To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 13, 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 506 The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al

Chapter 430

CHESAPEAKE BAY LEGACY ACT

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with the Program's purpose; altering the definition of "healthy soils" for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# SB 901 Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 431

ENVIRONMENT – PACKAGING AND PAPER PRODUCTS – PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PLANS

Requiring certain producers of covered materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a certain covered materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before July 1, 2028, and every 5 years thereafter, in accordance with certain requirements, or to develop an alternative collection program; requiring a producer responsibility organization to pay certain costs to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

# SB 250 Chapter 432

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - FEES, PENALTIES, FUNDING, AND REGULATION

Altering the authorized uses of the Maryland Clean Air Fund to include certain activities relating to mitigating and reducing air pollution in the State; authorizing the Department of the Environment to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances; requiring a holder of a license to transfer oil into the State to pay a certain fee when oil owned by the licensee is first transferred into the State; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

# HB 719

#### Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources) Chapter 433

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – ALTERATIONS

Repealing certain advertising and public hearing requirements for proposed regulations implementing the State Boat Act; increasing certain funding thresholds for certain projects financed by the Improvement Fund; and altering the fees for manufacturer and dealer licenses, certificates of number, Maryland use stickers, and the issuance of certificates of title, transfer of title. or duplicate or corrected certificates of title.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1473

#### Delegate Acevero, et al

Chapter 434

STATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Requiring the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Disabilities to convene the Maryland Language Advisory Group, by January 1, 2026, to make findings and recommendations on oversight, monitoring, investigation, and enforcement of certain provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for certain individuals; altering provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency to include individuals with disabilities; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# Delegate Lopez, et al

Chapter 435

PUBLIC HEALTH ABORTION GRANT PROGRAM - ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care clinical services for individuals in the State; establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care clinical services under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### SB 848

# Chapter 436

#### Senator Guzzone

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB<sub>1</sub>

## Delegate Ebersole, et al

#### Chapter 437

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE (SEE SOMEONE, SAVE SOMEONE ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2027, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

#### Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 438

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of State affiliate of the electric company at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 121

## **Delegate Charkoudian**

Chapter 439

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its State affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 707

#### Delegate Wilkins, et al

Chapter 440

VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMITS – NOTATION OF NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC'S ID LAW)

Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that a certain license, identification card, or moped operator's permit include a notation of a nonapparent disability; requiring the immediate implementation of training for law enforcement concerning interactions with persons with nonapparent disabilities; etc.

# HB 25 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 441 Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining "reservoir augmentation" as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; establishing an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department to make recommendations on whether the program should be extended or made permanent and any statutory or regulatory changes necessary; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# SB 265 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Chapter 442 (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

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# HB 717 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 443 Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC LANDS – ACQUISITION, STAFFING, OPERATIONS, AND FUNDING

Altering provisions of law regarding the acquisition of real property by the Department of Natural Resources; establishing a Land and Property Management Program in the Department to process certain transactions; authorizing the Department and the Natural Resources Police to establish affiliated foundations; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain Program Open Space funds to the Department under certain circumstances; altering and repealing certain provisions of law regarding the use of Program Open Space local funding; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 720 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 444 Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – REPEAL OF SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALTERATION OF OPERATIONS

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Somers Cove Marina Commission, the Somers Cove Marina Improvement Fund, and the operation of Somers Cove Marina; requiring the Secretary to develop a master plan for the operation and improvement of services at Somers Cove Marina by October 1, 2027; requiring all revenue received by the Department from activities associated with Somers Cove Marina be deposited in the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund; establishing the Somers Cove Marina Advisory Commission; etc.

# SB 253 Chapter 445

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

CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE FACILITY PERMIT – RESEARCH FACILITIES – CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes; and establishing additional requirements applicable to research, development, and demonstration permits issued for the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a research facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 744

# Delegate Wims, et al

Chapter 446

MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 590

#### Senator King, et al

Chapter 447

MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

### Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 448

VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMITS – NOTATION OF NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC'S ID LAW)

Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant's nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to establish public outreach efforts to educate the general public on the availability of the nonapparent disability notation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 391

#### **Senator Smith**

Chapter 449

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – REVIEW OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to annually review a certain report published by the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Commission to make any recommendations that the Commission determines are appropriate based on its review of the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 1028

#### **Senator Gile**

Chapter 450

NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW'S LAW)

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline—powered vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a penalty on a person that violates the provisions of the Act.

### Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 451

NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW'S LAW)

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline—powered vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a penalty on a person that violates the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 436

### Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 452

VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION

Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 707

#### **Senator Zucker**

Chapter 453

VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION

Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions; and requiring a certain written certification from a licensed physician who has determined the owner's medical condition is permanent.

### Delegate Buckel, et al

Chapter 454

PUBLIC NUISANCE – COMMON CARRIERS – DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act; and providing that a common carrier that commits a violation may be liable to the State or local government for civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for each day the public nuisance continues.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 1125

# **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 455

WORKGROUP ON HOME DETENTION MONITORING – REPORT ALTERATIONS AND DATA COLLECTION

Requiring the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain policies, practices, and responses when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to collect and report to the Workgroup certain data on or before September 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 658

#### **Delegate Ebersole**

Chapter 456

#### JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION BOARD – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Secretary of Higher Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to select a designee to serve on the Juvenile Services Education Board; altering the terms of membership for the Board; and altering certain requirements for meetings of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### Senators Hettleman and Guzzone

Chapter 457

ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS – TASK FORCE AND SPECIAL FUND

Extending through fiscal year 2028 distributions by the Comptroller from funds gained from abandoned property in the State to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; altering the staff and duties of the Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force; and extending through fiscal year 2028 an annual \$14,000,000 appropriation by the Governor from the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 1111

### Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Chapter 458

PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – SYSTEMS LOCATED ON OR OVER WATER RETENTION PONDS, QUARRIES, OR BROWNFIELDS

Providing that solar energy generating systems located on or over certain water retention ponds or quarries are eligible for the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; and authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain nonresidential solar energy generating systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 1375

#### Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 459

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PORTABLE VARIABLE MESSAGING SIGNS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a tow truck to display a portable variable messaging sign mounted on the tow truck while at the scene of a crash or a disabled vehicle; and requiring the portable variable messaging sign to conform to the standards established in the manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration and display only messages approved by the Administration.

# **Senator Hester**

Chapter 460

ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM

Prioritizing funding first to failing sewage systems and holding tanks in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, second to those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8-digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model, third to failing systems with the 500-year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on-site and community sewage systems. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

# HB 131

# Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 461

ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM

Updating the funding priorities for failing sewage systems and holding tanks; requiring as a second priority those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8-digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model; requiring as a third priority funding for failing systems within the 500-year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on-site and community sewage systems. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

# HB 517

# Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 462

WORKGROUP ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Establishing the Workgroup on the Reorganization of the Maryland Transit Administration to study reorganizing the Maryland Transit Administration; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025; and requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House draft legislation to effectuate the recommendations of the Workgroup.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# Senator Love, et al

Chapter 463

MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system, subject to certain exceptions; establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the destruction of recorded images; and establishing certain requirements for privacy protection under automated enforcement programs.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

# HB 516

# Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 464

MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system subject to certain exceptions; and establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the removal and destruction of recorded images and associated data produced by an automated enforcement system.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

#### SB 443

#### Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 465

TRAFFICKING REGULATED FIREARMS – FELONY CLASSIFICATION

Requiring that the prosecution for an offense of trafficking a regulated firearm be instituted within 3 years after the offense was committed; reclassifying the prohibition against transporting a regulated firearm into the State for the purpose of unlawfully selling or trafficking the firearm to be a felony; and establishing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

# **Senator Smith**

Chapter 466

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS

Authorizing technicians, employed by or under contract with a certain agency, to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to speed monitoring systems; and defining "reasonable training" as a level of education, instruction, and practical experience sufficient to ensure competency in the inspection and interpretation of certain recorded images.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

### HB 343

# **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 467

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS

Authorizing certain technicians to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation; and defining "reasonable training" as a sufficient level of education, instruction, and practical experience to ensure competency in the inspection of images generated by speed monitoring systems. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 1082

## Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 468

HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE–BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

Establishing the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to individuals in the State to mitigate the impact of a reduction in certain federal advance premium tax credits for calendar years 2026 through 2028; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Program under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

# Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 469

HEALTH INSURANCE, FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL RECORDS – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS – UPDATES

Updating references to federal law related to family planning services, grandfathered plans, explanation of benefits, summaries of benefits and coverage, medical loss ratios, catastrophic plans, annual limits for cost sharing, prescription drugs, and rescissions; altering the definitions of "legally protected health care" and "sensitive health services" to include gender—affirming care for purposes of law governing the disclosure of information regarding sensitive health services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

# HB 809

## Delegate Griffith, et al

Chapter 470

OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDERS - INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Authorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education or a residential vocational training program to return to an out—of—home placement provider with whom the individual was previously placed under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of social services at least 30 days before the scheduled break; requiring the local department to make a recommendation to the Department of Human Services not later than 21 days before the scheduled break; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

### Senator Zucker, et al

### Chapter 471

OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDERS - INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Authorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education or a residential vocational training program to return to an out-of-home placement provider with whom the individual was previously placed under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of social services within a certain time period to return to an out-of-home placement provider under certain circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### SB 572

# **Anne Arundel County Senators**

# Chapter 472

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Altering the scope of certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 453

# Delegate Pruski

# Chapter 473

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Altering the scope of certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 1296

#### Delegates Pruski and Lehman

#### Chapter 474

ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program to regulate and evaluate the use of treated reclaimed water as a source for groundwater augmentation through managed aquifer recharge permits; requiring the demonstration facility to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; etc.

#### **Senator Gile**

### Chapter 475

ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program; authorizing the Department of the Environment to review, permit, and regulate groundwater augmentation; requiring groundwater augmentation to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is occurring or reasonably anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; requiring, by December 31 each year, the Department to report on the status of the Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 249

# **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

# Chapter 476

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### SB 125

#### **Senator Gile**

# Chapter 477

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

### Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 478

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – IMPLICIT BIAS AND STRUCTURAL RACISM TRAINING

Requiring applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations allowing applicants renewing licenses to receive continuing education credits for completing certain training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 962

### Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 479

HEALTH – PEDIATRIC PUBLIC HOSPITAL **OVERSTAY** PATIENTS AND WORKGROUP ON CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, under certain circumstances, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting when clinically indicated and when possible; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

# **Senator Beidle**

Chapter 480

PUBLIC HEALTH – PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS AND WORKGROUP ON CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes both private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting when clinically indicated and when possible; establishing the Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Overstays in the State; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

#### SB 372

# Senator Beidle, et al

# Chapter 481

# PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; altering the circumstances under which health care practitioners are authorized to prescribe certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 869

#### Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

# Chapter 482

#### PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; altering the circumstances under which health care practitioners are authorized to prescribe certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

# Delegate McComas, et al

Chapter 483

#### FAMILY LAW - CHILD CUSTODY - DETERMINATIONS

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 548

#### Senator James, et al

Chapter 484

#### FAMILY LAW - CHILD CUSTODY - DETERMINATIONS

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1209

# **Delegates McComas and Grammer**

Chapter 485

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT - REPORTS AND RECORDS -DISCLOSURE

Requiring a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State's Attorney's office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State's Attorney's office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# **Delegate Korman**

Chapter 486

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE MINERAL – CHROMITE (STATE MINERAL ACT)

Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 764

# Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 487

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE COCKTAIL AND STATE MINERAL – ORIGINAL MARYLAND ORANGE CRUSH AND CHROMITE

Designating the orange crush cocktail originated in 1995 at the Harborside Bar and Grill in Ocean City, Maryland as the State cocktail; and designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 163

## **Delegate Hartman**

Chapter 488

MOTOR HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOWS IN WORCESTER COUNTY – PERMIT FOR OUT–OF–STATE DEALERS

Establishing the reciprocal out—of—state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit, to be issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, authorizing the holder to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County; and requiring a permit holder, after the permit is approved, to file a bond with the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 896

#### **Senator Love**

Chapter 489

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website and as part of an application form for a rental unit on the property.

# Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 490

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website and as part of an application form for a rental unit on the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 313

### **Delegate Korman**

Chapter 491

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 54

# **Senator Folden**

Chapter 492

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

#### Senator Folden, et al

Chapter 493

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

Altering the deadlines for the completion of the process of review and investigation by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; and requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day after the date that the appropriate official of the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 527

#### Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 494

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PURPLE LINE – FREE RIDERSHIP AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to develop and implement a program providing for the first month after transit service begins on the Purple Line, free ridership on Purple Line transit vehicles to individuals residing within a one–quarter–mile radius of the Purple Line track; and requiring the Administration to include, beginning on October 1, 2025, for 3 months after service on the Purple Lines begins promotional materials and services at no cost to small businesses located within a one–quarter–mile radius of the Purple Line track.

# **Senator Hester**

Chapter 495

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – CYBERSECURITY PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS

Requiring the Department of the Environment to coordinate, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, cybersecurity efforts within community water systems and community sewerage systems; establishing the roles and responsibilities of various State agencies with respect to regulating, assessing, and promoting cybersecurity efforts within the water and wastewater sector; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 9 Chapter 496

# Delegate Charkoudian, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL – DEFINITIONS AND REPORTS

Altering certain definitions related to the Food Resiliency Council; defining what constitutes "healthy food priority areas" as predominantly lower—income areas that have limited access to retail outlets that sell affordable, healthy foods; defining "wasted food" as food not used for its intended purpose; requiring the Council to make recommendations to increase the availability of local foods, create market opportunities for Maryland food businesses, and expand access to small scale food production infrastructure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# SB 349

#### **Senator Love**

Chapter 497

MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment for medical debt; defining "medical debt" as a debt owed by a consumer to a person, the person's agent or assignee for the provision of medical services, products, or devices; providing that medical debt does not include debt charged to a credit card except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner—occupied residential property for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.

### Delegate Embry, et al

Chapter 498

MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; defining "medical debt" as a debt owed by a consumer to a provider of medical services, products, or devices, but does not include debt charged to a credit card except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 347

#### **Senator Love**

Chapter 499

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 542

#### **Delegate Crutchfield**

Chapter 500

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES - INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services.

# **Delegate Boyce**

Chapter 501

FAMILY LAW - ADOPTION OF AN ADULT

Limiting the requirement that a petitioner's spouse join in the petition for adoption to apply only when the prospective adoptee is a minor; authorizing a petitioner's spouse to join in the petition for adoption if the prospective adoptee is an adult; establishing that certain provisions of law requiring the issuance and service of a show—cause order on a prospective adoptee's parents do not apply if the prospective adoptee is an adult; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 984

### **Delegate Crosby**

Chapter 502

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – RATE PROCEEDINGS

Applying to electric cooperatives certain provisions of law related to rate proceedings held by the Public Service Commission to determine whether additional revenues are required to allow certain public service companies to earn the existing fair rate of return authorized in a previous base rate proceeding; and requiring the Commission to order an electric cooperative to conduct a certain public hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 436

#### Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 503

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – STUDY ON BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE–STAIRCASE BUILDINGS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study building code requirements for single-staircase buildings in the State and other states and analyze best practices when drafting building code requirements; requiring the Department to make legislative and regulatory recommendations for the purpose of increasing the affordable housing supply by reducing barriers to multifamily housing development; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 504

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – STUDY ON BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE–STAIRCASE BUILDINGS

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 182

#### Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 505

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system; requiring the State Highway Administration to convene a workgroup to study best practices regarding speed monitoring systems in school zones; and requiring the workgroup to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 861

# **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 506

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – WEEKLY FARE AND EARNINGS SUMMARY AND OPERATOR DATA REPORTING

Requiring a transportation network company to provide each operator with a weekly fare and earnings summary; requiring a transportation network company to report, on or before February 1 each year, certain information to the Public Service Commission; and providing that the report submitted to the Commission may be made available to the General Assembly on request, provided that the report remain confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

# Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 507

LEAD TESTING AND INSPECTIONS – FALSIFYING INFORMATION – PENALTY

Establishing a civil penalty not exceeding \$50,000 for a person who falsifies information that is submitted in a report of the results of lead–contaminated dust testing or visual inspection of an affected property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 124 Chapter 508

# **Delegates Rosenberg and Boyce**

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION

Authorizing a seller or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid in connection with the assignment of a contract of sale of the residential property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 160

#### Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 509

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION

Authorizing a seller, buyer, or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

# **Delegate Cardin**

Chapter 510

PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 326

#### Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 511

PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 758

# **Senator Kagan**

Chapter 512

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTIONS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT

Establishing certain requirements for elections of the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association; requiring that the governing body of a condominium accommodate unit owner organizing activities relating to the governance of the condominium; prohibiting unit owners and lot owners from being charged for examining certain records of the condominium or homeowners association in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 164

#### **Senator Kagan**

Chapter 513

TERMINOLOGY AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES – MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND RELATED TERMS

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# Delegate Hutchinson, et al

Chapter 514

TERMINOLOGY AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES – MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND RELATED TERMS

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 1293

### Delegate Smith, et al

Chapter 515

BALTIMORE CITY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

Establishing the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit and the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to work in partnership to enforce the alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and to enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties and funding in connection with the partnership; expanding the authorized uses of certain revenue to include the Neighborhood Services Unit; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 120

#### **Senator Muse**

Chapter 516

RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

# **Delegate Smith**

Chapter 517

RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 63

#### **Senator Muse**

Chapter 518

COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS

Requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; authorizing a reasonable deviation from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 292

# Delegate Holmes, et al

Chapter 519

COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS

Requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; authorizing a reasonable deviation from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# **Delegate Foley**

Chapter 520

VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# SB 40

## **Senator Muse**

Chapter 521

VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 540

#### Senator Charles, et al

Chapter 522

COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS

Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or medical records.

### Delegate Foley, et al

Chapter 523

COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 872

#### **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 524

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS' RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 606

#### **Senator West**

Chapter 525

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS' RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property.

# **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 526

RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES FLEET VEHICLES REGISTRATION

Establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and requiring, in addition to an annual registration fee, the owner of a registered rental vehicle to pay a one-time initial registration fee not to exceed \$8.50 when the new registration plates are issued.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1465

### Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 527

TRANSPORTATION-RELATED TOLLS INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish programs to offer installment payment plans for the payment of certain tolls, in excess of \$300. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 833

#### **Senator Charles**

Chapter 528

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – STUDY ON PRIVATE TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES

Requiring the Department of Human Services to conduct a study to determine the types of State support that would be appropriate and beneficial to assist private providers of treatment foster care homes in the provision of services; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### Senator M. Jackson

Chapter 529

ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY–PRODUCTS – FEES, COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND REGULATIONS

Altering the factors that the Department of the Environment is required to consider in establishing a certain fee; requiring the Department to use certain excess fees collected from certain generators of coal combustion by—products for certain purposes; establishing the Statewide Coal Combustion By—Products Coordinating Committee to share information, monitoring results, and certain remedial actions with respect to certain coal combustion by—product sites; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 533

# **Delegate Crutchfield**

Chapter 530

PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 273

#### Senator M. Jackson

Chapter 531

PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances.

# **Delegate Crutchfield**

Chapter 532

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – MULTIFAMILY ADJUSTMENT

Altering the definition of "adjusted actual income" under the State child support guidelines by requiring the deduction, from actual income, of an allowance for support for each child in the parent's home for whom the parent owes a legal duty of support but who is not subject to a support order; requiring that the amount of a certain allowance be subtracted from a parent's actual income before the court determines the amount of a child support award; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 73

#### Senator Simonaire, et al

Chapter 533

CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM – RENAMING

Renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program to be the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 103

#### **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 534

BOATING ACCIDENTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – PROPERTY DAMAGE

Specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves any vessel subject to the State Boat Act while on the waters of the State includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 50

#### Senator Simonaire, et al

Chapter 535

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION

Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.

### Delegate Nkongolo

Chapter 536

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION

Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# SB721

#### Senator Henson

Chapter 537

FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT

Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 929

#### Delegate Simpson, et al

Chapter 538

FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT

Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 856

#### **Senator Henson**

Chapter 539

MOLD – LANDLORD REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS (MARYLAND TENANT MOLD PROTECTION ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of General Services to develop a certain pamphlet and website; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain information at certain times and in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 15 days after receipt of a written notice regarding the detection of mold; etc.

#### Senator Henson, et al

Chapter 540

REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT MODIFICATIONS – COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Altering notice requirements relating to the recordation of a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant by authorizing a county or municipality to provide notice by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or municipality where the property is located once per week for 4 successive weeks and on the official website of a county or municipality where the property is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 858

#### **Senator Henson**

Chapter 541

STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE AND STATIONS – EXCLUSION FOR ASSAULT AND BODILY INJURY

Providing that a person alleged to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may be prohibited from using a State public transit service or entering a State public transit service station; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to create a rider code of conduct and implement a comprehensive internal safety program to strengthen protections for operators and passengers; requiring the Administration to convene a workgroup to create a rider code of conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 1144

## Delegate Addison, et al

Chapter 542

STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE AND STATIONS – EXCLUSION FOR ASSAULT AND BODILY INJURY

Providing that a person alleged by a public transit operator to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may be prohibited from using a State public transit service or entering a State public transit service station; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to create a rider code of conduct and implement a comprehensive internal safety program to strengthen protection for operators and passengers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

### Senator Brooks, et al

Chapter 543

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS – PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally–placed private school students; and defining "parentally–placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 702

# Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 544

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS – PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally–placed private school students; and defining "parentally–placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# HB 674

# Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 545

CRIMINAL LAW – DISMEMBERING OR BURYING HUMAN REMAINS WITH INTENT TO CONCEAL A CRIME

Prohibiting a person, with the intent to conceal a crime, from knowingly and willfully dismembering, destroying, removing, burying, disposing of, or obliterating by any means any portion of human remains; prohibiting a person from aiding or abetting another in committing a violation of the Act; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

# **Delegates Kaufman and Hornberger**

Chapter 546

CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – POWERED WHEELCHAIRS

Requiring, in order to make repairs to powered wheelchairs, that a certain manufacturer make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools to a certain independent repair provider or owner of a powered wheelchair; providing that a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

### HB 277

### Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 547

ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# SB 96 Sei

#### **Senator Brooks**

Chapter 548

ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

Requiring at least one water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

### Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 549

WILDLIFE - PROTECTIONS AND HIGHWAY CROSSINGS

Establishing the Maryland Connectivity Coalition to foster collaboration among State and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders for the purpose of protecting endangered wildlife from habitat fragmentation; requiring the State Highway Administration to have final decision—making authority regarding decisions related to placement, funding, or design of wildlife crossings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### SB 946

#### Senator Carozza, et al

Chapter 550

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the eastern small–footed bat, the northern long–eared bat, or the tricolored bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 894

## Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 551

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the northern long—eared bat, the tricolor bat, or the eastern small—footed bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

### Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 552

TIDAL FISH LICENSES – OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years for a first violation, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations; providing for the reinstatement for certain persons of an oyster authorization and an entitlement to engage or work in the oyster fishery; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear; and repealing the 90–day time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 857

### Delegate Hornberger, et al

Chapter 553

NATURAL RESOURCES – PURSUING WOUNDED DEER AFTER LEGAL HUNTING HOURS AND USING A LIGHT – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue and kill the deer after legal hunting hours using the means authorized for the applicable hunting season or permit which may include use of a light or throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, a headlight, an artificial light, a battery, or any other device while pursuing the wounded deer.

#### EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### SB 335

## **Senators Bailey and Mautz**

Chapter 554

NATURAL RESOURCES – CANADA GEESE – BAG LIMITS

Requiring, during the migratory Canada goose (Atlantic population) hunting season, the bag limit for all Canada geese in certain areas of the State, including geese found in the Atlantic Flyway Resident Population Hunt Zone and the Atlantic Population Hunt Zone, to conform to the bag limit for Atlantic population Canada geese adopted annually by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

# SB 23 Senator Bailey

Chapter 555

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – AUCTIONEERS

Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# HB 425 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

Chapter 556

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – AUCTIONEERS

Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# HB 1236 Delegate Arentz, et al

Chapter 557

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY - MUNICIPALITIES - SPEED LIMITS

Authorizing municipalities in Queen Anne's County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways without performing an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 375 Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 558

BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (JAY'S LAW)

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right—of—way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

# Delegate D. Jones

Chapter 559

CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT – TRANSFER OF FUNDS – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

Authorizing the transfer of funds from the Catastrophic Event Account to the State Disaster Recovery Fund if the balance of the Fund has been depleted due to use or transfer or the estimated costs for providing adequate disaster relief for a natural disaster or catastrophic situation are in excess of the Fund's balance; and providing the Legislative Policy Committee has 10 days to review and make comments before the Governor may transfer certain funds from the Account through budget amendment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 450

# Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 560

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABILITY REDUCED FARE PROGRAM – RENEWAL FOR PERMANENTLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1078

#### Delegate Williams, et al

Chapter 561

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS – MANDATED APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include \$200,000,000 in the annual operating or capital budget bill for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements if the U.S. General Services Administration applies to Prince George's County or the State for a permit associated with the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Prince George's County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# Senators Attar and Hettleman

Chapter 562

BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS – LIGHTING ON PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

Authorizing not more than five of the highest ranking officers under the commercial ambulance service license held by Hatzalah of Baltimore to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red or red and white lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 767

# Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 563

REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – PROCEDURES FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT, BREACH OF LEASE, AND TENANT HOLDING OVER

Requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to a tenant when a court has issued a warrant of restitution for a failure of a tenant to pay rent, a breach of lease, or a tenant holding over under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession; establishing that the Act does not restrict the authority of the State or a local jurisdiction to enact or enforce certain legislation; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1076

#### Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 564

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – NOTICE OF LANDLORD ENTRY

Requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain written notice in a certain manner at least 24 hours in advance of when the landlord intends to enter a leased premises, except in the event of a certain emergency; and authorizing the court to issue a certain injunction or assess certain damages under certain circumstances.

# **Delegate Terrasa**

Chapter 565

VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER'S LICENSES – ELECTRONIC CREDENTIALS (MARYLAND MOBILE ID ENHANCEMENT ACT)

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies; and authorizing an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use a certain electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver's license, instead of a driver's license, to rent the vehicle. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 470

#### Delegate Ziegler, et al

Chapter 566

VEHICLE LAWS – OBSCURED, MODIFIED, OR BLOCKED REGISTRATION PLATES AND REGISTRATION PLATE COVERS

Prohibiting a person from obscuring or modifying any vehicle registration plate in a manner that may prevent identification and enforcing the prohibition as a secondary offense; prohibiting a person from advertising for or promoting the sale of an unlawful registration plate cover by falsely claiming that the registration plate cover is lawful in the State; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 913 Chapter 567

# Delegate Wells (By Request - Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 83

Increasing from two to four the number of speed monitoring systems that may be placed on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; limiting to not more than one speed monitoring system in each direction that may be in operation at the same time on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; and making permanent the authorization to place speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

# **Delegates Roberson and Crutchfield**

Chapter 568

VEHICLE LAWS – DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – POINTS ASSESSMENTS

Imposing assessments of 12 points for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### SB 566

# **Senator Sydnor**

Chapter 569

REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE – INCREASE

Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$450. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 820

## Senators Watson and Rosapepe

Chapter 570

MUNICIPALITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 600

#### Senator McCray

Chapter 571

BALTIMORE CITY AND TAKOMA PARK – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in certain school zones in Baltimore City and the City of Takoma Park under the pilot program authorized for Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; and requiring that a certain percentage of the fines collected under the Act be distributed to the local management board for Baltimore City and be used only to provide youth programming and services for youth living in or attending a school located in the 45th or 46th legislative districts.

# **Senator McKay**

Chapter 572

NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES

Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan's Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line; and requiring the Public Service Commission to require an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain overhead transmission line to provide wildland impact mitigation guarantees.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 396

# Senator McKay, et al

Chapter 573

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH BENEFITS

Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 236

#### Delegate Valentine, et al

Chapter 574

PEACE ORDERS AND CRIMINAL HARASSMENT – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE

Expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order; altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction for a first offense is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of \$500 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 180 days or a fine of \$1,000 or both.

#### Senator Corderman

Chapter 575

PEACE ORDERS AND CRIMINAL HARASSMENT INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 814

## **Delegate Taylor**

Chapter 576

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES - REPORT ON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to submit an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1 detailing efforts by the Department to promote predelinquent programs, including youth service bureaus, efforts by the Department to collaborate with and provide technical assistance to local governments regarding the establishment of youth service bureaus, and an assessment of the programs and activities of the bureaus and any other efforts to prevent youth offenses.

# HB 1442

## **Delegate Edelson**

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Chapter 577

JUVENILES - TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS -REPORT

Requiring the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland to report annually by November 1 to the General Assembly on the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program; and requiring the report to include the number of Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs established in State, the number of participants in each pilot program; information on the outcomes of the participants in each program, and recommendations to improve the function of the current program.

# Delegate Toles, et al

Chapter 578

CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR ARREARAGES AND COURT ORDERS

Altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive; and requiring the court, after establishing a child support order, to send a copy of the guideline calculation and the order to the Child Support Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1126

#### Delegate Ruff, et al

Chapter 579

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE TO WORK PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing a Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program within the Department of Labor to connect individuals who are unemployed and in arrears under a child support order with employment opportunities in the State; and requiring the Department to report on or before July 1, 2026, on the Department's findings and any recommendations related to the continuation of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

#### HB 273

#### Delegate Allen

Chapter 580

RESIDENTIAL LEASES – LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES – CALCULATION

Altering a prohibition concerning the maximum penalty for the late payment of rent that a landlord may charge in a residential lease to prohibit a penalty in excess of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due.

### Delegate J. Long, et al

Chapter 581

REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE – INCREASE

Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$450.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 338

### **Baltimore County Senators**

Chapter 582

BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to place and use not more than four speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County and three on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County subject to notice requirements; requiring that fines collected as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County be used to recover administrative costs and assist in covering the cost of certain roadway and safety improvements; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 1283

# **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 583

CHARLES COUNTY – OFF–HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations.

# **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 584

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION – LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS HO. CO. 14–25

Requiring a written lease for certain residential or commercial real property in Howard County to include information on the annual charge assessed by the Columbia Association and a description of certain rights and privileges under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of certain covenants and governing documents under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### SB 813

# **Howard County Senators**

Chapter 585

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MEETINGS, AND CONTRACTS – ALTERATIONS HO. CO. 1–25

Adding two members to the Board of Community College Trustees for Howard County; requiring each meeting of the Board to allow for public comment; requiring the Board to make a video or audio recording of its meetings which are to be made available on the Board's website; requiring Board members to undergo certain training specific to Board governance; and requiring the Board to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026, and every 6 months thereafter until a contract is finalized, on the status of the faculty union contract. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### SB 968

# **Howard County Senators**

Chapter 586

HOWARD COUNTY – PATUXENT RIVER WILDLAND – USE OF MECHANICAL OR MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT HO. CO. 5–25

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use mechanical or motorized equipment to retain, maintain, remove, or replace existing trails and remove, replace, or dispose of nonnative species within the Patuxent River Wildland to ensure clear and safe access to the wildland.

# **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 587

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 200 (INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR) MC 10–25

Authorizing the placement and use by the Maryland Transportation Authority of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; requiring the District Court to remit to the Authority any civil penalties collected by the District Court resulting from a citation issued using a speed monitoring system operated by the Authority; and requiring the State Highway Administration to provide the Authority with access to certain systems and contacts.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 964

# **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 588

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – TASK FORCE ON THE DISPLACEMENT OF RESIDENTS OF EMORY GROVE MC 5–25

Establishing the Task Force on the Displacement of Residents of Emory Grove to study how urban renewal caused the displacement of residents from the Emory Grove community and make recommendations on potential remedies to those who were displaced by urban renewal; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by December 15, 2025, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Montgomery County Council, the Montgomery County Executive, the Montgomery County Delegation, and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

#### HB 1227

#### **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 589

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SCHOOL BUS STOPS ON HIGHWAYS – ALTERATIONS MC 8–25

Applying certain provisions of law regarding school bus stops located on certain highways in Montgomery County to a school bus stop at a location for which at least 400 citations were issued in the preceding fiscal year to drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus stop; and prohibiting, beginning on December 31, 2028, locating a school bus stop on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes, except under certain circumstances.

# **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 590

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – HIGH–RISK HIGHWAYS MC 17–25

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on highways in Montgomery County that are at high risk for certain motor vehicle crashes; prohibiting the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on certain highways in Montgomery County; requiring the fines collected by Montgomery County or by a municipal government in Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system to be used to fund the study, design, and construction of certain safety—related projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1064 Chapter 591

# Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – OPEN MEETINGS – LIVE STREAMING REQUIREMENT MC/PG 101–25

Establishing that certain project site visits and educational field tours do not constitute open meetings subject to the requirement that the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, respectively, stream live video or audio of their open meetings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

# HB 1065 Chapter 592

# Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF APPEALS – MEMBERSHIP MC/PG 106–25

Altering the membership of the board of appeals in Prince George's County to be at least three members; and altering the number of members of the board required to concur in any resolution to a simple majority.

# HB 1195 Chapter 593

# Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP, REPORTING, BILLING, AND PLANNING (WSSC PLANNING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2025) MC/PG 105–25

Requiring one of the three commissioners from Montgomery County on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection or a designee; requiring the Commission to submit a long range comprehensive financial plan in a certain manner; requiring the budget authorization for the Office of the Inspector General of the Commission to be approved independently and without involvement of Commission staff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 1230 Chapter 594

# Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE – EXEMPTIONS MC/PG 107–25

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant exemptions from the system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for certain properties and projects located in Montgomery County; limiting the exemption to \$80,000; altering the method by which the county councils establish eligibility for the exemptions; prohibiting the county councils from requiring that an applicant for an exemption own the property for which the exemption is sought; etc.

# HB 1470 Chapter 595

# Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – CUTTING OR CLEARING TREES MC/PG 113–25

Providing that, in Prince George's County, to enforce a certain violation involving the clearing or cutting of trees in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement must record a lien on property that is the subject of the violation in a manner: establishing certain certain limits. prohibitions. requirements. and authorizations on actions certain local jurisdictions may take if a lien is not recorded as required by the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 349

# **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 596

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 PG 306–25

Increasing the maximum civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

#### HB 360

# Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 597

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS – REGISTRATION FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCESS PG 408–25

Altering the registration fee requirement for the Community Association Registry; permitting the County Executive to establish the registration fee; prohibiting a person or entity who fails to register from filing a dispute; and requiring the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations to provide revenue from annual community association registration fees to fund the administrative hearing process for disputes between community associations and owners in Prince George's County.

# St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 598

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – COUNTY PLANS – PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Applying certain provisions relating to the adoption of or revision or amendment to a county plan to county plans in St. Mary's County; and repealing certain provisions relating to public sewerage systems and water supply systems in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# HB 491 Chapter 599

# St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to discontinue all or part of water or sewer service provided to an improved private property determined to be unsafe, unfit, or unsuitable for human occupancy due to an accident, artificial disaster, or natural disaster; requiring the suspension of the ready—to—serve charge on certain private properties; and authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to utilize certain remedies for a violation related to certain public water and sewer use. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

# **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 600

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WASHINGTON & COUNTY-PUBLIC & SAFETY-BUILDINGS & USED \\ FOR & AGRITOURISM \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Adding Washington County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards and where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber Executive Director