program; establishing the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund beginning in fiscal year 2026; etc.

HB 336 Chapter 172

Delegate Forbes, et al

MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – MATERIALS FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN, AND 504 PLAN MEETINGS

Requiring a local school system to provide to parents at certain individualized education program, individualized family service plan, and 504 plan meetings for children with disabilities certain written informational materials regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; requiring the State Treasurer to develop informational materials about the Maryland ABLE Program that may be distributed electronically or by hand; and requiring the State Treasurer to provide informational materials to the State Board of Education and county boards.

SB 592 Chapter 173

Senator Zucker, et al

MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – MATERIALS FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN, AND 504 PLAN MEETINGS

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SB 967 Chapter 174

Senator Zucker, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – PART–TIME SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Allowing an applicant of a part–time senatorial or delegate scholarship with a documented disability to request from the Maryland Higher Education Commission a waiver from the requirement to carry at least 6 semester hours of courses each semester.

Delegate Wolek, et al

Chapter 175

HIGHER EDUCATION – PART–TIME SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Allowing an applicant of a part–time senatorial or delegate scholarship with a documented disability to request from the Maryland Higher Education Commission a waiver from the requirement to carry at least 6 semester hours of courses each semester.

SB 1077

Senators Corderman and Hester

Chapter 179

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEES – APPROPRIATIONS

Authorizing local school systems to use certain funds for school security employees.

SB 434

Senator King, et al

Chapter 180

EDUCATION - STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER - FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SB 376

Senator King, et al

Chapter 181

HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND MPOWERING JOINT STEERING COUNCIL – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget for the University of Maryland School of Medicine to provide clinical care at the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center; and requiring the Governor to include in the budget for the MPowering Joint Steering Council to use exclusively on the University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing appropriations of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026, \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027, \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2028, and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2029 and after.

HB 416 Chapter 182

Delegates Solomon and Atterbeary

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY DRILLS OR TRAININGS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to collaborate with an institution of higher education or a designated federal or national research entity to study the effectiveness and impact of active shooter safety drills or trainings by researching and analyzing data collected by local school systems; requiring the Center to identify best practices for active shooter safety drills or trainings on or before October 1, 2024; requiring local school systems to provide parents with the annual schedule of active shooter safety drills; etc.

HB 1139 Chapter 183

Delegate Solomon

GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM – PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program as a permanent program; and extending the appropriation that the Governor is required to make in the annual budget bill to the Program to fiscal year 2026.

SB 882

Senator King

Chapter 184

GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM – PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program as a permanent program; and extending the appropriation that the Governor is required to make in the annual budget bill to the Program to fiscal year 2026.

SB 377 Chapter 185

Senator King

HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of "institution of initial eligibility" to include community colleges as eligible institutions as part of the criteria for applicants for the Teacher Development and Retention Program; altering certain school years for participation in the Program; altering the evaluation requirements for the Program; authorizing the Teacher Development and Retention Fund to be used for administrative expenses for the Program; and extending the termination date for the Program from June 30, 2029, to June 30, 2030.

HB 75 Chapter 186

Delegate Ebersole

HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of "institution of initial eligibility" to include community colleges as eligible institutions as part of the criteria for applicants for the Teacher Development and Retention Program; altering the evaluation requirements for the Program; requiring the Higher Education Commission to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Program and report the results to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2030; and altering the termination date from June 30, 2029 to June 30, 2030.

SB 771 Chapter 187

Senator M. Washington

EDUCATION – INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION – REOUIREMENTS

Repealing a provision of law that requires a teacher preparation program to require a student to pass a certain assessment as a graduation requirement; altering the requirements for initial teacher certification; authorizing a local school system to establish a comprehensive induction program to aid in meeting a certain requirement for initial teacher certification; and altering the qualification requirements for a teacher who holds a professional license or certificate from another state.

HB 945 Chapter 188

Delegate Ebersole, et al

EDUCATION – INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a provision of law that requires a teacher preparation program to require a student to pass a certain assessment as a graduation requirement; altering the requirements for initial teacher certification; authorizing a local school system to establish a comprehensive induction program to aid in meeting a certain requirement for initial teacher certification; altering the qualification requirements for a teacher who holds a professional license or certificate from another state; etc.

SB 577

Senator King

Chapter 189

INCOME TAX – OPPORTUNITY FOR FILERS TO REGISTER TO MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFT

Requiring the Comptroller to implement procedures to offer an individual filing a Maryland resident individual income tax return electronically the opportunity to register to make an anatomical gift in accordance with the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act through a hyperlink to a certain anatomical gift donor registry; etc.

HB 1068 Chapter 190

Delegate Feldmark

INCOME TAX – OPPORTUNITY FOR FILERS TO REGISTER TO MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFT

Requiring the Comptroller to implement procedures to offer certain income tax return filers the opportunity to register to make an anatomical gift in accordance with the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act through a hyperlink to the anatomical gift donor registry.

SB 579

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 191

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS – UNIVERSAL EXPANSION REPORT

Requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1, 2024, to report to the General Assembly on a cost estimate for providing free breakfast and lunch to all students in public schools in the State; and requiring the Department, as part of its report, to compile research completed in other states that have established universal meal programs and prepare a summary of any findings presented in those reports.

SB 581

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 192

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – STATE AND LOCAL COST–SHARE

Altering the State and local cost—share formula for the Public School Construction Program for the Maryland School for the Blind to set the State share at 100%.

HB 773

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 193

HUMAN SERVICES – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SERVICE–DISABLED VETERANS BOATING FUND

Establishing the Individuals With Disabilities and Service–Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding and surfing opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service–disabled veterans; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the Fund; prohibiting the Department from providing a grant of more than \$40,000 in a fiscal year; and establishing the qualifications for certain nonprofit organizations to receive a grant from the Fund.

SB 597

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 194

HUMAN SERVICES – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SERVICE–DISABLED VETERANS BOATING FUND

Establishing the Individuals with Disabilities and Service–Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, and surfing opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service–disabled veterans; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the Fund; establishing the qualifications for nonprofit organizations to receive grants from the Fund; etc.

HB 522 Chapter 195

Delegate D. Jones, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS – STATE GUIDELINES, POLICIES, AND ACCESS

Requiring, by December 31, 2024, the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to adopt certain State guidelines for school health services regarding student access to telehealth appointments during the school day on the premises of public middle and high schools in the State; and requiring each county board of education to adopt and implement a certain student telehealth policy before the start of the 2025–2026 school year.

HB 136 Chapter 207

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS, PREVAILING WAGE, AND LIVING WAGE – EMPLOYER ADVERSE ACTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or hearings; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, within 90 days after receipt of a written complaint, to investigate a violation and attempt to resolve the issue informally through mediation; etc.

Delegate Ghrist, et al

Chapter 209

PREKINDERGARTEN – ULYSSES CURRIE HEAD START PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FUNDS

Authorizing a provider in the Ulysses Currie Head Start Program to receive certain State funds under certain circumstances; and exempting providers in the Program from certain State requirements for eligible prekindergarten providers.

SB 370

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 210

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAMILIES PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program to provide rental assistance to eligible student households; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to administer the Program; establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

HB 428 Chapter 211

Delegate Stewart

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAMILIES PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program to provide rental assistance to eligible student households; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to administer the Program; establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 212
HOUSING INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM AND HOUSING INNOVATION FUND — ESTABLISHMENT (HOUSING INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Housing Innovation Fund to provide loans for local housing authorities and county governments to develop mixed—income, cross—subsidized housing; establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist public housing authorities and county governments in increasing housing production and to reward counties pursuing solutions to the problem of housing scarcity; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund in certain fiscal years; etc.

SB 395

Senators Augustine and Rosapepe

Chapter 215

HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER OF CREDITS – ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (CREDIT FOR ALL LANGUAGE LEARNING (CALL) ACT)

Requiring a public community college to consider a course or program for English as a second language or English language learner as eligible for world language or humanities credit toward an associate's degree under certain circumstances; requiring that certain credits earned by students who transfer from community colleges to public institutions of higher education in the State be transferable; and requiring private nonprofit institutions of higher education in the State to review and consider the transfer of certain credits.

HB 569 Chapter 216

Delegate Solomon

HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER OF CREDITS – ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (CREDIT FOR ALL LANGUAGE LEARNING (CALL) ACT)

Requiring a public community college to consider a course or program for English as a second language or English language learner as eligible for world language or humanities credit toward an associate's degree if the course is not classified as remedial; requiring the transferability of world language credits earned by students who transfer from community colleges to institutions of higher education; and requiring institutions of higher education to review and consider the transfer of certain credits for language or humanities courses.

Delegates Solomon and Palakovich Carr

Chapter 217

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BUDGETS – NOTICE (TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION SPENDING ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a process for the uniform and timely reporting of certain county board of education budget information to a county governing body; requiring a county board to post certain budget information on the county board's public—facing website, in an easily identifiable location; requiring a certain audit to be sent to the county council or the county commissioners; etc.

SB 1026 Chapter 218

Senator Brooks

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BUDGETS – NOTICE (TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION SPENDING ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a process for the uniform and timely reporting of certain county board of education budget information to a county governing body; requiring a county board to post certain budget information on the county board's public—facing website in an easily identifiable location; requiring a certain audit to be sent to the county council or the county commissioners; etc.

HB 971 Chapter 219

Delegates Grossman and Wims

WASHINGTON COUNTY – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY WAIVER AND SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to waive a certain eligibility requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics at a certain Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association member school for students who attend certain public high schools; requiring the Washington County Superintendent of Schools to report to the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association the school enrollment of member schools in grades 9, 10, and 11 as of September 30 of each even—numbered year; etc.

SB 500

Senator M. Washington

Chapter 222

EDUCATION – CHILD CARE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the qualifications for an award from the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund to include a service obligation to work in an approved child care setting for at least 20 hours per week; requiring the Office of Child Care to prioritize grant awards to certain applicants; requiring award recipients who do not perform the service obligation to repay certain award funding except under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

HB 899

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 223

HIGHER EDUCATION – CHARLES W. RILEY FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship to make the scholarship applicable to all programs at institutions of higher education in the State; altering the maximum award available, when a scholarship should be credited, and to whom initial awards should be provided under the scholarship; etc.

SB 691 Chapter 224

Senator Augustine

HIGHER EDUCATION – CHARLES W. RILEY FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship to make the scholarship applicable to all courses at institutions of higher education in the State; and altering the maximum award available, when a scholarship should be credited, and to whom initial awards should be provided under the scholarship.

SB 937

Senator Augustine

Chapter 227

GROW YOUR OWN EDUCATORS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program to provide grants to local school systems for employees who pledge to fulfill a certain service obligation as a full—time teacher in the State; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and to take certain actions to develop and implement the Program; establishing the eligibility for certain teacher candidates in the Program and requiring teacher candidates to be paid a certain rate and offered certain benefits under the Program; etc.

HB 1157

Delegate Wilkins

Chapter 228

GROW YOUR OWN EDUCATORS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program to provide grants to local school systems for employees who pledge to fulfill a certain service obligation as a full—time teacher in the State; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and to take certain actions to develop and implement the Program; establishing the eligibility for certain teacher candidates in the Program and requiring teacher candidates to be paid a certain rate and offered certain benefits under the Program; etc.

HB 200 Chapter 229

Delegate Wilkins

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements for community schools and community school coordinators; requiring the Director of Community Schools to create a common needs assessment tool and an evaluation form; requiring a community school coordinator to complete a needs assessment and an evaluation in a certain manner; requiring the State Department of Education to provide feedback on the needs assessment before granting approval; and requiring the coordinator to review and modify the plan implementation periodically.

SB 161 Chapter 230

Senator A. Washington

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements for community schools and community school coordinators; requiring the Director of Community Schools to create a common needs assessment tool and an evaluation form; requiring a community school coordinator to complete an evaluation and a needs assessment in a certain manner; authorizing the State Department of Education to provide comments to community school coordinators on implementation plans; etc.

SB 69 Chapter 235

Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Increasing by two members the membership of the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County; and requiring the Governor to consider the geographic and ethnic representation of Anne Arundel County when making appointments to the Board.

HB 327

Delegate Bagnall

Chapter 236

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Increasing by two members the membership of the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County; and requiring the Governor to consider the geographic and ethnic representation of Anne Arundel County when making appointments to the Board.

HB 545 Chapter 250

Delegate Mireku-North

JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY GRASMICK PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL AWARD – PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES

Expanding the Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award within the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include public school nurses who are licensed as registered nurses, provide health services in public schools, and are employed by a county school system or a local health department to provide health services through an agreement with a county board.

SB 441 Chapter 251

Senator Beidle

JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY GRASMICK PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL AWARD – SCHOOL NURSES

Expanding the Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award within the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include school nurses who are licensed as registered nurses, provide health services in public schools, and are employed by a county school system or a local health department to provide health services through an agreement with a county board.

HB 1440 Chapter 261

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DIFFERENCES IN CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS – REPORT HO. CO. 16–24

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a report that details the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of Schools' proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard County Board of Education and the detailed rationale for each difference; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit the report to the General Assembly; etc.

Senator Hayes

Chapter 263

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – MEMBERSHIP

Requiring that certain appointing officials in making appointments to the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland ensure that one member of the Board is a graduate of a historically Black college or university in the University System of Maryland; and applying the Act only after the next vacancy occurs on the Board of Regents after July 1, 2024.

HB 534

Delegate Ruff, et al

Chapter 264

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Extending the termination date for the Live Near Your School program and a related homebuyer program from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2030.

SB 90

Senator Hayes

Chapter 265

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Extending the termination date for the Live Near Your School program and a related homebuyer program from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2030.

HB 1195

Delegate Palakovich Carr

Chapter 273

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – ANAPHYLACTIC FOOD ALLERGIES – GUIDELINES AND INDEMNITY (ELIJAH'S LAW)

Requiring the State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health to develop guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic major food allergens in child care settings; requiring the State Department of Education to create a certain model policy; requiring certain large family child care homes and child care centers to adopt a policy to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic major food allergens; and providing that certain child care providers and employees are immune from civil liability.

Chapter 274

Delegate Palakovich Carr

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BID ADVERTISEMENT THRESHOLD AND ELECTRONIC POSTING OF HEARING NOTICES AND BID ADVERTISEMENTS

Requiring county boards of education to post on the websites of certain local school systems hearing notices related to preliminary approval of a school site and advertisements for bids for school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that exceed \$100,000; increasing, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the threshold amount of costs of school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that trigger the requirement for county boards to advertise for bids; etc.

SB 170

Senator Gallion

Chapter 275

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BID ADVERTISEMENT THRESHOLD AND ELECTRONIC POSTING OF HEARING NOTICES AND BID ADVERTISEMENTS

Requiring county boards of education to post certain hearing notices and bid advertisements on the websites of certain local school systems; increasing the threshold amount of costs of school buildings, improvements, supplies, and equipment that require county boards to advertise for bids from \$25,000 to \$100,000; and updating the reference to the State's centralized procurement platform on which county boards may advertise for bids for school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment.

SB 180 Chapter 279

Senator Hester

PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – BRONCHODILATORS – USE, AVAILABILITY, TRAINING, AND POLICIES

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with certain groups, to develop training for certain school personnel to identify symptoms of anaphylaxis, asthma, and respiratory distress in students; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with county boards, and authorizing nonpublic schools to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train school personnel to administer in emergency situations bronchodilators to a student who is determined to be, or is perceived to be, experiencing certain symptoms; etc.

HB 86 Chapter 280

Delegate Boyce, et al

PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – BRONCHODILATORS – USE, AVAILABILITY, TRAINING, AND POLICIES

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with certain groups, to develop training for certain school personnel to identify symptoms of anaphylaxis, asthma, and respiratory distress in students; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with county boards, and authorizing nonpublic schools to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train certain school personnel to administer emergency bronchodilators to a student who is determined to be, or is perceived to be, experiencing asthma—related symptoms; etc.

SB 33 Chapter 281

Senator Rosapepe, et al

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER–FOCUSED STUDENTS ACT OF 2024

Requiring each public high school to inform students of certain employment and skills training opportunities in the same manner the school informs students of postsecondary educational options; requiring, when informing certain students about certain career opportunities, each public high school to highlight opportunities in high–skilled careers that do not require completion of a college degree and are in high demand; and requiring a county board to assist public high schools in completing the requirements of the Act.

SB 846 Chapter 284

Senator Klausmeier

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STUDY ON ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on or before December 1, 2024, to conduct a study on the actively seeking work requirement of the unemployment insurance system in the State and other states to evaluate the effects of ghosting on actively seeking work requirements and report on the study to the General Assembly.

Delegates Adams and Fisher

Chapter 285

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STUDY ON ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on or before December 1, 2024, to conduct a study on the actively seeking work requirement of the unemployment insurance system in the State and other states to evaluate the effects of ghosting on actively seeking work requirements and report on the study to the General Assembly.

HB 1167 Chapter 293

Delegate Foley, et al

MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – SECURE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Secure Schools Emergency Response Grant Program to be administered by the Maryland Center for School Safety to provide funds to improve emergency notification systems and communications between public elementary and secondary school personnel, a public safety answering point, and a public safety agency during emergency events; requiring the Center to ensure that the Program is operating and available to each county board by September 1, 2026; and authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill.

HB 539 Chapter 299

Delegate Henson, et al

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to authorize a student to withdraw from the institution under extenuating circumstances and to refund the student for tuition and fees paid by the student for a certain semester under certain circumstances.

Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 300

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to authorize a student to withdraw from the institution under extenuating circumstances and to refund the student for tuition and fees paid by the student for a certain semester under certain circumstances.

HB 821 Chapter 303

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STUDENT SUPPORT – SPECIALIST NETWORKS AND SUCCESS ACTION PLANS (STUDENT SUPPORTS AND SUCCESS ACT) PG 502–24

Establishing a Student Support Specialist Network consisting of certain school—based personnel at each public high school in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop a certain template using certain guidelines by December 31, 2024; and requiring each Student Support Specialist Network in the county to develop, complete, and implement a certain plan, subject to review and approval by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

SB 654 Chapter 304

Senator A. Washington

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STUDENT SUPPORT AND SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES AND REPORT – SUNSET EXTENSION

Establishing a Student Support Specialist Network consisting of certain school—based personnel at each public high school in Prince George's County; requiring the County Board of Education to develop a certain template using certain guidelines on or before December 31, 2024; altering the reporting date for the County to report to the County Council, the County School Board, and the County delegation to the General Assembly on the impact of the school facilities surcharge and the public safety surcharge to December 1, 2026; etc.

Senator Gile

Chapter 320

EDUCATION – ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY – STUDENT INFORMATION

Requiring public schools in the State to notify students taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and parents or guardians of students taking the ASVAB of the option to prohibit the release of a student's ASVAB test scores to military recruiters; and repealing the requirement that certain schools provide certain notice to certain individuals regarding the release of student information and ASVAB test scores.

HB 1492

Delegate Rogers

Chapter 321

EDUCATION – ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY – STUDENT INFORMATION

Requiring public schools in the State to notify students taking the ASVAB and parents or guardians of students taking the ASVAB of the option to prohibit the release of a student's ASVAB test scores to military recruiters; and repealing the requirement that certain schools provide certain notice to certain individuals regarding the release of student information and ASVAB test scores.

HB 1082 Chapter 336

Delegates Smith and Toles

BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION – FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATORS

Requiring for each fiscal year each county board of education to provide \$150,000 for the salary and benefits of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future implementation coordinator in the county; and requiring the implementation coordinator's salary and benefits to be paid for by the State and the county in a certain proportion.

HB 367 Chapter 337

Delegate Smith, et al

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Requiring on or before certain dates each community college to develop and implement a plan to provide students with access to over—the—counter contraception; requiring each community college to submit a certain report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by September 1 each year; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 each year; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide certain assistance to a community college.

SB 527 Chapter 338

Senators Kelly and Kagan

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2025, each community college to develop and implement a plan to provide students with access to over—the—counter contraception; requiring each community college to submit a certain report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before September 1 each year; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 each year; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide certain assistance to a community college.

SB 875 Chapter 340

Senator Kelly

MIRIAM KELTY AGING AND SENIOR SOCIAL CONNECTION HUB AND SPOKE PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Miriam Kelty Aging and Senior Social Connection Hub and Spoke Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Aging; establishing the purpose and the goals of the Pilot Program are to support the "village" concept of local, volunteer—led organizations that aim to provide certain services to community members who choose to age in place and to expand those services to more residents in the geographic region; and requiring the Montgomery County Village Consortium to establish a certain plan and submit certain reports.

Chapter 341

Delegate Wolek, et al

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Establishing the Miriam Kelty Aging and Senior Social Connection Hub and Spoke Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Aging; establishing that the purpose and the goals of the Pilot Program are to support the "village" concept of local, volunteer—led organizations that aim to provide certain services to community members who choose to age in place and to expand those services to more residents in the geographic region; and requiring the Montgomery County Village Consortium to establish a certain plan and submit certain reports.

HB 811 Chapter 342

Delegate Wolek, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – FINANCIAL WELL–BEING PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Financial Well–Being Pilot Program at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus and Morgan State University to provide comprehensive financial guidance and coaching to help students who may benefit from financial coaching services; requiring by August 1, 2024, each participating institution to hire one full–time financial well–being coach; requiring each financial well–being coach to create a document with best practices and guidance for other institutions to use to create a financial well–being program; etc.

HB 607 Chapter 355

Delegate Harris

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship are not subject to certain requirements of the scholarship application process if the applicant enrolls in a noncredit vocational certificate program, enrolls in a sequence of noncredit courses leading to licensure or certification, or participates in a registered apprenticeship program.

Baltimore County Delegation

Chapter 356

EDUCATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – PUBLISHING AND MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to publish the names of the candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education on the Commission's website before interviewing the candidates; requiring meetings of the Commission that involve action on a candidate for appointment to the county board to be public; and requiring certain meetings of the Commission to be held without the public in attendance and recorded and for the recording to be provided within 48 hours of receiving a request for the recording.

HB 4 Chapter 363

Delegate J. Lewis

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – ADMISSIONS STANDARDS – PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF LEGACY PREFERENCE OR DONOR PREFERENCE

Prohibiting institutions of higher education that receive State funds from considering a legacy preference or donor preference as an eligible criterion for admissions standards at the institution; and allowing an institution of higher education to ask applicants for information regarding familial relationships to alums of the institution for data collection purposes.

HB 995 Chapter 367

Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring that a member of the Washington County Board of Education be a resident of Washington County for at least 6 months and the State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date the member takes office; and requiring members of the county board to maintain a primary residence in Washington County during their term.

Washington County Senators

Chapter 368

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring that a member of the Washington County Board of Education be a resident of Washington County for at least 6 months and a resident of the State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date the member takes office; and requiring members of the county board to maintain a primary residence in Washington County during their term.

HB 1409

Dorchester County Delegation

Chapter 381

DORCHESTER COUNTY – DEFINITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE – ALTERATION

Altering the definition of "public school employee" to include supervisory noncertificated employees in Dorchester County for purposes of collective bargaining.

SB 289 Chapter 385

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

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR – ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Increasing from 5% to 15% the percentage of the administrative expenses of the Office of the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the Department may pay from a certain fund.

SB 245 Chapter 386

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Adding the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to the governmental activities and units subject to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; and extending the termination date to June 30, 2035, for certain provisions of law related to the Commission.

SB 236 Chapter 387

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Acupuncture Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 237 Chapter 388

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, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 238 Chapter 389

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Dietetic Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 239 Chapter 390

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 240 Chapter 391

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, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 257 Chapter 392

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 by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 241 Chapter 393

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, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

SB 242 Chapter 394

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 by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Board, by December 1, 2024, to report to certain committees of the General Assembly information from the preceding 6—month period on processing times for license issuance and renewal, complaint resolution times, and the rate of compliance with certain requirements.

SB 288 Chapter 398

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

STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORT

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers 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; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2025.

HB 1525 Chapter 403

Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Stadium Authority)

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CAMDEN YARDS FOOTBALL SPORTS FACILITY SPECIAL FUNDS – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Capital Works Fund and the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Emergency Repair Fund as special, nonlapsing funds to be administered by the Maryland Stadium Authority; providing that the purpose of the funds is to enable the Authority to pay all expenses related to capital improvements and repairs at the Camden Yards football sports facility; and requiring the transfer of certain amounts from a certain source into the funds.

SB 482 Chapter 408

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN – ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM (ENOUGH ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Governor's Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children as the head of the Office; requiring the Special Secretary to chair the Children's Cabinet; requiring the Office to staff the Children's Cabinet; requiring the Children's Cabinet to meet not less than four times each year; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board, in consultation with certain departments, to submit a certain recommendation to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025; etc.

SB 474 Chapter 411

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND RELATED APPROVALS – DEFINITION OF GENERATING STATION (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE STREAMLINING ACT OF 2024)

Altering and establishing the definition of "generating station" for the purpose of exempting the construction of certain generating facilities used to produce electricity for the purpose of on—site emergency backup and certain test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances; and altering the distribution of income tax revenue from corporations that is attributable to certain data centers.

HB 581 Chapter 412

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each principal department and independent unit to create a catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and to submit the catalog to the Governor on or before October 1, 2024; requiring each department and independent unit to post certain completed information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of each department or independent unit by October 1, 2025; and establishing the Government Efficiency Commission.

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

Chapter 413

STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each principal department and independent unit to create a catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and submit the catalog to the Governor on or before October 1, 2024; requiring each principal department and independent unit to post a completed update of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of the department or independent unit on or before October 1, 2025; and establishing the Government Efficiency Commission.

SB 740 Chapter 418

Senator Gile, et al

OPERATING A VESSEL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL – ENFORCEMENT (NICK'S LAW)

Altering the time period within which a court may prohibit a person convicted under certain circumstances of operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol from operating a vessel on the waters of the State; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Natural Resources Police Force, to establish and maintain a database of persons prohibited from operating a vessel on the waters of the State due to a certain conviction for operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol; etc.

HB 1128 Chapter 421

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – TALENT INNOVATION PROGRAM AND FUND

Establishing the Talent Innovation Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to increase access to high–quality job training by using innovative and sustainable talent financing mechanisms to help meet skill needs in the State's prominent and emerging industry sectors; and requiring the Department, beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on Program activities and use of the Talent Innovation Fund.

SB 258 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Chapter 423 Request – Departmental – General Services)

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES – ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Altering the State's goals for reducing energy consumption in State buildings; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to update the High Performance Green Building Program to ensure that the Program aligns with certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; requiring the Department of General Services to identify State—owned facilities that are potential candidates for energy performance contracts; etc.

HB 78 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 425 Maryland Environmental Service)

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – GOVERNANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain responsibilities to an employee of the Service; altering the obligations of the Service after receiving a request for services and after entering into a contract; requiring that an audit be made of the financial books, records, and accounts of the Service by November 15 each year; and requiring the Service to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities by November 15 each year.

HB 183 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

HUMAN SERVICES – FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Making technical and clarifying changes to the administration of certain food supplement benefits for children; authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain funding to provide certain matching funds to a county to supplement certain benefits and to offset certain administrative costs; altering certain eligibility and certain requirements for the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarships; and authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to prorate scholarship repayment under certain circumstances.

Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 434

COMMISSION TO STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland to study the history of the African American soldiers who fought for the Union Army in Maryland and to make findings and recommendations regarding the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to the African American Civil War soldiers; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

SB 1084

Senator M. Washington

Chapter 442

WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing to study and make recommendations regarding certain services, programs, advocacy, outreach efforts, and other items to improve the quality of life of individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2025.

HB 1069 Chapter 443

Delegate Kaufman, et al

WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing to study and make recommendations regarding certain services, programs, advocacy, outreach efforts, and other items to improve the quality of life of individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2025.

HB 437 Chapter 447

Delegate Wivell, et al

MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Codifying provisions relating to the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; altering and clarifying the composition of the Council to include certain public and private sector members; requiring the Council to submit interim reports of its work to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025; and requiring the Council to submit a final report of its work and recommendations by June 30, 2026.

SB 1068 Chapter 450

Senator Kagan

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 3–1–1 PORTAL USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Information Technology evaluate the feasibility of creating a 3–1–1 portal utilizing artificial intelligence and that the Department prioritize the creation of the portal if feasible.

SB 951

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 452

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT WORKGROUP

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to report its framework for reliability and reporting standards for electric vehicle charging stations and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before November 1, 2024.

HB 1028

Delegate Allen

Chapter 453

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT WORKGROUP

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup to study certain standards related to EV charging stations; and requiring the Workgroup to report its framework and recommendations to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before November 1, 2024.

Senator Gile, et al

Chapter 456

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS

Requiring the listing for a ticket and each step of a transaction to purchase a ticket to disclose certain information, including the total price of the ticket; repealing the exceptions to the prohibition against a reseller selling or offering to sell speculative tickets; prohibiting a secondary ticket exchange from providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket that violates the Act; and requiring a ticket issuer, secondary ticket exchange, or reseller to provide a refund under certain conditions.

HB 1511

Delegate Love

Chapter 457

FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – MODIFICATIONS

Altering the definition of "qualified conservation" for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain model local government ordinance by July 1, 2025, and adopt certain regulations relating to forest conservation on or before July 1, 2026; providing that a solar voltaic facilities granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity before July 1, 2023, may not be subject to certain afforestation requirements; etc.

Sections 1 and 3 only

HB 1044

Delegate Solomon

Chapter 459

STATE AGENCY WORKFORCE POLICY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Repealing the requirement that an appointing authority send a copy of the selection plan and job announcement to the Secretary of Budget and Management at least 1 week before posting a job announcement; and repealing the requirement that the appointing authority wait until after the close of a position announcement to review qualified applicants.

Senator James

Chapter 470

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP OF MARYLAND – ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland; altering the purposes and duties of the Partnership and composition of the Executive Board of the Partnership; and renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund.

SB 533

Senator Gallion

Chapter 489

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES AND TROUT STAMPS – COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES AND STAMP EXEMPTION – VETERANS DETERMINED TO BE UNEMPLOYABLE

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue certain complimentary fishing and hunting licenses to certain veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable; and exempting certain veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp.

HB 715 Chapter 490

Delegate Griffith, et al

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES AND TROUT STAMPS – COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES AND STAMP EXEMPTION – VETERANS DETERMINED TO BE UNEMPLOYABLE

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Senator Guzzone

Chapter 493

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering prohibitions on grants from the Maryland Historical Trust; authorizing the Governor, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Trust to be used to provide grants to museums under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

HB 688

Delegate Barnes

Chapter 494

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering prohibitions on grants from the Maryland Historical Trust; authorizing the Governor beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Trust to be used to provide grants to museums under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

HB 1212

Delegate J. Lewis

Chapter 495 STATE R

STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY – DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Establishing that the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency shall employ a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the State Retirement Agency; requiring the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to identify and minimize barriers to ensure access and opportunities to underrepresented groups; requiring the Executive Director to terminate the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion under certain circumstances; etc.

Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 496

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each unit of State government to conduct certain inventories and a certain assessment on or before certain dates; prohibiting the Department of Information Technology from making certain information publicly available under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, in consultation with a certain subcabinet, to adopt certain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, deployment, use, and assessment of systems that employ artificial intelligence by units of State government; etc.

SB 982

Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 497

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MODERNIZATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Altering the duties of the Secretary of Information Technology related to modernization of information technology systems; renaming the Major Information Technology Development Fund; requiring 20% of the amount appropriated to the Fund to be set aside for expedited projects each fiscal year; requiring the Board of Public Works to expedite the placement on an agenda and approval of certain contracts; altering the name, duties, and membership of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission; and providing for the terms of certain Commission members.

SB 747 Chapter 499

Senators Guzzone and Benson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring 20% of State aid for the current fiscal year for highway user revenues and disparity grants to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 2 calendar years after the deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition; and applying the Act beginning with the fiscal year 2024 audits that are required to be submitted under a certain provision of law.

SB 1144 Chapter 501

Senators Guzzone and Elfreth

CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACCOUNT – CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in entering into a certain contract under the Clean Water Commerce Account for the purchase of a certain environmental outcome, to allow certain nonuniform payment schedules for certain purposes; and authorizing the Department, in order to ensure certain outcomes, to require a minimum final payment and, for a contract award greater than \$500,000, additional financial protections, including a letter of credit, insurance instrument, or performance bond.

HB 1266 Chapter 502

Delegate Stein

CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACCOUNT – CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in entering into a certain contract under the Clean Water Commerce Account for the purchase of an environmental outcome, to allow for nonuniform payment schedules for certain purposes; and authorizing the Department to require a certain payment or certain financial protections for contracts of a certain size to ensure certain outcomes.

HB 1509 Chapter 503

Delegate Stein, et al

BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE MODEL WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Model Workgroup to study the regional water governance approach in the Baltimore region; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before June 30, 2027, its findings to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

Delegates D. Jones and Pippy

Chapter 505
WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

SB 746

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 506

WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

HB 504 Chapter 507

Delegate Watson

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – APPROPRIATION TO THE MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Planning to be used as a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; and requiring the Maryland Humanities Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 508

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – APPROPRIATION TO THE MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Planning to be used as a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; and requiring the Maryland Humanities Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

SB 816 Chapter 509

Senator Hester

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBER MARYLAND FUND AND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Cyber Maryland Fund; altering the uses of the Fund to include administrative expenses of the Program, including hiring staff, consultants, and other professionals as necessary to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Fund; requiring the Corporation to adopt standards for awarding grants; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$99,000 for the Fund to be used for talent pipeline management.

HB 434 Chapter 513

Delegate Atterbeary

PERSONS PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION – STATEMENT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS – EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFITS

Exempting nonprofit organizations qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from the requirement for a person providing lobbyist compensation to file a statement of political contributions with the State Board of Elections.

Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 514

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS

Specifying that the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation may be used only to make certain awards and to pay the costs of administering the Fund.

SB 457

Senator A. Washington

Chapter 515

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS

Specifying certain authorized uses of the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

SB 148

Chapter 516

Senator A. Washington, et al

COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING FOR UNDERSERVED AND OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES

Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of up to \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

HB 449 Chapter 517

Delegate Ivey, et al

COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING FOR UNDERSERVED AND OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES

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Delegate Boyce, et al

Chapter 519

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain persons licensed or regulated with respect to fish and fisheries by the Department of Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department.

SB 1118

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 520

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain persons licensed or regulated with respect to fish and fisheries by the Department of Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department.

SB 1134

Senator McKay

Chapter 527

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County, including athletic fields, indoor athletic facilities, and other facilities for recreational tourism; and requiring the Authority to annually report its activities to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly beginning October 31, 2025.

HB 787

Delegate Buckel, et al

Chapter 528

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County, including athletic fields, indoor athletic facilities, and other facilities for recreational tourism; and requiring the Authority to annually report its activities to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly beginning October 31, 2025.

Chapter 531

Delegate Love, et al

AGRICULTURE – FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a food processing residuals utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing food processing residuals in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide a certain notice and information to certain persons in a county where food processing residuals will be stored; establishing the Food Processing Residuals Administration Fund; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where food processing residuals are utilized; etc.

SB 1074

Senator Ready, et al

Chapter 532

AGRICULTURE – FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a food processing residuals utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing food processing residuals in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide a certain notice and information to certain persons in a county where food processing residuals will be stored; establishing the Food Processing Residuals Administration Fund; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where food processing residuals are utilized; etc.

SB 126 Chapter 533

Senators Augustine and Feldman

TRANSPORTATION – WMATA OPERATING ASSISTANCE – ALTERATION (MARYLAND METRO FUNDING ACT OF 2024)

Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State's share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State's operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year; and requiring the Secretary to withhold 35% of the State's share of grants for the District under certain circumstances.

Delegates Korman and J. Lewis

Chapter 534

TRANSPORTATION – WMATA OPERATING ASSISTANCE – ALTERATION (MARYLAND METRO FUNDING ACT OF 2024)

Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State's share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State's operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year.

SB 1

Senator Augustine

Chapter 537

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Altering a certain charge that may be assessed to a public service company; providing for the recovery of certain costs through rates; establishing an energy salesperson license for certain persons that offer or sell electricity supply agreements or gas supply agreements to customers in the State; establishing an energy vendor license for certain persons that provide energy sales services in the State; prohibiting a certain electricity supplier from marketing electricity as green power unless certain conditions are met; etc.

SB 659

Senator Augustine

Chapter 538

PRINCE GEORGE'S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority to meet at least four times per year; and requiring staff of the Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority to provide support for the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

HB 864 Chapter 539

Delegates Crosby and Qi

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLANS

Requiring each electric company, each gas company, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a plan for achieving certain energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets through certain programs and services and superseding certain existing energy efficiency and conservation goals; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a working group to study and make recommendations on extending certain program assistance to certain moderate—income households; etc.

HB 481 Chapter 541

Delegate Hutchinson, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.

SB 367

Senator Mautz

Chapter 542

NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.

HB 1231 Chapter 543

Delegate Adams, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERIES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from taking any action to reduce or alter the boundaries of certain oyster sanctuaries until the Department has developed a certain updated fishery management plan for oysters; requiring the fishery management plan to end the overfishing of oysters in all areas and regions of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries where overfishing has occurred; etc.

Senators Mautz and Bailey

Chapter 544

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERIES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from taking any action to reduce or alter the boundaries of certain oyster sanctuaries until the Department has developed a certain updated fishery management plan for oysters.

SB 178

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 552

AGRICULTURE – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the State Highway Administration's pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

HB 22 Chapter 553

Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 553

AGRICULTURE – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the State Highway Administration's pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

HB 1153 Chapter 556

Delegate Love, et al

ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION (PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to identify significant industrial users that currently and intentionally use PFAS chemicals by July 1, 2026; requiring the Department to develop certain PFAS monitoring and testing criteria for certain significant industrial users by January 1, 2025; requiring the Department by June 1, 2025, to develop PFAS action levels for addressing PFAS contamination from industrial discharge for pretreatment permits; requiring the Department to develop mitigation plans by September 1, 2025; etc.

SB 956 Chapter 557

Senator Hester

ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION (PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to identify significant industrial users that currently and intentionally use PFAS chemicals by October 1, 2024; requiring the Department to develop certain PFAS monitoring and testing criteria for significant industrial users by January 1, 2025; requiring the Department to develop PFAS action levels for addressing PFAS contamination from industrial discharge for pretreatment permits by June 1, 2025; requiring the Department to develop certain mitigtion plans by September 1, 2025; etc.

HB 1165 Chapter 558

Delegate Love, et al

WATERSHED, STREAM, AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION AND STREAM AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION FUNDING (WHOLE WATERSHED ACT)

Requiring, in each fiscal year from 2026 through 2030, up to \$100,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used to fund certain operations grants at a rate of \$20,000 per project sponsor each fiscal year; authorizing the use of the Waterway Improvement Fund for projects that involve the beneficial use of dredged material and for certain water quality monitoring; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from reducing certain monitoring requirements for certain projects; etc.

Except Section 2

SB 969

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 559

WATERSHED, STREAM, AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION AND STREAM AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION FUNDING (WHOLE WATERSHED ACT)

Requiring, in each fiscal year from 2026 through 2030, up to \$100,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used to fund certain operations grants at a rate of \$20,000 per project sponsor each fiscal year; establishing the Whole Watershed Restoration Partnership to accelerate restoration of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays and their watersheds; authorizing the use of the Waterway Improvement Fund for projects that involve the beneficial use of dredged material and for certain water quality monitoring; etc.

Except Section 2

SB 674 Chapter 560

Senator Elfreth, et al

ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS AND WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

Requiring the owner of a vessel that is required to be numbered to include certain contact information for each owner of the vessel with the application for a certificate of number; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, before and after seizing, removing, or taking an abandoned or sunken vessel into custody, to attempt to contact certain individuals in a certain manner; requiring the Department to distribute at least \$250,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund each fiscal year to a certain organization for a certain purpose; etc.

SB 570 Chapter 563

Senator Hester

PUBLIC UTILITIES – THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT (WORKING FOR ACCESSIBLE RENEWABLE MARYLAND THERMAL HEAT (WARMTH) ACT)

Requiring certain gas companies and authorizing certain gas companies to develop a plan for a pilot thermal energy network system or systems by October 1, 2024; requiring a gas company that serves at least 75,000 customers in its distribution territory to submit either one or two proposals for a pilot system to the Public Service Commission for approval by July 1, 2025; authorizing a municipal corporation, county, or community organization to submit neighborhoods to gas companies for consideration as part of a pilot system; etc.

HB 397

Chapter 564

Delegate Charkoudian

PUBLIC UTILITIES – THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT (WORKING FOR ACCESSIBLE RENEWABLE MARYLAND THERMAL HEAT (WARMTH) ACT)

Requiring gas companies serving at least 75,000 customers in their distribution territories and authorizing gas companies serving fewer than 75,000 customers to develop a plan for a pilot thermal energy network system or systems on or before October 1, 2024; requiring certain gas companies to submit a certain proposal or proposals to the Public Service Commission for approval on or before July 1, 2025; authorizing certain entities or a community organization to submit neighborhoods for consideration as part of a pilot system; etc.

HB 710 Chapter 565

Delegate Rogers, et al

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS – SPECIAL FUND AND FEES

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing annually by more than 12.5% of certain existing and corresponding fees; etc.

SB 559 Chapter 566

Senator Beidle

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS – SPECIAL FUND AND FEES

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing by more than a certain amount each year; etc.

HB 420 Chapter 568

Delegate Lehman, et al

STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – PLAY AREA ACCESSIBILITY – RECREATION COMMUNICATION BOARDS PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct communication boards in certain newly constructed public play areas; defining "communication board" as a device that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to communicate; establishing the Maryland Recreation Communication Boards Pilot Program, subject to funding, to improve play area accessibility by covering the cost of purchasing and installing communication boards at State and local parks; etc.

SB 32 Chapter 573

Senators Bailey and Klausmeier

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE–BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – LOANS

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans not exceeding \$10,000 for each seasonal full–time job; expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program within the Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission; etc.

HB 120 Chapter 574

Delegate T. Morgan, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE–BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – LOANS

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource—Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans of up to \$10,000 for each seasonal full—time job; expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program within the Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission; etc.

Senator Hayes

Chapter 579

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION – STATE ADMINISTRATOR, LOCAL BOARDS, AND ELECTION DIRECTORS

Requiring the State Board of Elections to evaluate the performance of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the State Administrator to provide a performance evaluation of the election director of each local board of elections to the local board; requiring each local board to confer with the State Administrator in appointing an election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.

HB 877 Chapter 580

Delegate Phillips, et al

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPARENCY DATA DASHBOARD

Requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Board of Public Works' website a procurement transparency data dashboard; establishing a governance committee composed of the liaisons to the Board from the offices of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to review the contents of the dashboard for accuracy and completeness; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill such sums as are necessary for one full—time position and data dashboard development software.

SB 703 Chapter 581

Senators Hayes and Charles

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPARENCY DATA DASHBOARD

Requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Board of Public Works' website a procurement transparency data dashboard; establishing a governance committee composed of the liaisons to the Board from the offices of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to review the contents of the dashboard for accuracy; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill an amount necessary for one full–time position and software needed to develop and maintain the dashboard; etc.

HB 1

Delegate Boyce, et al

Chapter 587

MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment by July 1, 2025, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint beginning January 1, 2026 unless an approved Paint Stewardship Program has been implemented by certain producers; etc.

SB 325

Senators Brooks and West

Chapter 588

MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment by July 1, 2025, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint beginning January 1, 2026 unless an approved Paint Stewardship Program has been implemented by certain producers; etc.

SB 508

Senators Bailey and Hester

Chapter 591

HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$200.

HB 497

Delegate Hornberger, et al

Chapter 592

HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$200.

SB 783 Chapter 595

Senator Elfreth, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS, MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND, AND PREVAILING WAGE (BRIGHTER TOMORROW ACT)

Requiring that certain home improvement contracts for the installation of a solar energy generating system on the roof of a building include the installation of a certain wildlife barrier under certain circumstances; requiring a county or municipality to implement certain software for features supporting the tracking and approval of residential building permits for residential solar energy and energy storage systems and main electric panel urgrades and derates on or before August 1, 2025, except under certain circumstances; etc.

Section 2 only

SB 368 Chapter 598

Senators Waldstreicher and Gile

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY

Repealing a limitation for members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive certain service credit for active duty with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

HB 1451 Chapter 613

Delegate Embry

ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists; requiring the Workgroup to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2025, a preliminary report on its findings, including research, case studies, and examples of approaches used to support artists in other areas; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report by October 1, 2025, with recommendations on any necessary budget, facilities, or in–kind services to support local artists.

SB 764 Chapter 614

Senators Hayes and Kagan

ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists; and requiring the Workgroup to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a preliminary report on its findings, including research, case studies, and examples of approaches used to support artists in other areas, by January 1, 2025, and a final report on its recommendations, including any necessary budget, facilities, or in–kind services that are needed or could be used to support local artists, by October 1, 2025.

SB 804 Chapter 615

Senator Brooks

NORTHWEST BALTIMORE COUNTY SPORTS TOURISM FACILITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority to conduct a certain feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a sports tourism facility at Reisterstown Regional Park in northwest Baltimore County; requiring the Authority to consult with certain governments, stakeholders and entities in conducting the study; and requiring the Authority to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

HB 741 Chapter 616

Baltimore County Delegation

NORTHWEST BALTIMORE COUNTY SPORTS TOURISM FACILITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority to conduct a certain feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a sports tourism facility at Reisterstown Regional Park in northwest Baltimore County; requiring the Authority to consult with certain governments, stakeholders, and entities; and requiring the Authority to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

HB 345 Chapter 620

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – DEFINITIONS, PETITIONS, AND REGULATIONS

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life needs, habitat requirements, and status of the species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and altering the definitions of "fish" and "wildlife" for certain purposes.

SB 916 Chapter 621

Senator Brooks

FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – DEFINITIONS, PETITIONS, AND REGULATIONS

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life, and habitat needs of the species and relevant information about the status of a species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and defining "fish" and "wildlife" for certain purposes.

HB 212 Chapter 624

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS – PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; requiring a county, before activating a noise abatement monitoring system, to publish notice of the locations of the systems on its website; requiring a county that authorizes a noise abatement monitoring program to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on the implementation and costs of the program and revenues collected; etc.

Senator A. Washington

Chapter 625

VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS – PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; requiring a county that authorizes a program of noise abatement monitoring systems to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025, on the effectiveness, performance, appropriate locations, costs and revenues, and citations issued in relation to the program; etc.

HB 1192 Chapter 628

Delegate Feldmark, et al

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY OPERATIONS – CRIMES OF MORAL TURPITUDE AND VALUE OF TABLE GAME CHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission is required to disqualify an applicant who committed a certain crime involving moral turpitude from holding a video lottery employee license; and altering the definition of "value" as it relates to crimes involving theft to include the face value of a chip designated for use in table games.

SB 1080 Chapter 630

Senator McCray, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PAY RATES

Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain employees of the Department who are in certain bargaining units and who work at certain facilities be equal to certain pay rates for employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.

HB 983

Delegate Guzzone, et al

Chapter 631

STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PAY RATES

Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain Department employees who are in certain bargaining units and who work at certain facilities be equal to certain pay rates of the employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.

HB 753 Chapter 633

Delegate Young

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the geographic area of the applicant's primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.

SB 358 Chapter 634

Senator McCray

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the geographic area of the applicant's primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.

SB 896 Chapter 635

Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CONVENTION AND TOURISM REDEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AUTHORITY TASK FORCE

Establishing the Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the membership, purpose, and function of an entity or strategy to govern the renovation, revitalization, financing, and ongoing maintenance and management of the Baltimore Convention site and certain surrounding areas; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

SB 135 Chapter 640

Senators Ellis and McKay

WORKGROUP TO STUDY FUNDING FOR THE WESTERNPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility to identify and examine existing funding sources that support the Facility and study whether increased funding could enhance operations at the Facility, the funding sources of comparable facilities in the region, and available and potential federal, State, and local funding sources for the Facility; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before December 1, 2024, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

HB 1199 Chapter 646

Delegate Edelson, et al

TRANSPORTATION – MOBILITYLINK PARATRANSIT SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration's ADA MobilityLink paratransit service; requiring the Institute to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain officials by July 1, 2025; and authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill at least \$150,000 for the study.

Senator McCray

Chapter 647

TRANSPORTATION – MOBILITYLINK PARATRANSIT SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration's ADA MobilityLink paratransit service; authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$150,000 for the study; and requiring the Institute to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain officials on or before July 1, 2025.

HB 950 Chapter 652

Delegate Edelson, et al

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS – MANDATORY FUNDING

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program.

HB 1013 Chapter 657

Delegate Wolek, et al

STATE EMPLOYEES – PAID SICK LEAVE – CERTIFICATE OF ILLNESS OR DISABILITY SIGNED BY A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Authorizing a licensed clinical professional counselor to sign a certificate of illness or disability when a State employee uses sick leave for 5 or more consecutive workdays.

HB 415 Chapter 662

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATION AND TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; and correcting a certain incorrect reference of an age restriction applying to certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

SB 320 Chapter 663

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATION AND TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; and correcting a certain incorrect reference of an age restriction applying to certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System that participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

SB 489 Chapter 664

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Clarifying the topics that may be included in certain training required for each trustee on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and providing that the Board of Trustees may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member's or retiree's benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.

HB 625 Chapter 665

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Clarifying the topics that may be included in certain training required for each trustee on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and providing that the Board of Trustees may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member's or retiree's benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.

SB 491 Chapter 668

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM - SERVICE CREDIT

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; and providing for eligibility and service credit in the Employee's Pension System for certain contractual employment by certain members.

HB 630 Chapter 669

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SERVICE CREDIT

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; and providing for eligibility and service credit in the Employees' Pension System for certain contractual employment by certain members.

HB 966 Chapter 670

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT AS SHERIFF

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to suspend the retirement benefit of a retiree of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who is elected as a sheriff within 1 year after retirement; providing for the reinstatement of a benefit; providing that a suspension of a benefit does not affect survivor benefits; and applying the Act prospectively.

SB 706 Chapter 671

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT AS SHERIFF

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to suspend the retirement benefit of a retiree of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who is elected as a sheriff within 1 year after retirement; providing for the reinstatement of a benefit; providing that a suspension of a benefit does not affect survivor benefits; and applying the Act only to any individual who retires after July 1, 2024.

SB 880 Chapter 672

Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION – COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS

Establishing that certain adjustments to compensation may not be considered an extraordinary salary increase when determining the average final compensation of a member in the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring a member to submit certain information to the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner at the time of retirement.

HB 1004 Chapter 673

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION – COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS

Establishing that certain adjustments to compensation may not be considered an extraordinary salary increase when determining the average final compensation of a member in the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring a member to submit certain information to the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner at the time of retirement.

HB 364 Chapter 678

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION PG 301–24

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a stop sign monitoring system; requiring the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to make a certain report by December 1, 2025; etc.

HB 929 Chapter 680

Washington County Delegation

AGRICULTURE – NUISANCE INSECTS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

SB 854 Chapter 681

Washington County Senators

AGRICULTURE - NUISANCE INSECTS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

HB 277

Delegate Kerr

Chapter 689

FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GAMING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR DISPENSERS

Authorizing, subject to certain provisions of law, a person that operates a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar dispenser that does not connect to the Internet or to a server; altering certain obsolete language in provisions of law governing gaming in Frederick County; etc.

SB 415 Chapter 690

Senator Lewis Young

FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GAMING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR DISPENSERS

Authorizing, subject to certain provisions of law, a person that operates a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar dispenser that does not connect to the Internet or to a server; altering certain obsolete language in provisions of law governing gaming in Frederick County; etc.

HB 977

Delegate Otto

Chapter 698

SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.

SB 763 Chapter 699

Senator Carozza

SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.

HB 576 Chapter 703

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

MENTAL HEALTH – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Authorizing each county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program by July 1, 2026; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program in a county that does not opt to establish the program by July 1, 2026; requiring the Office of the Public Defender to provide representation in assisted outpatient treatment proceedings; etc.

Except Section 1

SB 453 Chapter 704

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

MENTAL HEALTH – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Authorizing each county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before July 1, 2026, to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program in a county that does not opt to establish a program; and requiring the Office of the Public Defender to provide representation in assisted outpatient treatment proceedings.

Except Section 1

HB 575 Chapter 705

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM COMPENSATION – ALTERATIONS (VICTIM COMPENSATION REFORM ACT OF 2024)

Altering the composition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; altering certain duties, powers, and procedures for the Board to make awards to victims of crime; altering the powers and duties of certain employees; altering the amount and types of awards the Board is authorized to make to certain victims of crime; authorizing reconsideration and judicial review of decisions of the Board; authorizing the Governor to include certain funding in the annual budget bill for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; etc.

Except Section 1

HB 582

Chapter 710

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (PAVA LAPERE LEGACY OF INNOVATION ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Pava LaPere Innovation Acceleration Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants to technology—based start—up companies founded by students from institutions located in the Baltimore—Columbia—Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area; establishing the Baltimore Innovation Initiative Pilot Program within the Maryland Innovation Initiative of the Corporation; requiring certain appropriations for the programs to be included in the annual budget bill in certain fiscal years; etc.

SB 473 Chapter 711

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (PAVA LAPERE LEGACY OF INNOVATION ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Pava LaPere Innovation Acceleration Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants to technology—based startup companies that are founded by students of postsecondary institutions located in and have their principle places of business in the Baltimore—Columbia—Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area; establishing the Baltimore Innovation Initiative Pilot Program within the Maryland Innovation Initiative of the Corporation to provide incentives for and grow certain start—up companies; etc.

SB 362 Chapter 717

The President (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2024

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering, from December 1, 2024, to January 15, 2027, the date by which the Accountability and Implementation Board has to conduct and submit a certain independent evaluation; altering the sales and use tax rate on certain electronic smoking devices; repealing a certain small business relief tax credit; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State during certain fiscal years; etc.

Section 2 only

HB 1439

Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 718

EMERGENCY SERVICES - FUNDING

Increasing the motor vehicle registration emergency medical system surcharge for certain motor vehicles; providing for the distribution of revenues derived from the surcharge; altering certain provisions of law related to the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund; increasing the fines for certain violations related to driving while impaired; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include an annual appropriation to the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund of at least \$16,500,000; etc.

SB 1092

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 719

EMERGENCY SERVICES - FUNDING

Increasing the motor vehicle registration emergency medical system surcharge to \$40.00 per year for certain motor vehicles; altering certain provisions of law related to the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund, including provisions related to the contents and sources of the funding and the determination of eligibility for disbursements; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include an annual appropriation of at least \$16,500,000 to the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund; etc.

HB 453

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

Chapter 723

INCOME TAX – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Repealing certain obsolete provisions of law concerning the distribution of income tax revenue; and correcting a certain erroneous cross—reference.

SB 678

The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

Chapter 724

INCOME TAX – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Repealing certain obsolete provisions of law concerning the distribution of income tax revenue; and correcting a certain erroneous cross—reference.

HB 845 Chapter 725

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

INCOME TAX – INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, in each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

SB 1105 Chapter 726

The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

INCOME TAX – INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

HB 451 Chapter 727

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR LOW–INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING

Requiring the Comptroller, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to distribute a certain amount of abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders Fund; requiring the Governor to include \$800,000 in the annual budget for the CASH Campaign of Maryland to award grants for providing certain tax assistance through on–demand and mobile tax clinics; and requiring certain tax clinics to interact with the CASH campaign to ensure sufficient access to tax preparation services for low–income Maryland residents.

HB 454 Chapter 728

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

DISCLOSURE OF TAX INFORMATION – TAX COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY AND BINDING DATA USE AGREEMENTS

Altering the definition of "tax information" for purposes of law governing the confidentiality and disclosure of tax information; authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of certain tax information to certain tax compliance organizations and governmental entities to assist the Comptroller in tax compliance activity; requiring the Comptroller to require the party to whom the information is to be disclosed to enter into a written, binding agreement regarding the use and security of the tax information; etc.

HB 455 Chapter 729

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

COMPTROLLER – ELECTRONIC TAX AND FEE RETURN FILING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, for periods beginning after December 31, 2026, that returns for certain taxes and fees collected by the Comptroller be filed electronically, subject to certain exceptions; altering certain requirements for electronic filing of returns for certain taxes; prohibiting a certain tax return preparer or software company from charging a separate fee for the electronic filing of certain tax documents; and prohibiting a software company from selling different versions of the same tax software under certain circumstances.

Except Section 2

SB 677 Chapter 730

The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

COMPTROLLER – ELECTRONIC TAX AND FEE RETURN FILING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring that returns for certain taxes and fees collected by the Comptroller be filed electronically, subject to certain exceptions; altering certain requirements for electronic filing of returns for certain taxes; prohibiting a certain tax return preparer or software company from charging a separate fee for the electronic filing of authorized tax documents; and prohibiting a software company from selling different versions of the same tax software under certain circumstances.

Except Section 2

HB 204 Chapter 733

Delegate Attar, et al

EDUCATION - COACHES - MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide a certain training to coaches; etc.

SB 165 Chapter 734

Senator Hettleman, et al

EDUCATION - COACHES - MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide a certain mental health training to coaches; etc.

HB 823 Chapter 744

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – REQUIREMENTS (MELANIE NICHOLLE DIAZ FIRE SAFETY ACT)

Establishing certain requirements relating to the installation of certain fire safety equipment in residential rental high—rise buildings and certain other property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit; establishing the Workgroup to Develop Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre—1974 High—Rise Apartment Buildings; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2024; etc.

Section 1 only

Senator Gile, et al

Chapter 745

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Removing a certain reimbursement limit on grant awards to certain members of the National Guard for the cost of certain health care and dental care premiums, subject to the limitation that the total amount of grants awarded to eligible recipients in a fiscal year may not exceed the annual appropriation in the State budget for the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program.

HB 1076 Chapter 749

Delegate Roberts, et al

EDUCATION – BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS – TEXTBOOK EQUITY

Establishing requirements for each county board of education regarding provision of the instructional materials that will be used in the upcoming school year for students with individualized education programs; requiring the county board to coordinate with the Instructional Resources Center to provide the materials in a specialized format to blind or visually impaired students; requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, certain textbook publishers to provide an electronic file of pupil edition textbooks; etc.

SB 1091 Chapter 750

Senator Watson, et al

EDUCATION – BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS – TEXTBOOK EQUITY

Establishing requirements for each county board of education regarding provision of the instructional materials that will be used in the upcoming school year by students with individualized education programs; requiring the county board to coordinate with the Instructional Resources Center to provide instructional materials in a specialized format to blind or visually impaired students; requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, certain textbook publishers to provide an electronic file of pupil edition textbooks to a certain entity; etc.

Senators Kelly and Lam

Chapter 751

VEHICLE LAWS – BUS LANE OBSTRUCTION – MONITORING SYSTEMS EXPANSION AND WORKGROUP (BETTER BUS SERVICE ACT OF 2024)

Prohibiting a person from parking or standing certain vehicles in a dedicated bus lane; making statewide the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and procedures, a bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; and establishing the Workgroup on Curb Space Management.

Except Section 1

HB 238 Chapter 754

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

PUBLIC HEALTH - CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT - REVISIONS

Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and places of employment and certain mass transportation; requiring that certain signs be posted in each public indoor area and each public entrance to an indoor area where smoking or vaping is prohibited; requiring the convening of a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists; and prohibiting the issuance of a local alcoholic beverages license to a tobacconist from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, both inclusive.

SB 244 Chapter 755

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

PUBLIC HEALTH - CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT - REVISIONS

Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and places of employment and certain mass transportation; requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in certain indoor areas and certain public entrances; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists and report its findings on or before July 1, 2025; and prohibiting a local alcoholic beverage license from being issued to a tobacconist from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026.

Senator Smith (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

Chapter 756

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS

Altering the number of resident judges of the circuit courts by adding one additional judgeship in Prince George's County.

HB 592

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 757

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS

Altering the number of resident judges of the circuit courts by adding one additional judgeship in Prince George's County.

SB 687

Senator Smith (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

Chapter 762

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – BAIL BONDS – SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to bail bonds in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

SB 1095

Senators Smith and Elfreth

Chapter 763

WORKGROUP ON HOME DETENTION MONITORING

Establishing the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pretrial home detention monitoring systems; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year.

SB 440

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 769

INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION

Allowing an individual, subject to certain requirements and limitations, to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses if the individual harvests an antlerless deer and donates the deer meat to certain organizations; limiting the amount of credits certain individuals may claim to a maximum of \$300; and requiring by January 31 each year each venison donation program that received certain donations to report certain information about each donor who intended to claim the credit to the Comptroller.

HB 447 Chapter 770

Delegate Ziegler, et al

INCOME TAX CREDIT - VENISON DONATION

Allowing an individual, subject to certain requirements and limitations, to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses if the individual harvests an antlerless deer and donates the deer meat to certain organizations; limiting the amount of credits an individual may claim to a maximum of \$300; and requiring by January 31 each year each venison donation program that received certain donations to report certain information about each donor who intended to claim the credit to the Comptroller.

HB 54 Chapter 771

Delegate Atterbeary

PROPERTY TAX – TRANSFER TO HEIR OR LEGATEE – PAYMENT PLANS

Exempting a grant of land transferring residential real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir or a legatee of the decedent from certain requirements for the payment of taxes on real property if the heir or legatee of the decedent enters into a payment plan to pay all the taxes due and owed on the property; exempting a grant of land that is subject to a payment plan for property taxes from certain requirements for the payment of taxes if the grantee agrees to assume the grantor's obligations under the payment plan; etc.

HB 808 Chapter 774

Delegate Atterbeary

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL DELIVERY – LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT

Establishing a local delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder that is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction through a third–party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a certain delivery service permit under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 456 Chapter 775

Senator A. Washington

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL DELIVERY – LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT

Establishing a local delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder that is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction through a third–party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a certain delivery service permit under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 986 Chapter 777

Delegate R. Lewis

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY – REQUIRED STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the impact of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity, including coverage for intensive behavioral therapy, bariatric surgery, and FDA—approved antiobesity medication; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024.

SB 594 Chapter 778

Senator Hershey

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY – REQUIRED STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the impact of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; requiring the study to identify and compare obesity coverage in other states and examine and estimate any potential savings that may result from requiring obesity coverage; and requiring the Department to report its findings to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on or before December 31, 2024.

Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 782

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include at least \$500,000 in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

HB 1472

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 783

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include at least \$500,000 in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

HB 874 Chapter 785

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS – REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS

Extending, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, the date by which an individual must be licensed by the State Board of Long–Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State; altering the requirements for the manager training course that certain assisted living managers are required to complete; altering the requirements for serving as an interim assisted living manager; and requiring the Board to submit certain reports on assisted living managers to certain committees of the General Assembly.

Senator Beidle

Chapter 786

STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS – REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS

Extending, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, the date by which individuals must be licensed by the State Board of Long—Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State; altering the requirements for the manager training course that certain assisted living managers are required to complete to include in—person courses, virtual training methods, or a combination of both; and altering the requirements for serving as an interim assisted living manager.

HB 1497 Chapter 788

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE, REINSTATEMENTS, AND EXAMINATIONS BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Altering the definition of "practice massage therapy" to include, subject to certain education and training requirements, instrument—assisted soft tissue manipulation techniques that enhance or imitate manual techniques; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners is required to reinstate a license or registration; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or an applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

HB 1498 Chapter 789

Delegate Pena-Melnyk

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – AIDING OR ABETTING UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of massage therapy; and providing penalties for a first violation of the Act of a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and for a subsequent offense, a fine of up to \$20,000 per day or imprisonment not to exceed 5 years.

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 790

HOSPITALS – PRIVATE HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING

Codifying a private hospital grant program for the purpose of making recommendations to the Governor for funding for capital projects at private hospitals in the State; requiring the Maryland Hospital Association to establish a certain review committee to develop a certain process for hospitals in the State to submit requests for funding; authorizing the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget bill in certain fiscal years an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the Private Hospital Grant Program; etc.

SB 580 Chapter 791

Senator Guzzone, et al

SALES AND USE TAX – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINING MEMORIALS – EXEMPTION

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a sale by a nonprofit organization that maintains a memorial on property that is owned by the State if the proceeds of the sale are used to maintain a memorial on property that is owned by the State.

HB 548

Delegate Guzzone, et al

Chapter 792

TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES

Establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study existing laws, scientific data, and practices related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding any changes to State law, policies, and practices needed to create a program that enables broad, equitable, and affordable access to psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 31, 2025.

Senator Feldman

Chapter 793

TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES

Establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 31, 2025.

HB 827

Delegate Qi, et al

Chapter 796

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to study professional employer organizations in the State to review certain regulations, histories, health plans, requirements, and regulatory structures in other states and to address any potential impacts of proposed statutory changes in the State relating to the offering of health coverage by professional employer organizations on the small group market in the State; and requiring the Administration to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

SB 821

Senator Feldman

Chapter 797

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to study professional employer organizations in the State to review certain regulations, history, health plans, requirements, and regulatory structures in other states and to address any potential impacts of proposed statutory changes in the State relating to the offering of health coverage by professional employer organizations on the small group market in the State; and requiring the Administration to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

Senator Ellis

Chapter 798

MATERNAL HEALTH – ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS, AND REPORTING (MARYLAND MATERNAL HEALTH ACT OF 2024)

Establishing requirements on certain health departments and health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; requiring the Secretary of Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to develop a Maryland Report Card for Birthing Facility Maternity Care; requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to participate in the Severe Maternal Morbidity Surveillance Program; etc.

Except Sections 1 and 2

HB 1051 Chapter 799

Delegate White Holland, et al

MATERNAL HEALTH – ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS, AND REPORTING (MARYLAND MATERNAL HEALTH ACT OF 2024)

Establishing requirements on local health departments and certain health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to participate in the Severe Maternal Morbidity Surveillance Program to identify risk factors and causes of Severe Maternal Morbidity; requiring the Program to report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2025; etc.

Except Sections 1 and 2

SB 1142 Chapter 80

Senators Zucker and Guzzone

Chapter 804

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR LOW–INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING

Requiring the Comptroller, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to distribute \$500,000 from the remaining net abandoned property funds after certain distributions to the Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget, for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter, an appropriation of \$800,000 for the CASH Campaign of Maryland to award grants for providing certain tax assistance through certain on–demand and mobile tax clinics; etc.

SB 615 Chapter 805

Senator Simonaire, et al

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim September 30 as Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day.

SB 20 Chapter 806

Senator Simonaire

ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee; and requiring the Committee to monitor and provide input and feedback to the Maryland Port Administration regarding the management of dredged material at the Cox Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility, advise the Administration of certain complaints, and make recommendations to the Administration on the potential impact that activities at the Facility may have on nearby communities and natural resources.

HB 343 Chapter 807

Delegate Munoz

ENVIRONMENT – DREDGED MATERIAL – CONTAINMENT, REDEPOSIT, AND OVERSIGHT

Requiring the Cox Creek Oversight Committee to provide input to the Maryland Port Administration regarding management of dredged material at the Cox Creek Dredge Material Containment Facility; authorizing the Department of the Environment to approve contained areas at a large redevelopment site for the redeposit of certain dredged material; establishing the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee to monitor the area water quality, and the future development and use of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island chain; etc.

SB 1001 Chapter 824

Senator Beidle

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE – REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Altering certain cultivation or production requirements applicable to a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license by basing them on certain agricultural products instead of grapes and other fruit; and altering the standards for the purchase of certain wine by a license holder.

HB 1083 Chapter 825

Delegate Pruski

5 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE

- REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Altering certain cultivation or production requirements applicable to a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license by basing them on certain agricultural products instead of grapes and other fruit; and altering the standards for the purchase of certain wine by a license holder.

HB 1127 Chapter 832

Delegate Bartlett, et al

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH TELEHEALTH – REIMBURSEMENT AND STUDY

Authorizing the reimbursement of a sexual assault forensic exam conducted through peer—to—peer telehealth under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility of a telehealth program that includes a pilot program for conducting sexual assault forensic examinations through telehealth; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

SB 950 Chapter 833

Senator Hettleman

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH TELEHEALTH – REIMBURSEMENT AND STUDY

Authorizing the reimbursement of a sexual assault forensic exam conducted through peer—to—peer telehealth under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility of a telehealth program that includes a pilot program for conducting sexual assault forensic examinations through telehealth; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

SB 134 Chapter 836

Senator Hettleman, et al

OFFICE OF THE CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING

Establishing the Office of the Correctional Ombudsman; authorizing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board to make a recommendation for the distribution of money from the Performance Incentive Grant Fund to the Office for fiscal year 2025 only; requiring the Office to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, by the Department of Juvenile Services, or in relation to individuals confined by either department; etc.

HB 1143 Chapter 844

Delegate Bhandari, et al

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – MARYLAND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT TIME REDUCTION COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Emergency Department Wait Time Reduction Commission to address factors throughout the health care system that contribute to increased emergency department wait times; authorizing the Commission to request data from certain entities; and requiring the Commission, beginning November 1, 2025, to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on its activities and findings including updates on the development, impact and, implementation of the recommended programs on emergency department wait times.

HB 932

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 847

HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – REVISIONS

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review; altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; and establishing requirements on health insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information.

Except Section 1

SB 791

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 848

HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – REVISIONS

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review; altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; and establishing requirements on health insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information.

Except Section 1

HB 16 Chapter 856

Delegate Kaiser

TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM – FUNDING

Requiring each collector of property taxes to include with each property tax bill a separate insert that describes the Homeowner Protection Program and encourages taxpayers to make a voluntary donation to the Program through a website maintained by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Chapter 857

UNINSURED DRIVING PENALTIES – FUNDING FOR THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND, DRIVER EDUCATION, AND TRANSPORTATION TO FIELD TRIPS

Altering the penalty for failing to maintain certain required security for certain motor vehicles and the distribution of the revenue derived from the penalties; establishing the Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program to provide grants to public high schools and nonprofit organizations to assist public schools in offering driver education courses; establishing the State—Aided Institutions Field Trip Grant Program to assist public schools in transporting students to field trips at State—aided educational institutions; etc.

SB 429

Senator Bailey

Chapter 862

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Repealing uncodified provisions of law relating to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington, commonly known as the "Vestry Act"; and providing for the governance of religious corporations in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington.

SB 991 Chapter 867

Senator Lam

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Language Assistance Services Pilot Program in the Behavioral Health Administration to provide grants to local behavioral health authorities to reimburse behavioral health providers for language assistance services for children with limited English proficiency accessing and receiving behavioral health services and for parents and legal guardians coordinating the provision of behavioral health services and making health care decisions regarding the services on behalf of a child; etc.

Chapter 887

Senator Sydnor

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE EMPLOYMENT – AGRICULTURAL WORK

Repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by the State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne's County or any other county with a similar camp.

HB94

Chapter 888

Delegate Pasteur

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE EMPLOYMENT – AGRICULTURAL WORK

Repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by the State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne's County or any other county with a similar camp.

HB 1105

Chapter 890

Delegate Woods, et al

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND EXCEPTIONS

Requiring an individual, subject to certain exceptions, to be certified as an advanced practice registered nurse before practicing advanced practice registered nursing in the State.

HB 1337 Chapter 891

Delegate Woods, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES PROCESS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring carriers to report additional data on the number of members entitled to health care benefits under a policy, plan, or certificate and the number of clean claims for reimbursement processed by a carrier to Maryland Health Commissioner.

Senator McCray, et al

Chapter 892

QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – TRAINING AND REENTRY SERVICES – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2026 through 2028 to provide operating grants to certain qualifying nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing training in automotive repair to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the grant funds.

HB 186 Chapter 894

Delegate Hartman

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.

SB 600 Chapter 903

Senator Kramer

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL SERVICES – COVERAGE AND RATE STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the feasibility of including removable full and partial dentures and setting adequate reimbursement rates for providers on a per–patient basis for house calls and extended care facility calls among the coverage offered by the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program; and requiring the Department to report its findings from the study to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2024.

HB 103 Chapter 904

Delegate Bagnall

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL SERVICES – COVERAGE AND RATE STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the feasibility of including removable full and partial dentures and setting adequate reimbursement rates for providers on a per–patient basis for house calls and extended care facility calls among the coverage offered by the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program; and requiring the Department to report its findings from the study to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2024.

SB 822

Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 908

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State's crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

SB 1041 Chapter 918

Senators Gile and Folden

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND DISTILLERIES – DIRECT DELIVERY

Establishing direct—to—consumer alcoholic beverages delivery permits authorizing the direct delivery of beer, wine, or liquor to a consumer in the State; establishing the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a direct—to—consumer alcoholic beverages delivery permit; establishing a maximum amount that a recipient of an alcoholic beverages delivery may receive annually; and repealing a maximum amount that a consumer may purchase when visiting certain alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

Chapter 943

Senator Carter

RESOURCES AND EDUCATION FOR ALL PRISONS (REAP) ACT

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to assist incarcerated individuals in accessing federal Pell Grants for higher education; requiring the Department to set goals for the number of incarcerated individuals in certain education programs, establish tracking systems relating to the number of incarcerated individuals and their progress in certain education programs, and forward certain data to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; etc.

HB 92

Delegate Amprey

Chapter 944

RESOURCES AND EDUCATION FOR ALL PRISONS (REAP) ACT

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to assist incarcerated individuals in accessing federal Pell Grants for higher education; requiring the Department to set goals for the number of incarcerated individuals in postsecondary education programs, establish tracking systems for their progress in postsecondary education programs, and forward certain data to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Commission to assist the Department in establishing the tracking systems; etc.

HB 557 Chapter 957

Delegate Adams, et al

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND EXTENSION OF SUNSET

Repealing a certain reporting requirement relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain materials, parts, and equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or certain aircraft systems; and extending the termination date of the exemption to June 30, 2030.

Senator Corderman, et al

Chapter 958

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND EXTENSION OF SUNSET

Repealing a certain reporting requirement relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain materials, parts, and equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or certain aircraft systems; and extending the termination date of the exemption from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2030.

HB 378 Chapter 961

Delegate Guzzone

STATE BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE – DIETITIAN–NUTRITIONISTS – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requiring that an individual shall have received at a minimum a degree from a college or university accredited by an educational accrediting association as required by the Commission on Dietetic Registration to be licensed as a dietician—nutritionist.

HB 1056 Chapter 962

Delegate Guzzone, et al

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST 340B DRUG DISTRIBUTION

Prohibiting a 340B manufacturer from taking certain direct or indirect actions to limit or restrict the acquisition or delivery of a 340B drug; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Consumer Protection Act; and requiring the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board to conduct a study of the 340B Program and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2026.

HB 1244 Chapter 963

Delegate Smith, et al

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENTS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to each have a certain staff member who performs certain duties related to defining, identifying, and compiling data regarding the workforce needs in the State; requiring the Commission to establish a Program Review Process Advisory Council; authorizing the Commission or an institution of higher education to file an objection to implementation of a proposed online program under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 1340 Chapter 964

Delegate Anderton

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MONOPOLY OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND DISPENSARY – REPEAL

Repealing the monopoly of the Liquor Control Board for Wicomico County and its dispensaries on the sale and distribution of certain liquor at wholesale in the county; authorizing the holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages from a dispensary or a wholesaler; repealing the prohibition on delivery of certain liquor by certain wholesalers; etc.

HB 396 Chapter 969

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX ON ENERGY AND FUEL – USE OF REVENUE PG 407–24

Altering a certain provision of law relating to the use of certain revenue from the sales and use tax on energy and fuel in Prince George's County by allowing the revenue to be used to meet certain education funding requirements for the county; and repealing a requirement that the county appropriate a certain amount of local money to the school operating budget each fiscal year.

HB 398 Chapter 970

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TAXES ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES – USE OF REVENUE PG 406–24

Authorizing the Prince George's County Council to impose an excise tax on certain telecommunications service in Prince George's County in addition to, or instead of, a sales and use tax; altering a certain provision of law relating to the use of certain revenue from a certain tax on telecommunications services by allowing the revenue to be used to meet certain education funding requirements for the county; requiring the county to submit an annual report detailing the expenditure of revenues generated by a tax imposed by the Act; etc.

HB 35 Chapter 971

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

PROPERTY TAX – SUBMISSION OF BUILDING PERMITS TO SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS – ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST

Requiring local permit offices to include a construction cost estimate when submitting a copy of a building permit to the supervisor of assessments of the county where the building is located.

HB 358 Chapter 977

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS PG 409–24

Establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County to review and evaluate health and wellness practices, programs, services, and resources in Prince George's County and make recommendations regarding best practices in health and wellness community programming in the county; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, the Governor, and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

SB 151 Chapter 978

Senator Muse

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - WORKGROUP ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County to review and evaluate health and wellness practices, programs, services, and resources in Prince George's County and make recommendations regarding best practices in health and wellness community programming in the county; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

HB 976 Chapter 986

Delegate Otto

SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE COMPANIES – APPROPRIATIONS

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to certain organized volunteer fire companies in the county certain amounts for fiscal years 2025 through 2030; and requiring that the appropriations required for fiscal year 2030 remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

SB 829 Chapter 987

Senator Carozza

SOMERSET COUNTY - FIRE COMPANIES - APPROPRIATIONS

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to certain organized volunteer fire companies in the county certain amounts for fiscal years 2025 through 2030; and requiring that the appropriations required for fiscal year 2030 remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

HB 307 Chapter 994

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PG 304–24

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) alcoholic beverages license for use by an independent and nonprofit fraternal or sororal organization that meets certain requirements; authorizing the Board to revoke or suspend a license if a license holder is found guilty of certain violations; and providing for an annual license fee of \$910.

SB 9 Chapter 995

Senator Watson

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) alcoholic beverages license for use by an independent and nonprofit fraternal or sororal organization that meets certain requirements.

HB 362 Chapter 998

Delegate Ghrist, et al

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to a holder of a certain barbershop or beauty salon permit; establishing a licensing fee of \$100; etc.

SB 531 Chapter 999

Caroline County Senators

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to a holder of a certain barbershop or beauty salon permit; establishing a licensing fee of \$100; etc.

Delegate Ghrist, et al

Chapter 1000

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Altering the 1-day beer and wine tasting (BWT) license in Caroline County to be a 1-day beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLT) license; altering certain qualifications for the license; and altering the amounts of alcoholic beverages an individual may consume at a tasting.

SB 529

Caroline County Senators

Chapter 1001

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Altering the 1-day beer and wine tasting (BWT) license in Caroline County to be a 1-day beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLT) license; altering certain qualifications for the license; and altering the amounts of alcoholic beverages an individual may consume at a tasting.

HB 586 Chapter 100

Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 1002

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WEINBERG CENTER/NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering the Class C (Weinberg Center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County to be the Class C (Weinberg Center/New Spires Arts Stages) beer, wine, and liquor license; expanding the licensed premises to include the New Spires Arts Stages; altering the officials who may sign a certain license application; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event held by an outside group that has rented the Weinberg Arts Center or the New Spires Arts Stages; etc.

Frederick County Senators

Chapter 1003

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WEINBERG CENTER/NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering the Class C (Weinberg Center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County to be the Class C (Weinberg Center/New Spires Arts Stages) beer, wine, and liquor license; expanding the licensed premises to include the New Spires Arts Stages; altering the officials who may sign a certain license application; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event held by an outside group that has rented the Weinberg Arts Center or the New Spires Arts Stages; etc.

HB 587 Chapter 1004

Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT

Establishing a manufacturer's limited beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a permit to holders of certain manufacturer's licenses; establishing that the permit authorizes the holder to allow a licensed caterer or other contracted party to provide sealed beer, wine, and liquor products not manufactured by the holder during private events for on–premises consumption; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

SB 561 Chapter 1005

Frederick County Senators

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT

Establishing a manufacturer's limited beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick County that authorizes the holder to allow a licensed caterer or other contracted party to provide sealed beer, wine, and liquor products not manufactured by the holder during private events for on–premises consumption, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a permit to holders of certain manufacturer's licenses; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

8 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 1006

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LICENSE

Authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a municipal golf course license to an official of the City of Frederick designated by the Mayor of the City of Frederick; and authorizing the Board to transfer the license to a different city official designated by the Mayor under certain circumstances.

SB 560

Frederick County Senators

Chapter 1007

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LICENSE

Authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a municipal golf course license to an official of the City of Frederick designated by the Mayor of the City of Frederick; and authorizing the Board to transfer the license to a different city official designated by the Mayor under certain circumstances.

HB 621

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 1008

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE ANNUAL FEE

Reducing the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County from \$10,000 to \$7,000.

HB 632

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 1009

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a golf simulator facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to submit an annual gross sales report to the Board before a license may be renewed; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

Harford County Senators

Chapter 1010

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a golf simulator facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to submit an annual gross sales report to the Board before a license may be renewed; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

HB 635

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 1011

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption at up to three locations designated at the time of application; requiring the holder of the license to comply with certain record–keeping and reporting requirements; establishing an annual license fee of \$750; etc.

SB 734 Chapter 1012

Harford County Senators

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts nonprofit organization license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor at certain locations for on—premises consumption; requiring the holder of the license to comply with certain record—keeping and reporting requirements; and establishing an annual license fee of \$750 for the license.

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 1013

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING PERMIT

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit in St. Mary's County; authorizing the Board to issue the permit only to a holder of a Class A license; authorizing the holder to allow the on–premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting purposes only; etc.

HB 654

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 1014

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONPROFIT PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE

Establishing in St. Mary's 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 \$300.

HB 733

Baltimore City Delegation

Chapter 1015

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSING FEES

Increasing certain licensing fees for alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

SB 895

Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

Chapter 1016

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSING FEES

Altering certain licensing fees for alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

HB 743

Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 1019

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROMOTER'S PERMIT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a promoter's permit to a certain for—profit organization under certain circumstances; authorizing a permit holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event; etc.

Frederick County Senators

Chapter 1020

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROMOTER'S PERMIT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a promoter's permit to a certain for—profit organization under certain circumstances; prohibiting a permit holder from holding an alcoholic beverages license; authorizing a permit holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event; etc.

HB 762

Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 1021

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION MC 9–24

Authorizing the holder of a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County to sell beer and wine in sealed containers with the manufacturer's original seal for off–premises consumption under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to adopt certain regulations.

HB 817

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 1022

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NEAR A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL PG 307–24

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or 1,000 feet of a school building if a license of the same class had been issued and was held by the same person seeking the new license and was in effect for the establishment before the place of worship or school building was built.

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 1023

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NEAR A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or 1,000 feet of a school building if a license of the same class had been issued and was held by the same person seeking the new license and was in effect for the establishment before the place of worship or school building was built.

HB 920

Washington County Delegation

Chapter 1024

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTI–USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering the stadium beer and wine license in Washington County to be a multi-use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption in the multi-use sports and events facility; etc.

SB 853

Washington County Senators

Chapter 1025

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTI–USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering the stadium beer and wine license in Washington County to be a multi-use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption in the multi-use sports and events facility; etc.

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 1026

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a total of 10 new Class B–D–7 licenses and a total of 2 new Class A–7 licenses within a certain bounded area; providing that, in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City, a certain license may be issued and an existing license may be moved to a building that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from authorizing a license to a recipient of a certain State grant; etc.

SB 1100

Senator Ferguson

Chapter 1027

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a total of 10 new Class B–D–7 licenses and a total of 2 new Class A–7 licenses within a certain bounded area; providing that, in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City, a certain license may be issued and an existing license may be moved to a building that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from authorizing a license for a recipient of a certain State grant; etc.

HB 1089 Chapter 1028

Delegate Clippinger (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area; and establishing the requirements for a holder of the license.

Senator Hayes

Chapter 1029

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in ward 4, precincts 1 and 2; and establishing the requirements for a holder of the license.

HB 1118

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 1030

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE

Altering eligibility for a performing arts theater license in Harford County by altering the definition of "performing arts theater" and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a certain for—profit theater, rather than a nonprofit theater; authorizing the holder of the license to sell liquor for on—premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and altering the license fee from \$500 to \$1,500.

SB 933

Harford County Senators

Chapter 1031

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE

Altering eligibility for a performing arts theater license in Harford County by altering the definition of "performing arts theater" and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a certain for–profit theater, rather than a nonprofit theater; authorizing the holder of the license to sell liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and altering the license fee from \$500 to \$1,500.

Delegate Amprey

Chapter 1032

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Establishing a Class M–F (Municipal Family Fun Center) alcoholic beverages license in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant in a certain location; and authorizing a certain Class A license issued for a certain location to remain unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of renewal.

SB 1008

Senator Hayes

Chapter 1033

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Establishing a Class M–F (Municipal Family Fun Center) alcoholic beverages license in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant in a certain location; and authorizing a certain Class A license issued for a certain location to remain unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of renewal.

HB 1205

Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 1034

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BWLT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING PERMIT

Authorizing a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit to be issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County.

HB 1235

Delegates Addison and Young

Chapter 1035

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSIONS

Extending until July 1, 2025, the expiration date of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City that are issued for certain areas for certain transferal and renewal purposes under certain circumstances.

Senator McCray

Chapter 1036

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSIONS

Extending until July 1, 2025, the expiration dates of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City that are issued for certain areas for certain transfer and renewal purposes under certain circumstances.

HB 1269

Baltimore County Delegation

Chapter 1037

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATIONS – NOTICE

Altering a certain notice requirement before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may approve an application for an alcoholic beverages license; and authorizing the Board to fulfill the notice requirement by posting online notice of an application hearing for an alcoholic beverages license at least 14 days before the application hearing date.

HB 1330

Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 1038

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – UNDERAGE EMPLOYEES

Lowering, from 18 to 16 years of age, the minimum age of an individual that may be employed by a license holder in Allegany County.

HB 1341

Delegate Anderton

Chapter 1039

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – PURCHASES FROM LICENSED WHOLESALERS AND SELF–DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to purchase liquor for retail sale from a licensed wholesaler; and authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license holder that has been issued a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell certain products manufactured under the distillery license in a manner consistent with the underlying Class B license for on— and off—premises consumption.

Senator Mautz

Chapter 1040

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – PURCHASES FROM LICENSED WHOLESALERS AND SELF–DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to purchase liquor for retail sale from a licensed wholesaler; and authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license holder that has been issued a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell certain products manufactured under the distillery license in a certain manner.

HB 1377

Delegate Pippy

Chapter 1041

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY AND DISTILLERY LICENSES

Establishing in Frederick County a Class DBR brewery license and a Class DDS distillery permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue to the holder of a certain brewery license a Class DBR license to sell certain amounts of beer for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board to issue to the holder of a certain distillery license a Class DDS permit to sell certain amounts of alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption; etc.

SB 22 Chapter 104

Senator Hayes

Chapter 1042

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Requiring the Governor, rather than the Mayor and the President of the City Council of Baltimore City, to appoint the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City with the advice and consent of the Senate; authorizing the Governor, rather than the Mayor and the President of the City Council of Baltimore City, to remove a member of the Board for certain infractions; requiring certain members of the Board to be residents of the City or to have served in City government for a minimum of 5 years immediately preceding the appointment; etc.

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 1043

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE RENEWAL

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to extend the deadline by which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license must file an application for renewal; and extending the expiration date for certain licenses issued by the Board to July 1, 2025.

SB 428

Senator McKay

Chapter 1044

GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2024

Establishing a resort beer license, a resort beer and wine license, and a beer, wine, and liquor festival license in Garrett County; altering the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages on Sundays for certain licenses; altering the residency requirements for certain applicants for an alcoholic beverages license in the county to require that at least one of the applicants be a resident of the State; prohibiting alcoholic beverages from being brought into places of adult entertainment and consumed or transferred; etc.

SB 964

Senator Ready

Chapter 1045

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING

Requiring the holder of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County or an individual designated by the license holder who has completed training in an approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises at certain times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing for certain penalties; and requiring at least one license holder to maintain alcohol awareness program certification while listed on the license.

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 1046

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INDIVIDUAL STORAGE PERMITS

Requiring an alcoholic beverages retailer in Baltimore County to have written approval from the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County before applying to the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission for an individual storage permit for alcoholic beverages.

SB 1184

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 1047

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COLLEGE ATHLETIC EVENT VENUE CONCESSIONAIRE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class B-CAEVC (College Athletic Event Venue Concessionaire) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County to issue the license to a certain concessionaire; authorizing beer, wine, and liquor purchased under the license to be consumed in certain areas; and providing for the hours and days of sale and an annual license fee of \$3,500 to be paid to the Board on or before May 1.

2023 Chapters - Effective July 1, 2024

HB 950 Deleg

Delegate Stein, et al

MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to respond to the increasing demand for, use of, and sale of native plants at retail garden centers and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Program in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension and to establish the "Maryland Natives" marketing program; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent to serve as a native plant specialist for certain purposes; etc.

SB 836 Chapter 490

Senator Brooks

MARYLAND NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to respond to the increasing demand for, use of, and sale of plants native to Maryland by retail garden centers and retail and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Program in coordination with the University of Maryland Extension; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent to serve as a native plant specialist for certain educational purposes; etc.

SB 10 Chapter 558

Senators Bailey and Hester

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – DOCUMENTS – DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE

Expanding the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources make available and issue certain licenses and stamps in a digital or electronic format; and providing that, if the Department cannot issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format because of federal restrictions, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format whenever the federal restrictions are eliminated.

HB 9 Chapter 59

Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 583

EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR – GUIDELINES AND ANALYSES

Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost—benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.

Section 2 only

SB 19 Chapter 584

Senator Carter

EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR – GUIDELINES AND ANALYSES

Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals, benchmarks, and indicators; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses and cost—benefit analyses and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in a certain construction program; etc.

Section 2 only

HB 1079 Chapter 793

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SYSTEM REVISIONS PG 502–23

Altering the duties and responsibilities of the Prince George's County Board of Education and certain officers of the county board; altering the voting authority of the student board member; requiring the county board to retain counsel and pay certain counsel fees and expenses incurred for defending a member in litigation involving a member's service in the member's official capacity on the county board under certain circumstances; altering certain procedures for the election of the student member of the county board; etc.

Section 2 only

HB 371 Chapter 800

Delegate Attar

RECORDATION TAX – INDEMNITY MORTGAGE EXEMPTION – THRESHOLD AMOUNT

Altering the threshold amount for certain indemnity mortgage transactions that are exempt from the recordation tax from less than \$3,000,000 to less than \$12,500,000; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2024.

SB 691 Chapter 805

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.

2022 Chapters - Effective July 1, 2024

HB 355 Chapter 217

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – WORKGROUP, ALTERATIONS, AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENT PG 503–22

Establishing the Workgroup on the Membership and Operation of the Prince George's County Board of Education to study and make recommendations regarding implementation of an electoral process for an all-elected Board, appropriate compensation, and an appropriate phase-in period for changes to Board composition; altering the composition of the Board beginning July 1, 2024, by removing four appointed members; requiring the Board chair and vice chair be elected from among the members beginning December 5, 2022; etc.

Section 3 only

SB 215 Chapter 246

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)

ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS – INCOME TAX CREDIT AND GRANT PROGRAM

Altering from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2024, the date by which an energy storage system is required to be installed for purposes of eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax for the costs of installing an energy storage system; establishing the Energy Storage System Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to certain applicants for the purchase and installation of energy storage systems; establishing the Energy Storage System Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

Section 2 only

SB 17 Chapter 351

Senator West

CHILD CUSTODY – CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – TRAINING FOR JUDGES

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with domestic violence and child abuse organizations, to develop and update as appropriate a training program for judges and magistrates presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence; requiring the training program to include certain subject matter; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to adopt procedures to ensure that only judges who have received certain training are assigned child custody cases that may involve child abuse or domestic violence.

Section 2 only