



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2025 Budget Bill

HB350
Chapter 602

The Speaker and The President (By Request – Administration)

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.

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2025 Chapters – Emergency Bills

HB 1424 **Chapter 97**

Delegate J. Lewis, et al

**SUPPORT AND PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY
FEDERAL ACTIONS (PROTECT OUR FEDERAL WORKERS ACT)**

Renaming the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to be the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund; authorizing funds appropriated to the Catastrophic Event Account to be expended to assist in funding costs connected to a relocation, closure, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal government; establishing the Expedited Hiring Program in the Department of Budget and Management; authorizing an appointing authority to recruit for certain vacant positions in State government; etc.

SB 1026 **Chapter 118**

Senator Beidle

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT –
APPLICATION OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND
SECONDARY MARKET STABILITY ACT OF 2025)**

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan under certain circumstances or a certain trust that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

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HB 1516
Chapter 119**Delegate Queen****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT – APPLICATION OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND SECONDARY MARKET STABILITY ACT OF 2025)**

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain trust that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

HB 322
Chapter 124**Delegate Wims****ELECTION LAW – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – ADMINISTRATION**

Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipal corporations that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipal corporation to support the administration of the municipal corporation's elections; authorizing the State Administrator to lease a voting system or other equipment used to administer an election for use in a municipal election; repealing the authority of a local board to lease a voting system to certain entities within the county; etc.

SB 262
Chapter 125**Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; requiring the State Administrator to conduct a special election in accordance with State law and regulations if the State Administrator determines a conflict exists between State law and regulations and a county charter or other county law relating to the conduct of a special election; etc.

HB 75 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 126 **State Board of Elections)**

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SB 784 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 142 **ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

SB 9 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 143 **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACADEMIC**
 PROGRAM APPROVAL – REVISIONS

Requiring certain nonpublic institutions of higher education to submit a certain letter of intent regarding intended new graduate level programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission in a certain manner and every 6 months; repealing a provision of law that required the Commission to circulate certain letters of intent; repealing a certain provision of law that limited which institutions of higher education could propose or implement certain academic programs for certain graduate level programs under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 300
Chapter 162**Delegate Kerr, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS –
REIMBURSEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS**

Altering the rate at which nonprofit organizations receiving State–funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs to match the rate established under relevant federal guidelines; requiring the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council to study and make certain recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management regarding the entire grants life cycle; requiring the Council to submit a report on its full recommendations to the Department and the General Assembly by July 1, 2027; etc.

SB 127
Chapter 163**Senator Kagan****STATE GOVERNMENT – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS –
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HB 1467
Chapter 168**Delegates Howard and Behler****LOCAL FINANCE – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – ANNE
ARUNDEL COUNTY EROSION PREVENTION PROJECTS AND
EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS**

Requiring interest earnings on money deposited for a certain taxing and assessment district to be credited to that district; specifying that a certain provision of law governing the petition process for the construction of an erosion prevention project or erosion control project in a certain district in Anne Arundel County does not apply to certain planning, permitting, or cost estimate activities; authorizing certain entities to use tax funds for upkeep or reconstruction of an existing shore erosion control project; etc.

SB 186**Chapter 171****Senators Bailey and Mautz****NATURAL RESOURCES – INVASIVE BLUE CATFISH PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources to curb the spread of the invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; requiring the Department to expand the use of practices determined to be effective under the Program; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on its findings and recommendations based on the Pilot Program.

HB 446**Chapter 172****Delegate T. Morgan, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – INVASIVE BLUE CATFISH PILOT PROGRAM**

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SB 80**Chapter 183****Senators Kramer and Smith****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the prohibition against abusing or neglecting an animal that results in the death of a domestic animal or livestock or the need to euthanize the domestic animal or livestock; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for up to 1 year or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both; and authorizing a court to impose certain conditions of sentencing and probation.

HB 1141
Chapter 193**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CHANGE OF LOCATION**

Establishing an additional circumstance under which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may approve a change of location for a certain alcoholic beverages license; and providing that the Board may approve a certain change if the license was originally issued within the same election district and has been at the same location for a least 10 years.

HB 258
Chapter 215**Delegate Wells****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; altering the termination date of the Authority; etc.

SB 4
Chapter 216**Senator Hayes****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and altering the termination date of the Authority from September 30, 2026 to September 30, 2029.

SB 365**Chapter 314****Senator Kagan, et al****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
NAVIGATOR – ESTABLISHED**

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

Except Section 2**HB 541****Chapter 315****Delegate Guzzone, et al****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
NAVIGATOR – ESTABLISHED**

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