

May 6, 2025

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 6, 2025, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 504 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 237 EXCELLENCE IN MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT

Authorizing local governing bodies to exceed certain tax and revenue limitations for a certain purpose; altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; authorizing the Department to establish a national teacher recruitment campaign; establishing the Academic Excellence Program in the Department to address critical academic needs in public schools; requiring local school systems to develop certain countywide community school implementation plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 185 **Delegate Mireku–North, et al**
Chapter 238 THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING –
ALTERATIONS

Altering the fiscal years to include fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2029, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,700,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 359

Senator King

Chapter 239

THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING – ALTERATIONS

Altering the fiscal years from 2023 through 2025, and for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,700,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 197

Delegate Pasteur, et al

Chapter 240

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RESTORATIVE PRACTICES SCHOOLS – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 68

Senators Brooks and A. Washington

Chapter 241

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RESTORATIVE PRACTICES SCHOOLS – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026 on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- SB 880** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 242 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN – BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MARYLAND – GRANT FUNDING**
- Requiring the Governor to include \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2027 through 2030 to the Governor’s Office for Children to provide grants to fund operating expenses for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 879** **Delegate Smith, et al**
Chapter 243 **TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE AND REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN SCHOOLS**
- Establishing the Task Force to Improve Attendance and Reduce Chronic Absenteeism in Schools for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on practices to identify, prevent, and eliminate chronic absenteeism by students from schools in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 782** **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
Chapter 244 **STUDY ON DETECTING DEADLY WEAPONS IN PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**
- Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to study how best to detect deadly weapons in public middle and high schools and how best to rapidly report the detection of weapons to a law enforcement agency; requiring the Center to request any available assessment technologies evaluated under the Act; and requiring the Center to issue an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on the findings of the study, in a manner that does not jeopardize school safety, by December 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

- HB 161**
Chapter 245 **Delegates Atterbeary and Fair**
**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – CURRICULUM GUIDES
AND COURSES OF STUDY – DISCREPANCIES**
- Requiring each county board of education to adopt curriculum guides and courses of study aligned with content standards established by the State Department of Education; establishing a process for correcting discrepancies identified by the State Superintendent of Schools in a county board’s curriculum guides and courses of study, including the imposition of certain penalties; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain teachers, to develop content and curriculum standards and resources for each subject at each grade level; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 310**
Chapter 246 **Senator Simonaire**
**EDUCATION – YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHOOL
PROGRAM – REVISIONS**
- Altering the requirements of the Youth Suicide Prevention School Program to increase pupil awareness of the relationship between gambling and youth suicide.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 48**
Chapter 247 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – IDENTIFICATION
CARDS – VETERAN STATUS NOTATION**
- Authorizing the Department of General Services to include a notation on a certain identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain the consent of a certain holder of an identification card before transmitting certain information to a certain executive agency; and prohibiting the Department from transmitting certain information obtained on an application for an identification card except under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- SB 67**
Chapter 248 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS
Authorizing health occupations boards to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, registration, or public profile.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 89**
Chapter 249 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS
Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish a certain process in collaboration with one or more boards under the Department’s direction and control that requires a board to include a notation indicating veteran status on a professional license or certificate.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 114**
Chapter 250 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – LICENSES – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS
Authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 85**
Chapter 251 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
BRAILLE FLAG MEMORIAL ACT OF 2025
Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans’ cemeteries to honor members of the uniformed services, veterans, and other individuals in the State who are blind or visually impaired.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 455

Chapter 252

Delegate Kaiser, et al

BRAILLE FLAG MEMORIAL ACT OF 2025

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans' cemeteries to honor members of the uniformed services, veterans, and other individuals in the State who are blind or visually impaired.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 275

Chapter 253

Senator Simonaire, et al

MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY LAWS ACT

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 448

Chapter 254

Delegate Kipke, et al

MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY LAWS ACT

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- SB 276**
Chapter 255 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing education to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 600**
Chapter 256 **Delegate Patterson, et al**
EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing education to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 691**
Chapter 257 **Delegate Patterson, et al**
TAX RELIEF AND STATE PERSONNEL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing personnel and taxation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 278**
Chapter 258 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
TAX RELIEF AND STATE PERSONNEL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing personnel and taxation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- HB 466**
Chapter 259 **Delegate Kipke, et al**
HEALTH EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 277**
Chapter 260 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
HEALTH EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 280**
Chapter 261 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 1060**
Chapter 262 **Delegates Crutchfield and Kaufman**
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- HB 475**
Chapter 263 **Delegate Allen, et al**
TRANSPORTATION EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 281**
Chapter 264 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
TRANSPORTATION EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services; and exempting certain vehicles owned by licensed dealers from a certain excise tax if the vehicles are provided to customers for use while the customers’ vehicles are undergoing repair, maintenance, or other dealer services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 282**
Chapter 265 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
RECREATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- HB 494**
Chapter 266 **Delegate Allen, et al**
RECREATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT
Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 172**
Chapter 267 **Senator Simonaire**
MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP
Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary’s designee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 182**
Chapter 268 **Senator Simonaire**
MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY – FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS
Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include a spouse or dependent of an eligible veteran.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 309**
Chapter 269 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES – COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
Requiring the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans and Military Families to expand certain services to include service members and their families; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to submit an annual report by December 1 each year to the Governor and the General Assembly that includes a general assessment of communication methods utilized in support of the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- HB 699**
Chapter 270 **Delegate Allen, et al**
GENERAL PROVISIONS – VETERANS BENEFITS –
HONORABLE DISCHARGE
Defining “honorable discharge” with respect to any State program of
benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain
discharges.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 491**
Chapter 271 **Senator Gile, et al**
GENERAL PROVISIONS – VETERANS BENEFITS –
HONORABLE DISCHARGE
Defining “honorable discharge” with respect to any State program of
benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain
discharges.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 872**
Chapter 272 **Senator Jennings**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE
MEMBERS AND VETERANS (FAMILIES SERVE ACT)
Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant a preference in the
hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible
service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible
service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans;
authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that
allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for
eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving
spouses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1443

Chapter 273

Delegate Griffith, et al

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE
MEMBERS AND VETERANS (FAMILIES SERVE ACT)**

Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; and authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving spouses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1080

Chapter 274

Delegate Griffith

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – LOCAL PERSONNEL – LEAVE WITH
PAY**

Establishing that governmental units may provide disaster service leave with pay to certain employees; establishing that an employee of a governmental unit of a county or a municipality in the State may be entitled to disaster service leave with pay under certain circumstances; authorizing certain governmental units to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave; and authorizing a governmental unit of a county or a municipality to provide leave with pay under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 123

Chapter 275

Senator Simonaire

**BOATING ACCIDENTS – DUTY TO STOP AT THE SCENE,
RENDER ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION –
PENALTIES**

Requiring the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty to stop the vessel as close as possible to the scene of the collision, accident, or casualty until the operator has rendered certain assistance and provided certain information; establishing certain criminal penalties for the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty who does not take certain actions in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 308

Chapter 276

Senator Simonaire, et al

ELECTION LAW – CHIEF ELECTION JUDGES – PARTY AFFILIATION

Requiring the election director of a local board of elections to designate chief election judges from certain political parties to each polling place except under certain circumstances; and requiring an election director who is unable to designate chief judges for a polling place at least 45 days before the start of early voting to make a certain designation in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 685

Chapter 277

Senator Augustine

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Establishing the Language Assistance Program; requiring a local board of elections to participate in the Program if the State Board determines that there is a significant need for language assistance to voters in the county in a language other than English; requiring the State Board to designate, no later than February 1 of the year of the election, certain languages other than English in which a local board that is required to participate in the Program must provide assistance to voters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 983

Chapter 278

Delegates Mireku–North and Wilkins

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Establishing the Language Assistance Program; requiring a local board of elections to participate in the Program if the State Board determines that there is a significant need for language assistance to voters in the county in a language other than English; requiring the State Board to designate, not later than February 1 of the year of the election, certain languages other than English in which a local board that is required to participate in the Program must provide assistance to voters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 257
Chapter 279 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

ELECTION LAW – NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 199
Chapter 280 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 259
Chapter 281 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – ELECTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 41 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 282 **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

**ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW
POLITICAL PARTY – PROCESS**

Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 267 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 283 **(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

**ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW
POLITICAL PARTY – PROCESS**

Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 910 **Delegate Wolek, et al**
Chapter 284 **PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR BLIND INDIVIDUALS –**
ALTERATION

Increasing the amount of a certain property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by blind individuals or their surviving spouses from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 911 **Senator Attar, et al**
Chapter 285 **PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR BLIND INDIVIDUALS –**
ALTERATION

Increasing the amount of a certain property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by blind individuals or their surviving spouses from \$15,000 to \$40,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1547

Chapter 286

Delegate A. Jones

BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSE
QUALIFICATIONS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
TRAINING

Requiring the State Board of Barbers and the State Board of Cosmetologists, beginning October 1, 2025, to require as a condition for licensure and initial renewal of a license an applicant or a licensee to complete certain training in domestic violence awareness; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to approve certain domestic violence awareness training that is offered in person and virtually, includes guidance on certain topics, and has a duration of at least 1 hour; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 477

Chapter 287

Delegates Barnes and McCaskill

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FAMILY CHILD CARE
HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – REGULATORY
ANALYSIS

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a thorough analysis of the State’s regulatory framework for child care facilities with particular emphasis on regulations that limit a person’s ability to register a child care facility, receive a license to operate a child care center, or operate a child care facility in a profitable manner while providing quality care; and requiring an interim and final report be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2026, and September 1, 2026, respectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 666

Chapter 288

Senator Guzzone

MARYLAND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill to the Department of Housing and Community Development in fiscal years 2027 through 2030 as a grant to community action agencies statewide for measures to combat poverty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 667

Chapter 289

Senator Guzzone

GAMING – SLOT MACHINES – SKILLS–BASED AMUSEMENT DEVICES

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to provide that certain skills–based amusement devices excluded from the definition may award merchandise, tickets, tokens, or other objects that do not exceed a certain minimal value per play and may be accumulated and exchanged for merchandise or prizes that do not exceed a minimal wholesale value of \$599.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 633

Chapter 290

Delegate Atterbeary

GAMING – SLOT MACHINES – SKILLS–BASED AMUSEMENT DEVICES

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to provide that certain skills–based amusement devices excluded from the definition may award merchandise, tickets, tokens, or other objects that do not exceed a certain minimal value per play and may be accumulated and exchanged for noncash merchandise or prizes of value that is similar to the cumulated value of the objects exchanged, and does not exceed a minimal wholesale value of \$599.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 825

Chapter 291

Delegate Pena–Melnik

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION

Adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller’s designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 41

Chapter 292

Senator Rosapepe

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION

Adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller’s designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 674

Chapter 293

Senator Hettleman

MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN – MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF COVERAGE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER BIRTH CONTROL

Requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to establish the Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control to study access to over-the-counter birth control; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by January 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 939

Chapter 294

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN – MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF COVERAGE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER BIRTH CONTROL

Requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to establish the Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control to study access to over-the-counter birth control; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by January 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 522

Chapter 295

Senator Charles

HOME BUILDERS – NEW HOME SALES – NOTICE OF APPLIANCE WARRANTY REGISTRATION

Requiring a person registered to build a new home to provide at the time of closing for the initial sale of a new home information about the warranties for appliances registered by the person, including the date of the warranty registration and the time remaining under the warranty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 785

Chapter 296

Senator Ready

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNPAID PARENTAL LEAVE –
DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER**

Altering the definition of “employer” to exclude employers who are covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for the current year from being required to provide to employees a certain unpaid parental leave benefit in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 463

Chapter 297

Delegates Edelson and Watson

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION –
3–HOUR ROADWAY SAFETY DRIVING EDUCATION PROGRAM
– REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements of the 3–hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program established by the Motor Vehicle Administration for certain applicants for driver’s licenses; and requiring the Administration to adopt regulations establishing criteria for certifying a private entity to offer the 3–hour Roadway Safety Education Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 471

Chapter 298

Senator Rosapepe

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION –
3–HOUR ROADWAY SAFETY DRIVING EDUCATION PROGRAM
– REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements of the 3–hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program established by the Motor Vehicle Administration for certain applicants for driver’s licenses; and requiring the Administration to adopt regulations establishing criteria for certifying a private entity to offer the 3–hour Roadway Safety Education Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 109

Chapter 299

Senator Feldman

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – SCHOOL BOARDS – COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Requiring each school board to certify to the State Ethics Commission, on or before October 1 each year, that the school board is in compliance with certain requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 932

Chapter 300

Delegate Korman, et al

PUBLIC ETHICS – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BLIND TRUST – GOVERNOR

Requiring the Governor to place certain interests into a certain certified blind trust or divest of certain interests within 6 months after taking the oath of office; requiring the Governor to enter into a nonparticipation agreement with the State Ethics Commission for any interests not included in a blind trust; authorizing the Ethics Commission to impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Act; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations to carry out the Act including standards for types of interests that be exempted; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 324

Chapter 301

Delegates Korman and Atterbeary

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANTIBIAS TRAINING FOR MEMBERS – REQUIREMENT (COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ANTIBIAS TRAINING ACT)

Requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member's term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 293

Chapter 302

Senator Feldman, et al

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANTIBIAS TRAINING FOR MEMBERS – REQUIREMENT (COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ANTIBIAS TRAINING ACT)

Requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member's term; and requiring that the antibias training be conducted separately from certain other required public school employee training.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 412

Chapter 303

Delegate Korman

ELECTIONS – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring each local board of elections to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 337

Chapter 304

Senator Kagan

ELECTIONS – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring each local board of elections to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 842

Chapter 305

Senator Beidle

ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – SEIZURE AND WHOLESALE RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to seize electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return of certain property seized by the Executive Director; and establishing certain record-keeping requirements for electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributors and wholesaler importers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- SB 371**
Chapter 306 **Senator Beidle**
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – RENEWAL NOTICES –
ELECTRONIC MEANS
Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 565**
Chapter 307 **Delegate Hutchinson**
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – RENEWAL NOTICES –
ELECTRONIC MEANS
Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 830**
Chapter 308 **Senator Hayes**
WORKERS' COMPENSATION – CLAIMS APPLICATION FORM –
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION
Altering the entities to which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application filed with the Workers' Compensation Commission to include the Uninsured Employers' Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund; altering the information which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application to include additional claims filed by the claimant and information in the custody of the Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 695**
Chapter 309 **Senator Beidle**
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND
BOARD – MEMBERSHIP AND RESERVES
Altering the membership of the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board; and requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to establish reserves to meet potential losses of the Uninsured Employers' Fund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 93

Chapter 310

Senator Kramer

ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – NOTICE TO REQUEST APPLICATION

Requiring the local board of elections to send a written notice regarding a request for a State–approved absentee ballot application with a specimen ballot and any other mailings to voters and eligible voters to further awareness of the option of mail–in voting, except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 645

Chapter 311

Senator Kagan

ELECTION LAW – GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – DATE

Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 945

Chapter 312

Delegate Wilkins

ELECTION LAW – GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – DATE

Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 633

Chapter 313

Senator Kagan

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS – DISCLOSURES ON SOLICITATIONS (STOP SCAM PACS ACT)

Requiring certain political organizations to include certain disclaimers and disclosures on certain solicitations; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to investigate a potential violation of the Act; and authorizing the State Board after the issuance of a public report of its finding to prohibit a person who violated the Act from making further solicitations for a certain period or impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 365

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 314

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATOR – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance and work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofits interest and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the navigator.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

HB 541

Delegate Guzzone, et al

Chapter 315

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATOR – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance and work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofit organizations' interests and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the navigator.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

HB 793

**Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

Chapter 316

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC
FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a total principal amount of \$25,000,000 for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds issued under the authority of the Act are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 71 **Delegate Edelson**

Chapter 317 **EDUCATION – HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program in the State Department of Education to assist local school systems with Holocaust education in public schools; authorizing a local school system to apply to the Department for a grant from the Program to be used for teacher training or teaching materials; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$50,000 for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 252 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 318 **(By Request – Departmental – Education)**

CHILD CARE CENTERS – CERTIFICATED STAFF RATIO REQUIREMENT – ALTERATION

Altering a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 150 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 319 **Departmental – Education)**

CHILD CARE CENTERS – CERTIFICATED STAFF RATIO REQUIREMENT – ALTERATION

Altering a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio, set by the Department, of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 313

Chapter 320

Senator M. Washington

**ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS –
RISK-LIMITING AUDITS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; authorizing a local board to conduct a risk-limiting audit under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 426

Chapter 321

Delegates Kaiser and Wilkins

**ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS –
RISK-LIMITING AUDITS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; authorizing a local board to conduct a risk-limiting audit of a local contest under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 789

Chapter 322

Senator M. Washington, et al

**HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT
PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to designate certain private institutions of higher education as hunger-free campuses; prohibiting a 4-year or 2-year private institution of higher education or a regional higher education center operated by a private nonprofit institution of higher education from being eligible to receive grant funding under the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program; and authorizing the Governor in certain fiscal years to include \$150,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- HB 774** **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 323 **HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER–FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**
- Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to designate certain private institutions of higher education as hunger–free campuses; and prohibiting certain private institutions of higher education from being eligible to receive grant funding under the Hunger–Free Campus Grant Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 795** **Delegate Spiegel, et al**
Chapter 324 **FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM – EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION AND AWARENESS MATERIALS**
- Establishing requirements related to the certification of employment by public service employers under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, including requirements regarding determinations of whether employees are full–time; and requiring the Student Loan Ombudsman in the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to develop and disseminate information to increase awareness of and participation in the Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 678** **Delegate Spiegel, et al**
Chapter 325 **MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY – FUNDING AND BUDGET SUBMISSION**
- Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; and requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before June 1 each year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 358

Senator King

Chapter 326

**MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY – FUNDING
AND BUDGET SUBMISSION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; and requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before June 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 451

Senator King, et al

Chapter 327

**ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY
EXAMINATION – REQUIREMENTS AND STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in either English or Spanish; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 325

Delegate Wims, et al

Chapter 328

**ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY
EXAMINATION – REQUIREMENTS AND STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to choose to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in either English or Spanish; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 722

Chapter 329

Senators Henson and Augustine

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – DEFINITION OF
ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION**

Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re–establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through improvements to physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or processes, returning natural or historical functions or services, or protecting or improving resiliency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1155

Chapter 330

Delegate Stein

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – DEFINITION OF
ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION**

Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re–establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through improvements to physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or processes, returning natural or historical functions or services, or protecting or improving resiliency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 938

Chapter 331

Delegate Stein, et al

**CONTINUING CARE PROVIDERS – GOVERNING BODIES –
MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring the appointment of an alternate subscriber member to the governing body of a continuing care provider; and authorizing the alternate subscriber member to attend all meetings of the governing body and vote only if the regular subscriber is unable to fulfill the subscriber’s duties as a regular member of the governing body.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 1000

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 332

**GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING – SPORTS WAGERING
FACILITY LICENSEES**

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility if the facility was originally issued a Class B sports wagering facility license on or before September 30, 2023, and meets certain requirements; authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to utilize certain branding and loyalty rewards programs; prohibiting the sports wagering facility licensee from allowing certain account wallet utilization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1543

Delegate Stein

Chapter 333

**GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING FACILITIES – REQUEST FOR
RELOCATION**

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility if the facility was originally issued a Class B sports wagering facility license on or before September 30, 2023, and the new location is in the same county, complies with certain location requirements, and is approved by the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 846

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 334

**BUSINESS REGULATION – CELLULAR PHONE CARRIERS –
AUTHORIZED USERS**

Requiring a cellular phone carrier to allow a customer of record who is responsible for payment of an account to have the option to designate other individuals as authorized users on the customer's account and to allow an authorized user to take certain actions in connection with the account.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 511

Senator Henson

Chapter 335

PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS –
PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN
REQUIREMENTS (PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT
SUPPORT ACT)

Requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a plan regarding pregnant and parenting students to include referral to on-campus or off-campus services to assist regarding the availability of or eligibility for certain government assistance programs and any other programs, scholarships, or subsidies that may be available for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the plan on the institution's website on or before August 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 840

Delegate McCaskill, et al

Chapter 336

PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS –
PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN
REQUIREMENTS (PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT
SUPPORT ACT)

Requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a plan regarding pregnant and parenting students to include referral to on-campus or off-campus services to assist regarding the availability of or eligibility for certain government assistance programs and any other programs, scholarships, or subsidies that may be available for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the plan on the institution's website on or before August 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 888

Delegate Fair, et al

Chapter 337

EDUCATION – INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION –
QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for an initial teacher certificate to include passing a portfolio-based assessment of a nationally accredited teacher preparation program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 529

Senator Brooks

Chapter 338

**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS –
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – EXAMINATION**

Requiring an applicant for a license to practice engineering to pass an examination in the fundamentals of engineering given by the State Board for Professional Engineers before passing the required examination in the principles and practice of engineering.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1204

Delegate Patterson, et al

Chapter 339

**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ELOPEMENT
– NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (ACE’S LAW)**

Requiring certain public and nonpublic schools to notify a parent or guardian if a student attempts or accomplishes an elopement, the act of leaving the school campus without permission; requiring certain schools and individualized education program teams to review and address with relevant stakeholders certain behavior in updating a student’s individualized education program or behavior intervention plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 618

Delegate Patterson

Chapter 340

**STATE LOTTERY – INTERNET SALES OF SUBSCRIPTION
PLANS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow the establishment of a system or program that allows an individual to purchase a State lottery subscription plan through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device; and requiring the Agency to report by December 1, 2026, to certain committees of the General Assembly on State lottery subscription sales.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1021

Chapter 341

Delegates Taylor and Holmes

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSURE AND
CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS**

Prohibiting the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors from requiring an applicant to hold a bachelor's degree or higher to qualify for a certain certification or licensure as a real estate appraiser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 923

Chapter 342

Senator Gile, et al

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIALS –
PAYMENT AND FEES**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, to develop and periodically update a list of similar high school sports that are categorized together; requiring a county board of education to ensure that certain high school sports officials for certain high school sports are provided equal pay; and requiring a county board to conduct invitations for bids for high school sports officiating services in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 497

Chapter 343

Delegate Stewart, et al

**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – TRANSPORTATION
COMPANIES – REGULATION (PREVENTING ABDUCTION IN
YOUTH TRANSPORT ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is a substantial likelihood of imminent serious physical harm to a child or others; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a certain civil action against certain transportation companies; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 400

Senator Gile

Chapter 344

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES – REGULATION (PREVENTING ABDUCTION IN YOUTH TRANSPORT ACT OF 2025)

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is a substantial likelihood of imminent serious physical harm to a child or others; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a certain civil action against certain transportation companies; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 672

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 345

SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PERSONNEL ASSESSMENT AND MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to conduct an assessment of school health and wellness personnel each year; altering the membership of the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers; and requiring the Department and the State Department of Education to annually report to the General Assembly on the findings of the assessment beginning December 1, 2027, and publish the report on the website of each agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 226 **Delegate Bagnall**

Chapter 346 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OPTIONS

Authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to operate all schools within the county using a scheduling model that eliminates early dismissal days to allow for less than 180 school days if the minimal hours of attendance are met; requiring the board, if it elects to use a scheduling model that results in a school in the county being open for less than 180 days, to offer certain school employees an opportunity to make up the lost wages; and requiring the Board to make a report on the schools using an alternative scheduling model.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 458 **Delegate Wolek, et al**

Chapter 347 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS –
TERPSEXCEED PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in fiscal year 2027, an appropriation of \$350,000 to the University of Maryland, College Park Campus TerpsEXCEED (EXperiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program to provide educational and employment opportunities to students with intellectual disabilities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 603 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 348 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS –
TERPSEXCEED PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in fiscal year 2027, an appropriation of \$350,000 to the University of Maryland, College Park Campus TerpsEXCEED (EXperiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program to provide educational and employment opportunities to students with intellectual disabilities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- HB 1193**
Chapter 349 **Delegate Wolek, et al**
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – LOCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND HOUSING DATA TRANSPARENCY ACT)
Requiring certain counties to report information quarterly about certain housing development permits to the Department of Planning, beginning January 1, 2027; authorizing municipalities to make certain quarterly reports to the Department regarding housing development permits issued by the municipality, beginning January 1, 2027; and requiring the Department of Planning to make certain permit information available on a public, interactive, and searchable website.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 102**
Chapter 350 **Senator Gile**
INSURANCE POOLING – PUBLIC ENTITY – DEFINITION
Altering the definition of “public entity” to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 100**
Chapter 351 **Delegate Bagnall**
INSURANCE POOLING – PUBLIC ENTITY – DEFINITION
Altering the definition of “public entity” to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 3**
Chapter 352 **Delegate Bagnall**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS
Clarifying the definition of “physical therapist assistant” as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first-class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 47

Chapter 353

Senator Gile

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS –
REVISIONS**

Clarifying the definition of “physical therapist assistant” as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first-class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 617

Chapter 354

Senator Gile

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING –
EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

Authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology to issue a limited license to provide eyelash extension services; altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include providing eyelash extension services; and requiring an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to be at least 17 years old and have successfully completed a 9th grade education or equivalent, received certain training, and passed a practical and written examination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1223

Chapter 355

Delegate Rose, et al

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING –
EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

Authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology to issue a limited license to provide eyelash extension services; altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include providing eyelash extension services; and requiring an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to be at least 17 years old, have successfully completed a 9th grade education or equivalent, received certain training, and passed a practical and written examination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- HB 265**
Chapter 356 **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
DENTAL SERVICES – QUALIFICATION FOR MARYLAND
DENT–CARE PROGRAM
Altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance
Grants under the Maryland Dent–Care Program to include part–time
employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 456**
Chapter 357 **Senators McKay and Augustine**
DENTAL SERVICES – QUALIFICATION FOR MARYLAND
DENT–CARE PROGRAM
Altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance
Grants under the Maryland Dent–Care Program to include part–time
employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 734**
Chapter 358 **Senator McKay**
BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSING – DEFINITION OF
STORAGE WAREHOUSE
Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the
State, the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self–service
storage facility.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 968**
Chapter 359 **Delegate A. Johnson**
BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSING – DEFINITION OF
STORAGE WAREHOUSE
Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the
State, the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self–service
storage facility.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- SB 162**
Chapter 360 **Senator Simonaire**
AGRICULTURE – DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER IDENTIFICATION, INSPECTION, AND SALE OF CANTALOUPEs – REPEAL
Repealing the Department of Agriculture’s authority over the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 147**
Chapter 361 **Senator Simonaire**
STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE
Providing that the Governor appoint members of the State Board of Stationary Engineers with the advice and consent of the Senate.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 57**
Chapter 362 **Senator Simonaire**
FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIES, AND REDUCTION FACILITIES – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED REMAINS – VETERANS
Requiring a licensed funeral establishment, crematory operator, or reduction facility to take certain actions if a certain veterans service organization does not take possession of certain unclaimed cremains, hydrolyzed remains, or soil remains that qualify for a plot in a veterans cemetery within a certain period of time.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 102**
Chapter 363 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**
FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – REVISIONS
Defining “anchor date” to establish certain reference points for the calculation of a certain covered employee’s average weekly wage and eligibility for increases in weekly benefits under the Family Medical Leave and Insurance Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing an optional self-employed enrollment program governing the participation of self-employed individuals in the Program; repealing certain requirements related to contributions made by certain participating individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 46 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 364 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, or the Administrator’s designee, and the Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity in the Maryland Cannabis Administration, or the Executive Director’s designee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 222 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 365 **Transportation)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator’s designee and the Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity in the Maryland Cannabis Administration or the Executive Director’s designee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 207 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 366 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**DRUNK AND DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND FAILURE TO
REMAIN AT THE SCENE – REVOCATION OF DRIVER’S
LICENSE**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke the driver’s license of a person who has been convicted of impaired driving that contributes to an accident, or fails to remain at the scene of an accident, that results in the death or life-threatening injury to another person; and authorizing a person whose driver’s license is revoked under the Act or for homicide by motor vehicle while impaired to apply for license reinstatement after a certain period of time.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 415

Chapter 367

Delegates Palakovich Carr and Amprey

STATE LIBRARY AGENCY – FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Family Literacy Pilot Program administered by the State Library Agency in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Correctional Education Council to enable certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording; and requiring the State Library Agency to submit a certain report on or before December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 378

Chapter 368

Senator A. Washington, et al

STATE LIBRARY AGENCY – FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Family Literacy Pilot Program administered by the State Library Agency in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Correctional Education Council to foster and strengthen family relationships by enabling certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording of a children's book; and requiring the State Library Agency to submit a report to the General Assembly on the results of the Program on or before December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1121

Chapter 369

Delegate Shetty, et al

CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – YOUTH TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER PLACEMENT TO SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOOD PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Youth Transitioning From Foster Placement to Successful Adulthood Program in the Child Care Scholarship Program to remove certain application barriers for parenting foster youth and increase eligibility access to the Child Care Scholarship Program;

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 538

Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 370

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FEDERAL
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM –
ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources; and repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 445

Senator McCray

Chapter 371

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FEDERAL
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM –
ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources; and repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 341

Senator McCray

Chapter 372

BALTIMORE CITY – RAFFLES – ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED
WITH A PROFESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

Authorizing organizations that are affiliated with a professional major league baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles; requiring the organization to obtain a permit to conduct raffles; providing that raffle tickets may only be sold using age-verification measures to ensure the buyer is at least 18 years old; providing that, subject to certain limitations, an organization conducting a raffle is not subject to a certain provision of law prohibiting the acceptance of credit as payment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 881 **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 373

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – CHILD SUPPORT

Phasing in a requirement that all child support received in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program and prohibiting the consideration of child support in computing the amount of assistance received.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1475 **Delegate Feldmark, et al**

Chapter 374

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION –
PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – ANALYSIS AND
REPORT (MIXED DELIVERY MODEL VIABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to convene a workgroup to conduct an analysis of the mixed delivery, publicly funded prekindergarten system established under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and requiring the workgroup to submit a final report, by December 31, 2027, to the Accountability and Implementation Board and the General Assembly on any changes made by the Department in response to the recommendations in its interim report, and any additional recommendations for changes to the prekindergarten system.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 785 **Delegate Feldmark, et al**

Chapter 375

**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES AND ZONING
AUTHORITIES – OPERATION OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
– LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain cooperative housing corporations from prohibiting or restricting the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes; prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain cooperative housing corporations from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child care below the number authorized by the State Department of Education; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1122

Chapter 376

Delegate Feldmark

**OFFICE OF CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP
– ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of members of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council from 30 to 31; and adding a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the membership of the Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 473

Chapter 377

Delegate Harris

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 269

Chapter 378

Senator M. Jackson

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 861

Chapter 379

Senator Corderman

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND
ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR
GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; providing that the Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; altering the purpose of the Senator George C. Edwards Fund to provide grant or loan funding to create jobs and significant economic development opportunities in the region; altering the criteria that the Board must consider when awarding certain grant and loan funding from the fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1459

Chapter 380

Delegate Buckel, et al

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND
ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR
GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; providing that the Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board, but may vote to break a tie; providing criteria for the awarding of grant and loan funding to include the creation or retention of at least 25 jobs, creation or retention of at least 10 jobs each with wages that exceed 120% of the State minimum wage, or creates significant population growth in the area in which the project is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1148

Chapter 381

Delegate Wivell, et al

**RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNIT INSURANCE – LAPSES IN
COVERAGE – PROHIBITION ON DENIAL**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to residential condominium unit insurance, from refusing to issue a policy based solely on a prior lapse in coverage of the applicant if the lapse was due to an insurer's withdrawal from the market, the lapse in coverage was for no longer than 90 days, the applicant provides an affidavit that the applicant has not incurred any losses during the lapse in coverage, and the applicant provides any other documentation required by the insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 704

Chapter 382

Delegate Wivell, et al

**HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND GRADUATE AND
PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE
INSTITUTIONS**

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include certain students attending the Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 597 **Senators Corderman and McKay**

Chapter 383

HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND GRADUATE AND
PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE
INSTITUTIONS

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional
Scholarship Program to include certain students attending the
Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 175 **Senators Lewis Young and Brooks**

Chapter 384

PUBLIC SAFETY – FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS AND
CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING – PROHIBITIONS
AND STUDY

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of
non–arc–resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing;
establishing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act;
requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Office of the
State Fire Marshal to conduct a study and make recommendations
related to preventing the fire hazards associated with commonly used
fuel gas piping systems including gas piping and corrugated stainless
steel tubing, in residential and commercial buildings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 222 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 385

PUBLIC SAFETY – FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS AND
CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING – PROHIBITIONS
AND STUDY

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of
non–arc–resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing;
providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act; and
requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Office of the
State Fire Marshal, by September 1, 2026, to submit a final report to
the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly with
recommendations related to preventing the fire hazards associated
with commonly used fuel gas piping systems.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1162

Chapter 386

Delegate Stein

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, OR REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – EQUIPMENT SALES

Prohibiting a person from knowingly offering to sell or selling heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration equipment to an individual that does not hold a certain license issued by the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration Contractors except under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to provide a certain notice to purchasers of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration equipment at the time of sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 318

Chapter 387

Senator Lewis Young, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services in the State for not less than 5 years, or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for a certain time period or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 643

Chapter 388

Delegate Guyton, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services in the State for not less than 5 years or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters for 3 years and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for not less than 5 years or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters over a 3-year period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- HB 452**
Chapter 389 **Delegate Guyton, et al**
OUTDOOR LIGHTING – GUIDANCE AND USE OF STATE FUNDS
Requiring the Maryland Green Building Council, on or before October 1, 2026, to update or develop guidance for the purchase of outdoor lighting fixtures in consideration of certain recommendations; prohibiting State funds from being used to install or replace certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting unless certain requirements are met; altering the requirements for the use of State funds for the installation or replacement of certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 586**
Chapter 390 **Delegate D. Jones**
ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – COMPENSATION
Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and authorizing a public school student in the State to earn hours toward the service–learning graduation requirement or receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 839**
Chapter 391 **Delegate Roberson**
ELECTION LAW – PROVISIONAL BALLOTS – NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTESTS
Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 664 **Delegate Terrasa**

Chapter 392

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY
MIDWIVES – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Clarifying that the State Board of Nursing may deny a license or grant a license, including a license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, if an applicant for a license to practice direct-entry midwifery or a licensed direct-entry midwife violates a ground for discipline.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1481 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 393

**DISABILITY SERVICES – ADAPTED VEHICLE ACCESS PILOT
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Adapted Vehicle Access Pilot Program to provide adapted vehicles to individuals who require a mobility aid; and requiring the Department of Disabilities to implement and administer the Program, request, apply for, and facilitate certain donations to the Program, study the impacts of the Program, and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Program on or before December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1007 **Delegate Wells, et al**

Chapter 394

**DISABILITY AND LIFE INSURANCE – MEDICAL
INFORMATION (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance or disability insurance policies or contracts from unfairly discriminating against an individual by taking certain actions relating to coverage based on medical information; prohibiting certain carriers from accessing sensitive medical information without first obtaining written consent or mandating certain genetic testing or full genome sequencing as a prerequisite for life insurance or disability insurance eligibility or coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1098

Chapter 395

Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Wilson

INSURANCE – AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – MARYLAND
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND AND AFFORDABILITY
STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to calculate and report its risk based capital level in accordance with certain provisions of insurance law and maintain total adjusted capital in a certain amount; establishing that certain provisions of insurance law regarding prior approval rate making apply to the Fund during a certain time period and under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a workgroup to study automobile insurance affordability; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1069

Chapter 396

Delegate Woorman, et al

LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITY AND
HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS –
DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the use of discretionary clauses in life insurance policies, health insurance policies, annuity contracts, and health maintenance organization contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 972

Chapter 397

Delegate A. Johnson

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements for continuing education required for the renewal of a license for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons, including the number of clock hours, course topics, course instructors, and course application fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 680

Chapter 398

Senator Carozza

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements for continuing education required for the renewal of a license for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons, including the number of clock hours, course topics, course instructors, and course application fees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 717

Chapter 399

Senator Carozza

SOMERSET COUNTY – SALARIES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS – INCREASE

Increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 844

Chapter 400

Delegate Otto, et al

SOMERSET COUNTY – SALARIES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS – INCREASE

Increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 967

Chapter 401

Delegate Otto, et al

SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025 EDITION – LEGALIZATION

Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- SB 718**
Chapter 402 **Senator Carozza**
SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025 EDITION – LEGALIZATION
- Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 337**
Chapter 403 **Delegate Lehman, et al**
STATE LOTTERY FUND – LAUREL RACE COURSE – LOCAL IMPACT AID
- Requiring the Comptroller, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to distribute from the State Lottery Fund \$250,000 of supplemental local impact aid to Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from the proceeds of the Racetrax lottery game to be used for certain programs and services in the communities surrounding Laurel Race Course; specifying the purposes for and manner in which the supplemental local impact aid may be utilized; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 427**
Chapter 404 **Delegate Queen**
STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – EMERITUS STATUS
- Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 148**
Chapter 405 **Senator Ellis**
STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – EMERITUS STATUS
- Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to review an application for emeritus status within 60 days of receipt of the application; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 51

Senator Ellis

Chapter 406

**ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE
PRIVILEGES – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State to include a requirement that the individual passed the Uniform CPA Examination to qualify for a license in another state.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 887

Delegate Valderrama, et al

Chapter 407

**ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE
PRIVILEGES – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State by requiring that the individual must have passed the Uniform CPA Examination when qualifying for the license in the other state.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 623

Senator Bailey

Chapter 408

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$71,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 963

Chapter 409

Senator Mautz

ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund to provide for the care, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of abandoned and neglected cemeteries in the State; authorizing the Governor to include in the budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 to the Fund; and requiring an annual report by September 30 to the General Assembly on the donations to the Fund, promotional efforts undertaken with money from the Fund, and a detailed accounting of the use of the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 535

Chapter 410

Delegate Simmons, et al

ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund to provide for the care, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of abandoned and neglected cemeteries in the State; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 to the fund; and requiring an annual report by September 30 to the General Assembly on the donations to the Fund and promotional efforts undertaken by money from the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 509

Chapter 411

Delegate Simmons, et al

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF CEMETERIES AND BURIAL SITES WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup for the purpose of studying issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 354 **Senator Salling, et al**

Chapter 412

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF CEMETERIES AND BURIAL SITES
WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup for the purpose of studying issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 562 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 413

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee; and altering the number of members elected from each legislative district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 352 **Senator Salling, et al**

Chapter 414

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee; and altering the number of members elected from each legislative district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 228 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 415 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE – QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

Altering certain requirements relating to programs of instruction for applicants for certain limited lines credit insurance licenses; and requiring the insurer that provides the program of instruction to retain records relating to the program of instruction while in use and for a period of at least 5 years after its last use.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 19 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 416 **Request – Departmental – Health)**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSING – LOAN REPAYMENT, EDUCATION, AND SUNSET EXTENSION (BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES ACT OF 2025)

Expanding the purpose of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff; requiring the Department to prioritize funding for nurses or nursing support staff who practice in an area with a shortage of nurses or nursing support staff or who practice in a specialty where a shortage has been identified; altering certain education requirements for licensure; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain time period; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 251 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 417 **Departmental – Human Services)**

HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDITS

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval of once every 4 years unless it is determined on a case-by-case basis that an audit occur at an interval of 3 years, with which the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services conducts or contracts for financial and compliance audits of local departments of social services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 230 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 418 **Human Services)**

HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDITS

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval of once every 4 years, unless it is determined on a case-by-case basis that an audit occur at an interval of 3 years, with which the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services conducts or contracts for financial and compliance audits of local departments of social services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 208 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 419 **Disabilities)**

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities; providing the purpose of the Program is to increase access to assistive technology services and devices for individuals with disabilities, support the State's efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages, including underrepresented populations, and ensure statewide access to assistive technology lending libraries; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 214 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 420 **Departmental – Disabilities)**

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities; providing the purpose of the Program is to increase access to assistive technology services and devices for individuals with disabilities, support the State's efforts to provide assistive technology services and devices to persons with disabilities of all ages, including underrepresented populations, and ensure statewide access to assistive technology lending libraries; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 915

Chapter 421

Baltimore County Senators

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PRIVATE
ROADWAYS IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES**

Prohibiting, for a certain period of time, a person from driving a motor vehicle in violation of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in a residential community in Baltimore County; and authorizing, for a certain period of time, a police officer to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in a certain residential community in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 528

Chapter 422

Baltimore County Delegation

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PRIVATE
ROADWAYS IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES**

Prohibiting, from October 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028, a person from driving a motor vehicle in violation of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in a certain residential community in Baltimore County; authorizing, from October 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028, a police officer to enforce the vehicle law on private roadways in a certain residential community in Baltimore County; and prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in violation of the Act on any roadway located in certain areas of Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 833

Chapter 423

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$36,900,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 964 **Dorchester County Senators**

Chapter 424

**DORCHESTER COUNTY – WELL AND ON–SITE SEWAGE
DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES – PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, at the request of the Dorchester County government and the local health department or county agency in Dorchester County that has received a well or on–site sewage disposal system delegation of authority by the Department, to establish a privatization program for the performance of activities associated with the well or on–site sewage disposal system delegation of authority in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1124 **Dorchester County Delegation**

Chapter 425

**DORCHESTER COUNTY – WELL AND ON–SITE SEWAGE
DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES – PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, at the request of the Dorchester County government and the local health department or county agency in Dorchester County that has received a well or on–site sewage disposal system delegation of authority by the Department, to establish a privatization program for the performance of activities associated with the well or on–site sewage disposal system delegation of authority in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1207 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 426

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
MEMBER COMPENSATION MC 7–25**

Altering the compensation of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 478 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 427

**HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE FORCE –
JURISDICTION**

Authorizing a Hagerstown Community College police officer to exercise powers granted to a peace and police officer under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 596

Chapter 428

Washington County Senators

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES – THE HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY, INC.

Exempting from the property tax property that is owned by The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc., and used primarily for public social, recreational, and entertainment purposes; and authorizing the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc. to pay to the governing body of Washington County or the City of Hagerstown an amount, if any, that may be set by mutual agreement in lieu of the taxes that would otherwise be due on all or part of the facility.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1524

Chapter 429

Wicomico County Delegation

WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBER, AND COMPENSATION

Altering, beginning with the general election in 2026, the districts from which certain members of the Wicomico County Board of Education are elected; adding at least one student member from the 11th or 12th grade in good standing and regularly enrolled in the public school system to the county board for purposes of advising the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students in the County public schools; and providing that the members of the county board are entitled to certain compensation and reimbursement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director