

May 20, 2025

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 20, 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 500 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 601 PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2025

Authorizing the Secretary of General Services to delegate certain powers and duties to the Chief Procurement Officer; altering the authority of the Department of General Services to engage in or control procurement of certain equipment and services; requiring the Department of Information Technology to establish a technical procurement team; altering the authority of the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority to engage in procurement for certain supplies and services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 350 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 602 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2026)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

HB 351

Chapter 603

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2025, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, AND 2024

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,814,825,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 352

Chapter 604

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2025

Establishing or altering certain administrative penalties; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; establishing certain funds; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; increasing the cap on the percentage that may be deducted from all open purses and paid to a certain organization; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1253

Chapter 605

The Speaker

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Department of Social and Economic Mobility; providing for the Secretary of Social and Economic Mobility; providing the purpose of the Department is to provide support for units of State government, individuals, and businesses for the maintenance of social equity policies in the State; establishing the Department of Social and Economic Mobility Special Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1503 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 606 **Departmental – Budget and Management)**

STATE PERSONNEL – PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management and the governing body of a public institution of higher education to adopt regulations governing paid family and medical leave benefits for Executive Branch employees; establishing certain parameters for the paid family and medical leave; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2026, Executive Branch employees to submit a request for paid family and medical leave in accordance with established procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 231 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 607 **Public Employee Relations Board)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT
– ALTERATIONS

Repealing the condition that must be met for a certain exclusive representative to meet with a new employee by video or similar technology; altering certain requirements for the deputy directors appointed by the Public Employee Relations Board; and altering certain procedures regarding the timing of exclusive representation elections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 26 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 608 **DAVIS MARTINEZ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH**
ACT

Requiring the Correctional Training Commission to adopt regulations for the training, issuance, and use of body-worn cameras by January 1, 2026; establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of workplace safety and health of employees of certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 176

Chapter 609

Delegate Solomon

DAVIS MARTINEZ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 357

Chapter 610

Senator Gile, et al

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – AUTHORITY AND STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP (LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR ALL MARYLANDERS NOW ACT)

Altering the membership of the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council; requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; and altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 424 **Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 611

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CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1301 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 612

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND HEALTH INSURANCE – TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS – PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, managed care organizations, and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for a transfer to a special pediatric hospital.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 369 **Senator Watson, et al**

Chapter 613

PUBLIC LIBRARIES – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (RAYMONO A. RUSSELL ACT)

Requiring certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a certain area and maintain the functionality of the automated external defibrillator and comply with the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to submit a certain report by December 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 593 **Delegate Boafó, et al**

Chapter 614

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (RAYMONO A. RUSSELL ACT)**

Requiring certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent area accessible to employees and library users, to provide maintenance for the automated external defibrillator, and to comply with the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals under certain circumstances; requiring by December 1, 2026, a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the use of defibrillators in libraries; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1104 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Chapter 615 Request – Departmental – Health)**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – AHEAD MODEL
IMPLEMENTATION – ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE
TRANSACTIONS AND POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT
FUND**

Clarifying that electronic health care transactions information may be used to support the participation of the State in the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model and any successor models; establishing the Population Health Improvement Fund to support the statewide population health targets under the AHEAD Model and any successor models; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess a uniform, broad-based, and reasonable amount in hospital rates to be credited to the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 200
Chapter 616 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans)**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – RENAMING

Renaming the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to be the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans; and providing that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans is the successor of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 228
Chapter 617 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Expanding the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include providing monetary and other assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families; and authorizing the Maryland Veterans Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 246
Chapter 618 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 826 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 619 **Request – Departmental – Office of Small, Minority, and**
 Women Business Affairs)

OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS
AFFAIRS – REPEAL OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR’S
SUBCABINET ON SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT
PARTICIPATION

Repealing the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs within the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; establishing the Governor’s Subcabinet on Socioeconomic Procurement Participation to study and make recommendations on socioeconomic procurement in the State; and requiring the Subcabinet to conduct certain meetings and report annually to the Governor on the Subcabinet’s activities, progress, and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 991 **Delegate Harris, et al**
Chapter 620 **STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**
 PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to public–private partnerships, offshore wind projects, video lottery terminals, and sports wagering licenses; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 829 **Senator Hayes**
Chapter 621 **STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**
 PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND REPORTS

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to public–private partnerships, offshore wind projects, video lottery terminals, and sports wagering licenses; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1010

Chapter 622

Delegate A. Jones

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM
AND GRANT FUND – NONCAPITAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

Altering the purpose of the African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund to provide funding for African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grants for the purpose of preserving or sharing African American history or culture in the State; requiring certain noncapital grants to be made using certain money received by the African American Heritage Preservation (AAHP) Grant Fund; and authorizing the AAHP Grant Fund to receive grants and donations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 931

Chapter 623

Senator Feldman

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – GENERATING STATIONS – GENERATION
AND SITING (RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTAINTY ACT)**

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing a distributed generation certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize the construction and operation of a certain distributed solar energy generating system; requiring the Power Plant Research Program, by July 1, 2026, to develop and submit to the Commission proposed siting and design requirements and licensing conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1036

Chapter 624

Delegates Wilson and Crosby

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – GENERATING STATIONS – GENERATION
AND SITING (RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTAINTY ACT)**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 937

Chapter 625

The President, et al

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS, RATE REGULATION, COST RECOVERY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD, AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (NEXT GENERATION ENERGY ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue loans, in addition to grants, for certain purposes relating to reducing direct greenhouse gas emissions from certain multifamily residential buildings; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1035

Chapter 626

The Speaker and Delegate Wilson

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS, RATE REGULATION, COST RECOVERY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD, AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (NEXT GENERATION ENERGY ACT)

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

- HB 376** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**
Chapter 627 **MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; requiring beginning on October 1, 2025, and every 2 years thereafter, the Council to elect a chair and vice chair from among the members of the Council; requiring the Council, working with certain entities, to assess and address cybersecurity threats and associated risks from artificial intelligence and quantum computing; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 294** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 628 **MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, and every 2 years thereafter, the Council to elect a chair and vice chair from among the members of the Council; and requiring the Council, working with certain entities, to assess and address cybersecurity threats and associated risks from artificial intelligence and quantum computing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 614** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Office of the**
Chapter 629 **Comptroller)**
- LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION –**
COUNTY INCOME TAX RATE
- Clarifying that a county’s applicable income tax rate is the tax rate used to calculate the local earned income tax credit that certain individuals may claim against the county income tax; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- SB 663**
Chapter 630 **The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY – ALTERATION
- Altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide notice of the maximum income eligibility for the earned income tax credit for the calendar year to all employers in the State to include an electronic means of notification.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 603**
Chapter 631 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY – ALTERATION
- Altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide notice of the maximum income eligibility for the earned income tax credit for the calendar year to all employers in the State to include an electronic means of notification.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 664**
Chapter 632 **The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
BUSINESS REGULATION – ENFORCEMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS STATE BUSINESS LICENSES – STUDY
- Requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business licenses; and requiring the Comptroller to submit a report of the study’s findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 577**
Chapter 633 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
BUSINESS REGULATION – ENFORCEMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS STATE BUSINESS LICENSES – STUDY
- Requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business licenses; and requiring the Comptroller to report the findings and recommendations of the study to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 617 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 634 **Departmental – Comptroller)**

**COMPTROLLER – RECORDING AND MONITORING
TELEPHONE CALLS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying which telephone calls the Comptroller of the State may record and monitor for training, quality control, and employee safety purposes; and providing that the Comptroller may monitor and record calls to the Comptroller's call centers only.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 665 **The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

Chapter 635 **MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED
PROPERTY ACT – REVISIONS**

Making certain virtual currency subject to the abandoned property laws in the State; establishing certain provisions to determine certain information about certain apparent owners of abandoned property; altering and establishing certain provisions pertaining to the presumption of abandonment for certain types of property; establishing certain procedures to establish the death of a certain insured or certain annuitant; altering the dollar value at which the Comptroller is required to publish certain notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 761 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

Chapter 636 **MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED
PROPERTY ACT – REVISIONS**

Making certain virtual currency subject to the abandoned property laws in the State; establishing certain provisions to determine certain information about certain apparent owners of abandoned property; altering and establishing certain provisions pertaining to the presumption of abandonment for certain types of property; establishing certain procedures to establish the death of a certain insured or certain annuitant; altering from \$100 to \$50 the value at which the Comptroller is required to publish a certain notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 619 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 637 **Departmental – Comptroller)**

**SALES AND USE TAX – SALES BETWEEN CANNABIS
BUSINESSES AND CANNABIS NURSERIES – EXEMPTION**

Expanding the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain
cannabis sales to include sales between certain licensed cannabis
businesses and registered cannabis nurseries.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 979 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 638 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ACCOMMODATIONS**
INTERMEDIARIES – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – COLLECTION BY
COMPTROLLER AND ALTERATIONS

Requiring certain accommodations intermediaries to collect and
remit the hotel rental tax to the Comptroller rather than to each
county; providing for the administration of the hotel rental tax by the
Comptroller; providing that certain provisions of State law prevail
over certain local laws or agreements related to the hotel rental tax;
repealing the authority of certain counties to provide for certain
exemptions from the hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

HB 757 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 639 **PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**
INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES
PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the
annual budget for the Program from \$500,000 to at least \$1,000,000;
and authorizing the Secretary to use up to 20% of Program funds to
support research centers, including the University of Maryland
Institute for Health Computing, in the collection, analysis, and
processing of Program outcome data for the purposes of assessing,
maximizing, and improving the effectiveness and clinical utility of the
cancer screening funded by the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 849 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 640

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES
PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; and authorizing the Secretary of Health to use up to 20% of Program funds to support research centers in the collection, analysis, and processing of Program outcome data for the purposes of assessing, maximizing, and improving the effectiveness and clinical utility of the cancer screening funded by the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 1005 **Senator Benson**

Chapter 641

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS GRANT
PROGRAM – ACQUISITION OF LAND

Authorizing the Board of Public Works, on recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit corporations for the acquisition of land for the construction or use of a federally qualified health center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 43 **Delegate J. Lewis**

Chapter 642

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS GRANT
PROGRAM – ACQUISITION OF LAND

Authorizing the Board of Public Works, on recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit corporations for the acquisition of land for the construction or use of a federally qualified health center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1519

Chapter 643

Delegate Chang

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to change the names of certain grantees, alter the authorized uses of certain grants, and extend the termination date of certain grants.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 854

Chapter 644

Senator Lewis Young

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY
MIDWIVES – REVISIONS**

Altering the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives; providing that the practice of direct-entry midwifery is independent and not does not require oversight by another health care practitioner; repealing the requirement that licensed direct-entry midwives report certain information to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; altering the disciplinary actions that may be taken against a licensed direct-entry midwife or an applicant for a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 838

Chapter 645

Delegate Cullison, et al

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY
MIDWIVES – REVISIONS**

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 32

Chapter 646

Senator Gile

**REAL PROPERTY – HOLDING OVER – EXPEDITED HEARING
AND SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
MEMBERS**

Requiring the District Court to hold a hearing on a tenant holding over within 45 days after a landlord makes a complaint if the landlord or the landlord's spouse is on active duty with the United States military; and authorizing a private process server to serve a certain summons if the constable or sheriff of the county fails to serve the summons within 10 days after the summons is issued by the court.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 953

Chapter 647

Delegate Kaiser, et al

**TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM –
FUNDING AND ALTERATIONS**

Requiring each collector of taxes that maintains a website to include on the collector's website certain information and a certain link relating to the Homeowner Protection Program; altering the information the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is required to obtain and include in a certain annual report regarding tax sales; requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to take certain actions to maximize enrollment in the Homeowner Protection Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1292

Chapter 648

Delegate Kaiser, et al

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER DIRECTORY – REQUIRED
UPDATES**

Renaming “network directory” to be “provider directory” to conform to a certain federal law; altering the time period from 15 to 2 working days within which certain carriers are required to update the information that must be made available in the carrier's provider directory on the Internet; altering the information required to be included in a provider directory; requiring that a provider directory in printed form include a statement regarding the accuracy of the provider information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1474

Chapter 649

Delegate Kaiser, et al

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND
THERAPISTS – TEMPORARY TELEHEALTH LICENSES –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a temporary telehealth license to be issued by the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists authorizing the holder to provide clinical professional counseling services only to a student attending an institution of higher education in the State if the student and out-of-state licensed professional counselor have a previously established relationship that has existed for at least 6 months; limiting the term of the temporary license to 6 months; and prohibiting the renewal of a temporary license issued under the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1344

Chapter 650

Delegate D. Jones, et al

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – ASSESSMENT OF
STATE-OWNED FACILITIES – CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Requiring the Department of General Services to conduct an assessment of facilities owned by the State and operated by the 16 State agencies the Department supports to evaluate whether the facility or a portion of the facility would be suitable to lease to a child care center; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly the results of the assessment and a description of whether each facility is suitable to lease to a child care center by December 1, 2026; and requiring the report to be published on the Department's website.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 39

Chapter 651

Delegate Fair, et al

**PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (CARLTON R. SMITH
ACT)**

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 459

Chapter 655

Delegate Pruski, et al

COUNTIES – CANCER SCREENING FOR PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS – REQUIRED COVERAGE (JAMES “JIMMY” MALONE ACT)

Requiring counties that offer self-insured employee health benefit plans to provide to firefighters employed by the county coverage for preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a no-cost annual examination or applying for a grant to pay for certain cancer screening technologies; prohibiting counties from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement; and requiring the Maryland Health Commission to conduct a certain study.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 374

Chapter 656

Senator Beidle, et al

COUNTIES – CANCER SCREENING FOR PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS – REQUIRED COVERAGE (JAMES “JIMMY” MALONE ACT)

Requiring counties that offer self-insured employee health benefit plans to provide to firefighters employed by the county coverage for preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a certain annual examination or applying for a certain grant; prohibiting counties from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the coverage; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a certain study and report by December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 971

Chapter 657

Delegate Pruski

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL
MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee to provide advice on the planning of the Park; requiring the Advisory Committee to make recommendations to ensure that the Park focuses on mental and physical health and well-being, is equitable in providing access to the property, is truthful about the history of Crownsville Hospital, and preserves the natural beauty of the site; and requiring the Committee to report its achievements and recommendations to certain entities by February 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 900

Chapter 658

Senator Augustine

**MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE
SYSTEM – INTEGRATION OF 9–8–8 SUICIDE AND CRISIS
LIFELINE NETWORK AND OUTCOME EVALUATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to have a State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, rather than a crisis communication center, in each jurisdiction; requiring each State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in the System to coordinate with the national 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network to provide supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, referrals to additional resources, and direct dispatch to other services as needed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1146

Chapter 659

Delegate White Holland, et al

**MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE
SYSTEM – INTEGRATION OF 9–8–8 SUICIDE AND CRISIS
LIFELINE NETWORK AND OUTCOME EVALUATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to have a State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, rather than a crisis communication center, in each jurisdiction; requiring each State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in the System to coordinate with the national 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network to provide supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, referrals to additional resources, and direct dispatch to other services as needed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 11

Chapter 660

Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al

**HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO NONPARTICIPATING
PROVIDERS – REFERRALS, ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND
COVERAGE**

Repealing the June 30, 2025, termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier’s provider panel; prohibiting certain carriers from imposing utilization review requirements other than would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier’s provider panel under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 902

Chapter 661

Senator Augustine

**HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO NONPARTICIPATING
PROVIDERS – REFERRALS, ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND
COVERAGE**

Repealing the June 30, 2025, termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier’s provider panel; prohibiting certain carriers from imposing utilization review requirements other than would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier’s provider panel under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 684 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 662

PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH EQUITY DASHBOARD

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard on a quarterly basis, as determined by data availability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1100 **Delegate White Holland, et al**

Chapter 663

PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH EQUITY DASHBOARD

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard on a quarterly basis, as determined by data availability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 331 **Delegate White Holland, et al**

Chapter 664

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PUBLIC ACCESS OMBUDSMAN
– DELEGATION OF POWERS**

Authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate to a staff member of the Office of the Public Access Ombudsman any of the powers and duties granted to the Ombudsman that are appropriate to the staff member's training and expertise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 296 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 665

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PUBLIC ACCESS OMBUDSMAN
– DELEGATION OF POWERS**

Authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate to a staff member of the Office of Public Access Ombudsman any of the powers and duties granted to the Ombudsman that are appropriate to the staff member's training and expertise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 599

Chapter 666

Senators Hettleman and Augustine

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 669

Chapter 667

Senator Hettleman, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT TESTING – TRACKING PROGRAM AND GRANT FUND

Altering the date from December 31, 2025, to March 31, 2026, by which a certain report under a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program is required to be submitted; altering the purpose and use of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund; expanding the duties of the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy relating to the Fund; prohibiting the use of the Fund for a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 675

Chapter 668

Delegate Bartlett, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT TESTING – TRACKING PROGRAM AND GRANT FUND

Altering from December 31, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the date by which a certain report under a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program is required to be submitted; altering the purpose and use of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund; expanding the duties of the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy relating to the Fund; and prohibiting the use of the Fund for a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 848 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 669

**HEALTH INSURANCE – ADVERSE DECISIONS – NOTICES,
REPORTING, AND EXAMINATIONS**

Requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner; requiring that the information regarding criteria and standards for utilization review that a private review agent is required to post on its website or the carrier’s website be posted on the member’s and provider’s pages of the websites; requiring that certain information submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner be aggregated by zip code; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 474 **Senator Beidle**

Chapter 670

**HEALTH INSURANCE – ADVERSE DECISIONS – NOTICES,
REPORTING, AND EXAMINATIONS**

Requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner; requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by the carrier for a type of service has grown by 10% or more in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% or more in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of an examination; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 776 **Senator Beidle**

Chapter 671

**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE RISE IN ADVERSE DECISIONS
IN THE STATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to review existing State adverse decision reporting requirements for all health payers in the State and make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 995 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 672

**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE RISE IN ADVERSE DECISIONS
IN THE STATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions, reduce the number of adverse decisions, and develop recommendations for legislation to address the rise in adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 602 **Delegates Hutchinson and Adams**

Chapter 673

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED PRACTICE
NURSING LICENSURE AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION –
RECIPROCITY DISCUSSIONS (MARYLAND BORDER STATES
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and requiring the Board, by November 1, 2025, and each November 1 for the following 4 years, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the discussions, agreements reached, challenges in the negotiations, and any legislative recommendations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 407 **Senator Beidle, et al**

Chapter 674

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED PRACTICE
NURSING LICENSURE AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION –
RECIPROCITY DISCUSSIONS (MARYLAND BORDER STATES
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 423

Chapter 675

Senator Beidle

**MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT AND MARYLAND
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ACT – REVISIONS**

Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and making language consistent across certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain licensure requirements; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; authorizing the Board to impose a civil penalty for a certain report made in bad faith; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 776

Chapter 676

Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ACT – REVISIONS**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 546

Chapter 677

Delegate Feldmark

**DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROSS REVENUES TAX –
ASSESSMENTS – APPEALS AND CORRECTIONS**

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 605

Senator Zucker

Chapter 678

**DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROSS REVENUES TAX –
ASSESSMENTS – APPEALS AND CORRECTIONS**

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 859

Delegate Solomon, et al

Chapter 679

**ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILD CARE
PROFESSIONALS – OUTREACH**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to promote access to health insurance for child care professionals; and requiring the Exchange to conduct a survey, in consultation with the State Department of Education and relevant nonprofit organizations, to assess current levels of health care access across the child care community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 376

Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 680

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OFFICE OF
HEALTH CARE QUALITY – NURSING HOME INSPECTIONS –
REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, beginning July 1, 2025, to report quarterly to certain committees of the General Assembly on disaggregated data regarding nursing home inspections in each county; and requiring the Office of Health Care Quality, beginning July 1, 2025, to report to the local area agency on aging for each county the name of each nursing home in the county that was surveyed in the immediately preceding 6 months and the date each survey was conducted.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1004

Delegate Martinez, et al

Chapter 681

PUBLIC HEALTH – ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS – INFORMATION ON PREVALENCE AND TREATMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a website with information on the prevalence and hospitalization rate for Alzheimer’s and related dementias; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 748

Senator Kramer

Chapter 682

PUBLIC HEALTH – ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS – INFORMATION ON PREVALENCE AND TREATMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a website that includes certain information, updated yearly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1086

Chapter 683

Delegate Martinez, et al

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA – PROHIBITING TIME LIMITATIONS

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, managed care organizations, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia for a procedure for which a licensed medical professional issues an order, to provide the coverage for the duration of the procedure; prohibiting the establishment, implementation, or enforcement of policies or practices that place time limitations on the delivery of anesthesia; etc. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 666

Chapter 684

Delegate Woods, et al

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR CALCIUM SCORE TESTING

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage in accordance with the most recent guidelines issued by the American College of Cardiology that expand the scope of preventive care services for the benefit of consumers; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 60

Chapter 685

Senator Augustine

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR CALCIUM SCORE TESTING

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing in accordance with the most recent guidelines issued by the American College of Cardiology that expand the scope of preventive care services for the benefit of consumers. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 790 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 686

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE
COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT
AND ACCESS – PLAN TO IMPLEMENT EARLY AND PERIODIC
SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access, through its workgroup on youth behavioral health, individuals with developmental disabilities, and individuals with complex behavioral health needs, to provide recommendations to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements; requiring the workgroup to create a plan to implement the recommendations in a certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Health Official letter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1083 **Delegate Woods, et al**

Chapter 687

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE
COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT
AND ACCESS – PLAN TO IMPLEMENT EARLY AND PERIODIC
SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access, through its workgroup, to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements; requiring the workgroup to provide recommendations to implement recommendations in a certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Health Official letter; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 970 **Delegate Woods, et al**

Chapter 688

HEALTH INSURANCE – INSULIN – PROHIBITION ON STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol for insulin or an insulin analog used to treat an insured’s or enrollee’s Type 1, Type 2, or gestational diabetes; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 646 **Senator Muse**

Chapter 689

HEALTH INSURANCE – INSULIN – PROHIBITION ON STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol for insulin or an insulin analog used to treat an insured’s or enrollee’s diabetes.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 798 **Delegate Lehman, et al**

Chapter 690

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD

Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid–related settlement information with the public; requiring the dashboard to include links to the State, county, or municipal websites that provide access to additional information on the use of opioid–related settlement funds; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 589

Chapter 691

Senator Augustine

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD

Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid–related settlement information with the public; requiring the dashboard to include links to the State, county, or municipal websites that provide access to additional information on the use of opioid–related settlement funds; requiring that the dashboard be funded by the Opioid Restitution Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 773

Chapter 692

Senator Hershey

**HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – CALCULATION OF
COST-SHARING CONTRIBUTION – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include certain discounts, financial assistance payments, product vouchers, and other out-of-pocket expenses made by or on behalf of an insured or enrollee when calculating certain cost-sharing contributions for certain prescription drugs; providing that a violation of the Act is considered a violation of the Consumer Protection Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 268

Chapter 693

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

**HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLECTION OF
DEBTS – POLICIES**

Altering provisions of law related to a hospital’s financial assistance and collection of debts policies; specifying the percentage by which a hospital is required to reduce a patient’s out-of-pocket expenses under certain circumstances; adding to the notice requirements relating to a hospital’s financial assistance policy; prohibiting a hospital from filing a civil action to collect a debt against a patient whose outstanding debt is at or below \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 981

Chapter 694

Senator Hershey, et al

HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLECTION OF DEBTS – POLICIES

Excluding a civil action on a certain contract between a hospital and a consumer from a certain provision of law establishing the statute of limitations on civil actions on certain specialties; specifying the percentage by which a hospital is required to reduce a patient's out-of-pocket expenses under certain circumstances; adding to the notice requirements relating to a hospital's financial assistance policy; prohibiting a hospital from filing a civil action to collect a debt against a patient whose outstanding debt is at or below \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1510

Chapter 695

Delegate Pippy, et al

MEDICAL RECORDS – NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION – METHOD

Requiring that notice of the destruction of medical records be provided by first-class mail or by e-mail, rather than by both methods; and providing that if notice is provided by e-mail and no response or delivery receipt is obtained from the e-mail address to which notice was provided, the health care provider shall provide notice via first-class mail at least 10 days before the date on which the record is to be destroyed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 718

Chapter 696

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION COMMISSION – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 722 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 697

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REPORT ON
OVERSIGHT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY RESIDENCES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports on or before December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 729 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 698

**PUBLIC HEALTH – USE OF OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND AND
TRAINING UNDER THE OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund so as to include the addressing of racial disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 594 **Senator Ellis**

Chapter 699

**PUBLIC HEALTH – USE OF OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND AND
TRAINING UNDER THE OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include addressing racial and socioeconomic disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 728 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 700

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES

Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements; and requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, the Office of the Attorney General to report annually to the General Assembly on the status of activity of the Opioids Enforcement Unit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 495 **Senator Ellis**

Chapter 701

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES

Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements; and requiring the Attorney General to report annually beginning October 1, 2025, on the status of activity of the Opioids Enforcement Unit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1347 **Delegate Adams**

Chapter 702

**SECURITY GUARDS AND SECURITY GUARD EMPLOYERS –
REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, AND REGULATION**

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services; altering the definition of “security guard employer” for purposes of certain provisions of law to exclude video lottery facilities, sports wagering facility licensees, and health care facilities; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 299

Chapter 703

Senators Carozza and Feldman

**SECURITY GUARDS AND SECURITY GUARD EMPLOYERS –
REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, AND REGULATION**

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services; altering the definition of “security guard employer” for purposes of certain provisions of law to exclude video lottery facilities, sports wagering facility licenses, and health care facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 996

Chapter 704

Delegate Bhandari, et al

**PUBLIC HEALTH – PHENIBUT CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
(JT ALVEY PHENIBUT CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a phenibut product to disclose the factual basis on which any representations regarding the phenibut product are made; establishing prohibitions related to the preparation, distribution, and sale of phenibut products, including prohibitions related to the sale of phenibut to individuals under the age of 21 years and the marketing of phenibut to minors; establishing certain penalties for violations of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1310

Chapter 705

Delegate Bhandari

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Altering the Prescription Drug Repository Program, including by allowing certain entities located in another state to participate in the Program as drop-off sites and repositories, including over-the-counter drugs under the Program, and altering the individuals who are eligible to receive drugs or medical supplies under the Program; and altering the persons for whom and the activities with respect to which certain immunity is provided under the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1087

Chapter 706

Delegate Bhandari, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS – DRUGS TO TREAT ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS OF ADVANCED METASTATIC CANCER

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol for certain prescription drugs prescribed by a treating physician to treat a symptom of or side effect from the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer and use of the prescription drug is consistent with best practices for treatment of the condition.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 921

Chapter 707

Senator Gile

HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS – DRUGS TO TREAT ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS OF ADVANCED METASTATIC CANCER

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol for certain prescription drugs prescribed by a treating physician to treat a symptom of or side effect from the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 676

Chapter 708

Senator Gile

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – PERINATAL CARE STANDARDS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1380 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 709

**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – HOSPITALS AND
FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – PERINATAL CARE
STANDARDS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards for hospitals that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 459 **Senator Gile**

Chapter 710

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE EPINEPHRINE
– ALTERATIONS**

Altering the defined term “auto–injectable epinephrine” to be “emergency use epinephrine” and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; and altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 420 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 711

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE EPINEPHRINE
– ALTERATIONS**

Altering the defined term “auto–injectable epinephrine” to be “emergency use epinephrine” and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; and altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

- HB 18**
Chapter 712 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**
VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS
PILOT PROGRAM – INSPECTION AND EXTENSION
- Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 443**
Chapter 713 **Delegate Taveras, et al**
BABY FOOD LABELING – STATEMENT REGARDING TOXIC
HEAVY METAL TESTING – TERMINOLOGY
- Altering the statement that must be included on a baby food product label if the baby food product has been tested for toxic heavy metals for the purpose of changing the term included on the label from “toxic heavy metal” to “toxic element”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 553**
Chapter 714 **Delegate Taveras, et al**
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – MATERNAL
HEALTH SELF–MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING
- Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self–measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; and requiring reimbursement of health care provider and other staff time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood pressure readings and reporting, remote patient monitoring, and the delivery of co–interventions, including educational materials or classes.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 94

Chapter 715

Senator Ellis

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – MATERNAL HEALTH SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; and requiring reimbursement of health care provider and other staff time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood pressure readings and reporting, remote patient monitoring, and the delivery of co-interventions, including educational materials or classes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 3

Chapter 716

Senator Ellis

WORKGROUP ON THE CREATION OF A DATA DASHBOARD FOR PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS AND APPRENTICES – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices to study the most efficient and cost-effective methods to create a publicly available data dashboard that disaggregates information regarding public work contracts with the State and apprentices working under public work contracts; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 7, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 850

Chapter 717

Delegate Williams, et al

WORKGROUP ON THE CREATION OF A DATA DASHBOARD FOR PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS AND APPRENTICES – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices to study the most efficient and cost-effective method to create a publicly available data dashboard that disaggregates information regarding public work contracts with the State and apprentices working under the public work contracts; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 7, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1222

Chapter 718

Delegate Williams, et al

**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
(MARYLAND VALUES ACT)**

Requiring federal law enforcement officers to notify certain individuals of federal immigration action at certain sensitive locations; prohibiting certain schools, libraries, and units of State or local government that operate at certain sensitive locations from allowing certain federal personnel access to areas not accessible to the general public, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Attorney General to develop and publish certain guidance regarding immigration enforcement actions at certain sensitive locations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 334

Chapter 719

Delegate Kerr, et al

**WORKGROUP ON NEWBORN NURSE HOME VISITING
SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; requiring the Workgroup to compile updated participant data and expenditure per participant from the home visiting programs currently operating in the State, compare the data for home visiting programs to the data for evidence-based models, identify service gaps, and identify workforce needs; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 156

Chapter 720

Senator Lewis Young

**WORKGROUP ON NEWBORN HOME VISITING SERVICES –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; requiring the Workgroup to compile updated patient data and expenditure per patient from programs currently operating in the State, identify certain service gaps and potential funding sources to close the gaps, and identify workforce needs and make recommendations to address the needs; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 297

Chapter 721

Delegate Kerr, et al

**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT
PROGRAM – SUNSET REPEAL**

Renaming the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 5

Chapter 722

Senator Lam, et al

**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT
PROGRAM – SUNSET REPEAL**

Renaming the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 453

Chapter 723

Senator King

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS

Clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions pertaining to limitations of liability for damage to real or tangible personal property; and clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions limiting the recovery of costs related to the use of replacement contractors under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

- HB 507** **Delegate Kerr**
Chapter 724 **STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS**

Clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions pertaining to limitations of liability for damage to real or tangible personal property; and clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions limiting the recovery of costs related to the use of replacement contractors under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- HB 508** **Delegate Kerr**
Chapter 725 **STATE PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – PACKAGING AND REPACKAGING**

Requiring a State or State aided or controlled entity to require a prime contractor to procure certain janitorial products packaged or repackaged by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
- SB 795** **Senator Mautz**
Chapter 726 **STATE PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – PACKAGING AND REPACKAGING**

Requiring a State or State aided or controlled entity to require a prime contractor to procure certain janitorial products packaged or repackaged by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 962** **Senator Mautz**
Chapter 727 **MUNICIPALITIES – LEGISLATIVE AUDIT – EXEMPTION**

Exempting a municipality with annual revenues below \$100,000 from a certain audit requirement; clarifying that a certain audit exemption does not affect certain financial reporting requirements; and authorizing the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee to request or require certain municipalities to conduct a review or audit of their financial records if the financial report indicates a financial or accounting irregularity or concern.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 975

Senator Lam

Chapter 728

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SPECIALTY DRUGS

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs that are administered or dispensed by a provider that is an in-network provider of covered oncology services, complies with State regulations for the administering and dispensing of specialty drugs, and meet certain qualifications; and requiring the reimbursement rate for certain specialty drugs to meet certain criteria.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 1243

Delegate S. Johnson, et al

Chapter 729

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SPECIALTY DRUGS

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs that are administered or dispensed by a provider that is an in-network provider of covered medical oncology services and complies with State regulations for the administering and dispensing of specialty drugs, if the specialty drugs meet certain qualifications; and requiring the reimbursement rate for certain specialty drugs to meet certain criteria.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 813

Delegate S. Johnson, et al

Chapter 730

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WORKGROUP TO STUDY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, to convene a workgroup to study and review reimbursement for pharmacists; and requiring the workgroup to submit an interim report by December 31, 2025, and a final report on their findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

[HB 367](#)

Chapter 731

Delegate Martinez, et al

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR NURSING

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency; requiring each health occupations board that requires evidence of English proficiency to post a statement on their website that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of proficiency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

[SB 72](#)

Chapter 732

Senator Lam

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR NURSING

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency; requiring each health occupations board that requires evidence of English proficiency to post a statement on their website that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of proficiency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

[HB 933](#)

Chapter 733

Delegate Martinez, et al

NURSING HOMES – COST REPORTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review the cost reports and other data submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and requiring the Department to report the findings resulting from the review conducted under the Act to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter through 2029.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 634

Delegates Wims and Mireku–North

Chapter 734

**INCOME TAX – INCOME TAX RECONCILIATION PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND FAIR TAXATION FOR
JUSTICE–INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS ACT)**

Establishing the Income Tax Reconciliation Program in the State to allow certain justice–involved individuals to establish installment payment plans and receive a waiver of any interest and penalties that accrue for unpaid income tax due for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2030; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Program; requiring the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an awareness campaign about the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 295

Senator McCray

Chapter 735

**INCOME TAX – INCOME TAX RECONCILIATION PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND FAIR TAXATION FOR
JUSTICE–INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS ACT)**

Establishing the Income Tax Reconciliation Program in the State to allow certain justice–involved individuals to establish installment payment plans and receive a waiver of any interest and penalties that accrue for unpaid income tax due for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2030; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Program; requiring the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an awareness campaign about the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 653

Chapter 736

Senator McCray

**PROCUREMENT – EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
PREFERENCE – PILOT**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to establish a certain preference program for certain procurements; authorizing the establishment of a certain evaluation factor for certain proposals by an entity that utilizes an employee stock ownership plan; requiring contractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of an employee stock ownership plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 819

Chapter 737

Delegate Guzzone, et al

**PROCUREMENT – EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
PREFERENCE – PILOT**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to establish a certain preference program for certain procurements; authorizing the establishment of a certain evaluation factor for certain proposals by an entity that utilizes certain employee stock ownership plans; requiring contractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of an employee stock ownership plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1315

Chapter 738

Delegate Guzzone, et al

**VACCINATIONS BY PHARMACISTS AND HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS**

Altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist may administer, subject to certain requirements, to an individual of at least a certain age; and altering the vaccinations included in the minimum package of child wellness services for which certain health insurers and nonprofit health service plans are required to provide coverage to include those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 406

Chapter 739

Delegate Guzzone, et al

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – APPOINTMENT OF HEARING AID DISPENSER MEMBERS

Altering the appointment process for licensed hearing aid dispenser members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by requiring the Board to notify all licensed hearing aid dispensers in the State of the vacancy and to solicit nominations to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 956

Chapter 740

Senator West

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – INSURANCE PRODUCER COMMISSION

Requiring a carrier to pay the same commission rates to an insurance producer for the sale of certain Medicare supplement policies without regard to whether the policies are sold during an open enrollment period, as underwritten policies, or under certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 547

Chapter 741

Senator James, et al

COMMISSION TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE POOLING – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling to study the pooling of public employee health insurance purchasing between the State, counties, municipal corporations, and county boards of education in the State to maximize value and efficiency while maintaining a broad package of benefits and reasonable premiums for public employees; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1355

Chapter 742

Delegate Reilly, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – HEARING AIDS

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is ordered, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

SB 641

Chapter 743

Senator Gallion

HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – HEARING AIDS

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is ordered, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 936

Chapter 744

Delegate Shetty, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL OF COVERAGE – REQUIRED NOTICE

Requiring that a carrier provide notice by certain electronic means, in addition to written notice, of cancellation or nonrenewal of a small group market health benefit plan and include information regarding additional health benefit coverage options in the notice; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 974 **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 745

HEALTH INSURANCE – PREVENTIVE SERVICES – HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Clarifying the application of certain health insurance preventive services coverage requirements to certain high deductible health plans; and requiring the Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law related to preventive services consistent with the recommendations and guidelines set by certain federal agencies in effect on December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1351 **Delegate Ghrist, et al**

Chapter 746

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – CREDENTIALING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Altering the providers of certain community-based health services that a carrier is prohibited from rejecting for participation on the carrier's provider panel; and altering the period of time in which certain carriers are required to accept or deny certain social workers, counselors, and psychology associates for participation on the carrier's provider panel to within 60 days after the date a carrier receives a completed application.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 820 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 747

HEALTH INSURANCE – UTILIZATION REVIEW – USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Requiring that certain carriers, pharmacy benefits managers, and private review agents ensure that artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools are used in a certain manner when used for conducting utilization review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1478

Chapter 748

Delegate Hill, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – REPORT ON ESTABLISHING A DIRECTORY OF HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 855

Chapter 749

Delegate Hill

WORKGROUP ON ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BEST PRACTICES AND INNOVATION NETWORK – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network; and extending the workgroup to June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 765

Chapter 750

Delegate Ivey, et al

HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT COLLECTION – SALE OF PATIENT DEBT

Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit or a nonprofit organization for the purpose of canceling the debt; requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1251

Chapter 751

Delegate Toles, et al

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURERS – OBSTETRIC SERVICES POLICIES (DOULA AND BIRTH POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring certain hospitals to adopt certain policies relating to obstetric services and to provide evidence to the Maryland Department of Health that the hospital has the policies; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain policies to the public on request; and requiring insurers that issue or deliver medical professional liability insurance policies in the State to provide the Maryland Department of Health, on request, with information regarding the insurer's policy regarding coverage of obstetric services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 871

Chapter 752

Delegate Bagnall, et al

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – COMMUNITY BENEFITS – COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WORKFORCE PROGRAM

Altering the definition of “community benefit” to include a community health worker workforce program which is intended to provide services to patients of a nonprofit hospital and to improve health outcomes; authorizing a nonprofit hospital and a community-based organization to establish a community health worker workforce program; providing that a partnership that establishes a community health worker workforce program may be executed through a memorandum of understanding; establishing requirements for the memorandum of understanding; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1143

Chapter 753

Delegate Bagnall, et al

MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH THROUGH SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children's Oral Health Through School-Based Programs to study and make recommendations on ways to improve school-based dental programs; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1142

Chapter 754

Delegate Bagnall, et al

**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND INTERESTED PARTIES
ADVISORY GROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group to ensure adequate access to applicable home– and community–based services in the State; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain support to the Advisory Group; and requiring by September 1 each year beginning in 2026, the Advisory Group to report its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 745

Chapter 755

Delegate Guyton, et al

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND
THERAPISTS – BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS – LICENSURE
APPLICATIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a license to practice behavior analysis to qualified applicants within 30 days of receiving the completed application; requiring the State Board to issue a license within 50 days to an applicant who submitted an incomplete application but has presented additional information; and requiring the State Board to provide a certain e–mail notification regarding the status of an application for a license to practice behavior analysis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1244

Chapter 756

Delegate Guyton, et al

**MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
ADMINISTRATION WAIVER ADVISORY COUNCIL –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs operated by the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 740

Chapter 757

Senator Folden, et al

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SERVICE MEMBER COMMUNITY MEMBERS (SFC MATTHEW FAST ACT)

Authorizing each health care facility to screen each patient for information on whether the patient is a service member community member, include on the patient’s medical record whether the patient is a service member community member, and meet certain standards established by The Joint Commission for the purpose of improving health care equity for warrior community members; and defining “service member community member” to mean a service member, a veteran, a certain spouse, a certain child, or a certain stepchild.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1502

Chapter 758

Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – AIDS PREVENTION STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Renaming the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program to be the HIV Prevention Syringe Services Program; altering the duties of the Program to provide for the safe distribution of syringes and hypodermic needles and account for the number of hypodermic needles and syringes exchanged and distributed by the Baltimore City Health Department; altering the membership and duties of the Program’s oversight committee; altering the immunity provided to Program staff and participants; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1131

Chapter 759

Delegates Vogel and Tomlinson

PUBLIC HEALTH – BUPRENORPHINE – TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM AND WORKGROUP

Establishing the Buprenorphine Training Grant Program to assist counties with offsetting the cost of training paramedics to administer buprenorphine; including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$50,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund for the Program; and requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response to convene a workgroup to study access to buprenorphine in the State.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 163

Chapter 760

Senator M. Washington

HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE – REFERENCES TO MENTAL HEALTH

Replacing references to mental hygiene with references to mental health in certain provisions of law governing public health; establishing that, by July 1, 2027, the Department of Health shall conduct a thorough review of Department regulations and adopt regulations to ensure consistency with the Act; and requiring the Department to update all public-facing electronic materials to be consistent with the Act as soon as practicable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 544

Chapter 761

Senators Bailey and M. Jackson

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILETS

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, properly ventilated, and is placed at least 25 feet from a well.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 559

Chapter 762

Delegate T. Morgan

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILETS

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, is properly ventilated, and is placed at least 25 feet from a well.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1066

Chapter 763

Delegate Ruth, et al

**COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT
AND ACCESS – WORKGROUPS**

Requiring the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to establish a workgroup on the improvement of health, social, and economic outcomes related to substance use; requiring the workgroup to make recommendations on changes to State laws, policies and practices needed to mitigate the harm related to criminalization of substance use and related to the discharge of patients from substance use treatment programs; and requiring the workgroup to submit a certain report annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1072

Chapter 764

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES – REPEAL**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain employer contribution rates each fiscal year; requiring the employer contribution rates to include recognition of certain administrative and operational expenses; repealing a requirement that certain administrative and operational expenses of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency be funded by charging each participating employer an administrative fee for each system participant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 862

Chapter 765

Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES – REPEAL**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain employer contribution rates each fiscal year; requiring the employer contribution rates to include recognition of certain administrative and operational expenses; repealing a requirement that certain administrative and operational expenses of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency be funded by charging each participating employer an administrative fee for each system participant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

- SB 692**
Chapter 766 **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS
AND CLARIFICATIONS
- Altering certain due dates of certain reports from the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying the eligibility requirements of State Police Retirement System members to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 1034**
Chapter 767 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS
AND CLARIFICATIONS
- Altering certain due dates of certain reports from the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying the eligibility requirements of State Police Retirement System members to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 457**
Chapter 768 **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS
BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP
- Requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to convene a workgroup to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the Agency to submit a report of the workgroup’s findings and recommendations, including any need for legislative initiatives, to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025
- HB 584**
Chapter 769 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS
BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP
- Requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to convene a workgroup to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the Agency to submit a report of the Workgroup’s findings and recommendations, including the need for any legislative initiatives, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

- HB 886**
Chapter 770 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED VESTED FORMER MEMBERS – RETURN TO SERVICE
Establishing that an individual who, after earning service credit sufficient for a vested allowance in the State Police Retirement System, the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System, or the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System, separates from service, and subsequently returns to service in a position in the same system under certain circumstances, is subject to the same requirements to which certain members of the same system are subject.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 612**
Chapter 771 **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED VESTED FORMER MEMBERS – RETURN TO SERVICE
Establishing that an individual who, after earning service credit sufficient for a vested allowance in the State Police Retirement System, the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System, or the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System, separates from service and subsequently returns to service in a position in the same system under certain circumstances is subject to the same requirements to which certain members of the same system are subject.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 810**
Chapter 772 **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – COMPENSATION AND STAFFING
Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; clarifying that the Board of Trustees shall pay certain incentive compensation to certain employees of the Investment Division if the employees retire from the Investment Division in a certain manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1028

Chapter 773

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE RETIREMENT AND
PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION –
COMPENSATION AND STAFFING**

Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; clarifying that the Board of Trustees shall pay certain incentive compensation to certain employees of the Investment Division if the employees retire from the Investment Division in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1033

Chapter 774

Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATIONS – MAXIMUM
AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION**

Clarifying that the maximum average final compensation that certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System is to be based on the minimum annual salary on the standard State pay scale as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year in order to be exempt from a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and adding an average final compensation reemployment exemption for the temporary suspension of a retirement allowance for disability retirees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

- SB 693** **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 775 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATIONS – MAXIMUM AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION**
- Clarifying that the maximum average final compensation that certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System is to be based on the minimum annual salary on the standard State pay scale as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year in order to be exempt from a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and adding an average final compensation reemployment exemption for the temporary suspension of a retirement allowance for disability retirees.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- SB 768** **Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 776 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**
- Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System as a condition of employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
- HB 1029** **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 777 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**
- Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System as a condition of employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 639

Chapter 778

Senator McKay

**GARRETT COUNTY – BIDS AND CONTRACTS –
ADVERTISEMENT EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that, in Garrett County, a certain requirement to advertise for bids does not apply to a certain contract for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time or for certain vehicles.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1334

Chapter 779

Delegate Hinebaugh

**GARRETT COUNTY – BIDS AND CONTRACTS –
ADVERTISEMENT EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that, in Garrett County, a certain requirement to advertise for bids does not apply to a certain contract for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time or for certain vehicles.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1167

Chapter 780

**Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County
Delegation**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO
REGULATE STRUCTURES – ALTERATIONS MC/PG 116–25**

Altering the authority of a municipal corporation or governed special taxing district in Montgomery County to adopt an additional or stricter building requirement than is required by a State, regional, or county unit to regulate the construction, repair, or remodeling of certain structures on land zoned for single-family residential use to apply to buildings with four or fewer dwelling units and their accessory structures without regard to the zoning for the land where the building is located.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 490

Chapter 781

St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – COMPETITIVE BIDDING – THRESHOLD

Increasing the minimum contract value to \$50,000 to require a competitive bidding process in St. Mary's County for contracts for services or supplies.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 515 **Delegates Rogers and Pruski**

Chapter 782

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and authorizing a Class C (veterans’ organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 17 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 783

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and authorizing a Class C (veterans’ organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 835 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 784

**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BASEBALL
STADIUM LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 731

Chapter 785

Charles County Senators

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BASEBALL STADIUM LICENSE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1238

Chapter 786

Delegate Otto, et al

SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Establishing a liquor tasting license in Somerset County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and establishing liquor tasting license fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 486

Chapter 787

St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CIVIL PENALTY FOR SALES VIOLATIONS

Increasing, from \$1,000 to \$2,500, the maximum civil penalty that the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County may impose for a violation of a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 714 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 788

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE –
RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 745 **Harford County Senators**

Chapter 789

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE –
RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 685 **Delegate Hinebaugh**

Chapter 790

GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2025

Establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 826

Senator McKay

Chapter 791

GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2025

Establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 746

Harford County Senators

Chapter 792

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITIES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; and clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward the maximum number of nine Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 712

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 793

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITIES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; and clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward the maximum number of nine Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 798

Chapter 794

Wicomico County Senators

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM
MUNICIPAL TO–GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a temporary to–go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to–go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 655

Chapter 795

Wicomico County Delegation

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM
MUNICIPAL TO–GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a temporary to–go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to–go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 571

Chapter 796

Delegate Kipke

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
C LICENSES – EVENTS

Authorizing a holder of certain Class C licenses in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on–premises consumption during events held at the licensed premises; and requiring an outside group to obtain a per diem license from the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County if the outside group holds an event hosted by the holder of a certain Class C license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 987 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 797

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–OB–CRD (OFFICE BUILDING – COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION DISTRICT) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class B–OB–CRD (office building – commercial revitalization district) beer, wine, and liquor license in Baltimore County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue the license to an establishment that previously had or has a certain zoning classification and is at least a certain distance from a place of worship under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1494 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 798

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) LICENSE

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on–premises consumption; and authorizing the Board to set certain limitations on and requirements for the license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 800 **Dorchester County Senators**

Chapter 799

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in an arts and entertainment district; authorizing the issuance the license within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written permission; and providing an annual fee of \$250.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 567 **Dorchester County Delegation**

Chapter 800

**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ARTS
BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in an arts and entertainment district; authorizing the issuance the license within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written permission; and providing an annual fee of \$250.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 476 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 801

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A
LICENSE QUOTA**

Altering the quota for the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the 8th election district in St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 715 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 802

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION
OF LICENSE QUOTA**

Altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may issue from every 4,000 to every 4,750 individuals in the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 1036 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 803

**HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D
LICENSES – DELIVERY HO. CO. 21–25**

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1387

Chapter 804

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D LICENSES – DELIVERY

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 346

Chapter 805

Delegates Boyce and Embry

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue additional B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria; and extending to July 1, 2026, an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 788

Chapter 806

Senator M. Washington

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue additional B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria; and extending to July 1, 2026, an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 472 **Delegate Addison**

Chapter 807

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 45TH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 304 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 808

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 45TH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 744 **Harford County Senators**

Chapter 809

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HEARING
NOTICE**

Altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; and providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 754 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 810 HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HEARING NOTICE

Altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; and providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 939 **Senator Hayes**

Chapter 811 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REVISIONS

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee of up to \$250 for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses; limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a calendar year; authorizing the issuance of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in the 40th alcoholic beverages district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1172 **Delegate Amprey**

Chapter 812 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REVISIONS

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee of not more than \$250 for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses, and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 784 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**

Chapter 813

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to provide a certain waiver from certain requirements for a restaurant within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; expanding the class of license to which a certain requirement for a memorandum of understanding applies to include any alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; providing an exception to a certain prohibition against the Board allowing a certain license transfer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 662 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 814

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to provide a certain waiver from certain requirements for a restaurant within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; expanding the class of license to which a certain requirement for a memorandum of understanding applies to include any alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board to issue a certain alcoholic beverages license for a certain location in the 40th alcoholic beverages district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 746 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 815

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – TRANSFERS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to approve the transfer of a Class B or Class D license existing on a certain date that is located in an eligible transferor district to another election district under certain circumstances; and limiting the number of license transfers that the Board may approve from an eligible transferor district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 409

Chapter 816

Delegate Pruski

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – PART-TIME DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION

Increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 568

Chapter 817

Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – PART-TIME DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION

Increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 571

Chapter 818

Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CLASS A (OFF-SALE) AND CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSES – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA

Establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; and prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 99

Chapter 819

Delegate Rogers

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CLASS A (OFF-SALE) AND CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSES – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA

Establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; and prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 564

Chapter 820

Dorchester County Delegation

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to certain nonprofit or for-profit retail businesses that meet certain criteria; and authorizing the issuance of a license to an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written consent.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 802

Chapter 821

Dorchester County Senators

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to certain nonprofit or for-profit retail businesses that meet certain criteria; and authorizing the issuance of a license to an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written consent.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 866 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 822

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the manager of the theater or any other official designated by the theater to sign the application for the license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license for use by certain theaters; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; establishing an annual license fee of \$150; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 670 **Frederick County Senators**

Chapter 823

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license for use by certain theaters; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; establishing an annual license fee of \$150; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1026 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 824

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TASTING PERMITS

Altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; and requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to an individual and the number of bottles or other containers from which the quantity is served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 636

Chapter 825

Frederick County Senators

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TASTING PERMITS

Altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; requiring the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to an individual and the number of bottles or other containers from which the quantity is served; and altering the amounts of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may taste under the permits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 284

Chapter 826

Senator McCray

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF OPERATION VIOLATIONS – CIVIL PENALTIES

Establishing for a first offense by a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City of operating the licensed premises outside specified hours of operation without obtaining a certain exemption a fine of not less than \$1,000 or suspension of the license or both, and for a second or subsequent offense a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$20,000 or suspension of the license or both.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 1013

Chapter 827

Senator Attar

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSION

Extending until the end of July 1, 2026, the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5700 block of Falls Road in Baltimore City for transfer and renewal purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 569 **Dorchester County Delegation**

Chapter 828 DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER,
WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer and wine; and limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings to 0.5 ounces from each offering and 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in 1 day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 839 **Dorchester County Senators**

Chapter 829 DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER,
WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer and wine; and limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings to 0.5 ounces from each offering and 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in 1 day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 910 **Caroline County Senators**

Chapter 830 CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL
EVENT VENUE LICENSE AND MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES

Establishing the special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for use at subsequent events under certain circumstances; requiring a license holder to keep certain records of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1335

Chapter 831

Caroline County Delegation

**CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL
EVENT VENUE LICENSE AND MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES**

Establishing the special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises between individual events in a certain manner; requiring the license holder to keep complete records of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 566

Chapter 832

Dorchester County Delegation

**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES
– FEES**

Altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 869

Chapter 833

Senator Mautz

**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES
– FEES**

Altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 512

Chapter 834

Frederick County Delegation

**FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON
BEER AND WINE LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from 5 to 6.5 ounces of wine by the glass that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a certain customer for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 738 **Frederick County Senators**

Chapter 835

**FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON
BEER AND WINE LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from 5 ounces to 6.5 ounces of wine by the glass that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a customer who is receiving cosmetology services or who is attending a fund-raising event at the beauty salon for on-premises consumption.

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HB 1095 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 836

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
BEAUTY SALON AND BARBERSHOP LICENSE MC 3–25**

Expanding eligibility for a certain beauty salon license in Montgomery County to include a holder of a certain barbershop permit; authorizing a holder of the license to provide up to 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and authorizing the holder to provide not more than 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon or barbershop customer; and requiring an annual license fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1174 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 837

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
BD–BWL LICENSES – MULTIPLE LICENSES MC 18–25**

Increasing to two the number of Class BD–BWL alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County that the same person may hold; and specifying that the establishment for which a second class BD–BWL license is issued shall have average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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SB 888

Chapter 838

Senator Henson

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSE AND PERMIT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license for a licensed premises located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall; and authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board from issuing a new Class B beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license if the establishment is located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1259

Chapter 839

Delegate Howard

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSE AND PERMIT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license for a licensed premises located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall, rather than prohibiting the Board from doing so; and authorizing the Board to issue a new Class B beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 574

Chapter 840

St. Mary's County Delegation

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
MULTIPLE LICENSING PLANS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue not more than three Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to a person under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a person from having a direct or indirect interest in more than a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses.

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HB 1145 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 841

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WAITING PERIOD AFTER LICENSE DENIAL

Establishing in Baltimore County certain waiting periods for the application for or issuance of an alcoholic beverages license at a specific location if an application for a license at that location has been previously denied.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1281 **Delegate Kipke**

Chapter 842

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a limited special event permit to holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; and authorizing a permit holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1108 **Allegany County Delegation**

Chapter 843

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIMUM AGE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS

Altering the minimum age for employment in Allegany County for alcoholic beverages license holders that do not derive more than half of their revenues from the sale of food from 16 years of age to 18 years of age.

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Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director