



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SB 431

Chapter 2

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP INVESTMENTS FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY (RAISE) ACT

Altering the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council; repealing the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland Office of Registered Apprenticeship Development to scale registered apprenticeships across industries and occupations to meet the needs of the State's economy; establishing the Maryland Pay Per Apprentice Program within the Maryland Department of Labor; establishing the Maryland Pay Per Apprentice Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

HB 601

Chapter 3

Delegate Phillips, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL BUSINESS GUARANTY FUND – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to authorize the provision of a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund in an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses, within the limits of the guaranty.

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SB 1008
Chapter 4**Senator Hayes****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL BUSINESS GUARANTY FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to authorize the provision of a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses, within the limits of the guaranty.

SB 279
Chapter 5**Senator Simonaire, et al****EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing the regulation of business, economic development, insurance, and labor and employment to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

HB 895
Chapter 6**Delegate Rogers****EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing the regulation of business, economic development, insurance, and labor and employment to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

HB 345
Chapter 9**Delegate Kerr, et al****INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold multistate licenses to practice social work in member states in order to improve public access to competent social work services; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for withdrawal from the Compact; and providing that the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar legislation in six other states.

Contingent – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in six other states

SB 174
Chapter 10**Senator Benson****INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT**

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Contingent – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in six other states

SB 749
Chapter 11**Senator Kramer****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE FOR FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND DENTAL APPLICANTS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a plan for certain authorization to practice a health occupation for persons who left federal employment after January 20, 2025; etc.

Section 1 only

HB 723
Chapter 12**Delegate Kerr****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE FOR FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND DENTAL APPLICANTS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a plan for a temporary or permanent authorization to practice a health occupation in the State for certain individuals who left employment with a federal agency after January 20, 2025; requiring the Department to submit the plan by October 1, 2025 to certain committees; etc.

Section 1 only**HB 421**
Chapter 13**Delegate S. Johnson, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – 9–8–8 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Authorizing the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund for certain expenditures that support the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline.

SB 36
Chapter 14**Senators Kagan and Augustine****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – 9–8–8 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Authorizing the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund for costs related to the operation of the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, including software interfaces and joint training; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline.

HB 181
Chapter 19 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – CHIEF OF STAFF AND AIDES – APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; and establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor.

SB 255
Chapter 20 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – CHIEF OF STAFF AND AIDES – APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; and establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor.

HB 573
Chapter 23 **Delegate Kipke, et al**

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANTS – EDUCATION AND REINSTATEMENT

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include at least 35 hours of in-person and online instruction; requiring the Board to reinstate a certain certification only under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations requiring continuing education, including clinical hands-on training, for expanded function dental assistants; etc.

SB 792**Chapter 24****Senator Mautz****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – EXPANDED
FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANTS – EDUCATION AND
REINSTATEMENT**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include at least 35 hours of both in-person and online instruction; requiring the Board to adopt regulations specifying the required number of hours for in-person and online instruction, and clinical hands-on training; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired certification only under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 158**Chapter 35****Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Aging)****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – SENIOR CALL–CHECK AND SOCIAL
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

Renaming the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program to be the Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program; providing that the purpose of the program is to provide regular, direct communication from the Department of Aging or the Department’s designee to an eligible participant to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement; authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland to promote awareness of the availability of accessible telecommunications equipment; etc.

SB 223**Chapter 36****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – SENIOR CALL–CHECK AND SOCIAL
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

Renaming the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program to be the Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide regular, direct communication from the Department of Aging or the Department’s designee to an eligible participant to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement; authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland to promote awareness of the availability of accessible telecommunications equipment; etc.

HB 246
Chapter 37 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

HUMAN SERVICES – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; expanding the definition of “health practitioner” to include certain emergency medical providers; and authorizing individuals who are required in specific instances to report information regarding alleged vulnerable adults to make a report by calling the statewide reporting hotline.

Except Section 2

SB 205
Chapter 38 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

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Except Section 2

HB 104
Chapter 39 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES FUND – PURPOSE AND USE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund to match purchases made with FMNP, SNAP, and WIC benefits at certain farmers markets and farm stands, support nonprofit farmers markets by providing logistical and marketing support to increase the use of federal nutrition programs at these markets, and to support nonprofit organizations or other responsible persons to implement the Program.

SB 226 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 40 **Agriculture)**

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HB 114 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 41 **Departmental – Agriculture)**

PESTICIDE AND PEST CONTROL – REVISIONS TO PESTICIDE
APPLICATOR’S LAW AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS

Establishing requirements for the commercial application of general use pesticides, the commercial application of restricted use pesticides, and the private application of restricted use pesticides; requiring a certified private applicator to ensure that certain individuals working under the certified applicator’s supervision meet certain requirements; specifying the responsibility and liability of certified applicators for the application of certain pesticides; etc.

SB 249 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**
Chapter 42 **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

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HB 262
Chapter 43**Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and Delegate Holmes****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AND YOUNG FARMERS**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for purposes of communicating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission on issues relating to young and beginning farmers in the State; repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board; and requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed in a certain manner.

SB 240
Chapter 44**Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AND YOUNG FARMERS**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for purposes of communicating to the general public, State government, and the Maryland Agricultural Commission issues relating to young and beginning farmers in the State; establishing the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Board of Trustees; and repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board.

HB 189
Chapter 49**Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****DRUNK DRIVING – COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES – DISQUALIFICATION FROM DRIVING**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify any individual from driving a commercial motor vehicle for 1 year if the individual, while holding a commercial instructional permit or commercial driver's license, drives or attempts to drive any motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood or breath is 0.08 or greater.

SB 187
Chapter 50 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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HB 225
Chapter 51 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Creating an exception for vehicles carrying fluid milk products to the prohibition against driving a vehicle subject to an exceptional hauling permit on the interstate highway system; altering certain weight limits and tolerances under an exceptional hauling permit; altering the preventive maintenance documents that an individual operating under an exceptional hauling permit must possess; and altering certain record-keeping requirements and the application of certain administrative penalties under an exceptional hauling permit.

SB 203
Chapter 52 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation), et al**

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HB 288
Chapter 55 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLLS, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES – TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENTS

Increasing from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status determination authorizing the temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, or other charges by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

SB 210
Chapter 56 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLLS, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES – TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENTS

Increasing from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status determination authorizing the temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, or other charges by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

HB 279
Chapter 59 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS – SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries.

SB 245
Chapter 60 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS – SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries.

HB 272 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 61 **Departmental – Planning)**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MODERNIZATION

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to electronically submit certain precinct boundary information to the Secretary of Planning; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing population projections for the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas to authorize the use of population figures developed by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and their member jurisdictions; etc.

SB 236 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**
Chapter 62 **Request – Departmental – Planning)**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MODERNIZATION

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to immediately send electronically the description and map related to a new or changed precinct boundary to the Secretary of Planning; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.

HB 286 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 63 **Departmental – Planning)**

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND STATE ECONOMIC
GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY –
PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Providing certain planning principles that are collectively intended to create sustainable communities and to protect the environment utilizing active public participation; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of planning principles for advancing sustainable growth in the State; and requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, along with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

SB 266
Chapter 64 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

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HB 347
Chapter 65 **Delegates Holmes and Terrasa**
REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; and defining “land record” as any document recorded by a clerk of the circuit court relating to property.

SB 150
Chapter 66 **Senator Watson**
REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; and defining “land record” as any document recorded by a clerk of the circuit court relating to property.

HB 230
Chapter 73**Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – TRAINING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the format and content of training on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided by the State Ethics Commission to certain State employees and regulated lobbyists to be either through online training or live presentation on the conflict of interest, financial disclosure, relevant administrative, and other applicable requirements of the law; and altering the scope of disclosure for the employment of an individual or a member of the individual's immediate family reported in a financial disclosure statement.

SB 251
Chapter 74**Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – TRAINING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the format of training on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided by the State Ethics Commission to certain State employees and regulated lobbyists to be either through online training or live presentation; and altering the scope of disclosure for the employment of an individual or a member of the individual's immediate family reported in a financial disclosure statement.

HB 73
Chapter 75**Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – STATE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY**

Increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property from less than 2,500 square feet to up to 5,000 square feet; altering the time frame during which the State is required to advertise the need for rental of building space from at least 30 days to 20 days before proposals for lease are due; requiring the advertisement to be in certain newspapers providing notice to at least the people of the affected locality; and requiring the notice to be posted on the Department's website and eMaryland Marketplace.

SB 194
Chapter 76 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

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HB 841
Chapter 81 **Charles County Delegation**
GAMING – CHARLES COUNTY GAMING PERMIT REVIEW BOARD – REPEAL

Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

SB 730
Chapter 82 **Charles County Senators**
GAMING – CHARLES COUNTY GAMING PERMIT REVIEW BOARD – REPEAL

Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

HB 92
Chapter 85 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – LICENSE RESTORATION

Extending from 90 days to 4 years the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration.

SB 263
Chapter 86 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – LICENSE RESTORATION

Extending from 90 days to 4 years the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration.

HB 123
Chapter 87 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and one employee of the Division recommended by the exclusive representative for the employees of the Division of Parole and Probation and appointed by the Governor.

SB 197
Chapter 88 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director and an employee of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and providing that certain Commission members may serve personally at a Commission meeting or designate a representative from the member's unit or association.

HB 259
Chapter 91 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police) and Delegate Conaway**

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATABASE SYSTEM, DNA COLLECTION, AND PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

SB 202
Chapter 92 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATABASE SYSTEM, DNA COLLECTION, AND PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

SB 432
Chapter 95**The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT AND MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH (EXPUNGEMENT REFORM ACT OF 2025)**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence; adding to the list of misdemeanor convictions that a person may expunge under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of a charge of possession of cannabis if the conviction was later pardoned by the Governor; etc.

Except Section 2**HB 853**
Chapter 96**Delegate Pasteur, et al****POSTCONVICTION REVIEW – PROCEDURE TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE (MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT)**

Authorizing a certain individual to file a motion to reduce the duration of a certain sentence if the individual was convicted between the ages of at least 18 and under 25, was not sentenced to life, is not a sex offender, has served at least 20 years of the term of confinement, and was not convicted of murder involving a victim who was a first responder who was killed in the line of duty; applying procedures for a proceeding under the Act; etc.

SB 581
Chapter 100**Senator Henson****CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – COMPENSATORY DAMAGES (BUDDY’S LAW)**

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person’s ownership, direction, or control.

HB 438
Chapter 101**Delegate Bartlett, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET –
COMPENSATORY DAMAGES (BUDDY’S LAW)**

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person’s ownership, direction, or control.

SB 181
Chapter 102**Senator Hettleman, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL
PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; repealing the authorization for the Governor to disapprove a decision to grant medical parole; requiring the Commission, within 60 days of receiving a name for parole consideration, to conduct a risk assessment for an individual serving sentences for crimes of violence with an aggregate term of confinement of 40 years or more; etc.

HB 1123
Chapter 103**Delegate Bartlett, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL
PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of an incarcerated individual when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; repealing the authorization for the Governor to disapprove of a decision by the Commission to grant medical parole; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain risk assessment at a certain time; etc.

HB 775**Chapter 109****Delegate Otto, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DEATH OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to notify certain elected representatives whenever an incarcerated individual dies in a Division of Correction facility; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt certain regulations compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

HB 1171**Chapter 111****Delegate Amprey****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

Establishing a process for and certain exceptions to the transfer of assets that are collateral for securing a mortgage, pledge, or security interest without the approval of the stockholders; and repealing provisions of law specifying what shall be included in the articles of merger if a limited partnership or limited liability company is a party to the articles.

SB 811**Chapter 112****Senator James, et al****TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND EXPANDED REENTRY SERVICES – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be October 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027.

HB 646**Chapter 113****Delegate Taylor, et al****TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND EXPANDED REENTRY SERVICES – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be October 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027.

SB 608**Chapter 114****Senators Augustine and Smith****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS PETITIONS**

Altering the requirements for certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the individuals eligible to request a certain official to certify victim helpfulness relating to certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the time periods within which a certain certifying entity shall certify or decline a certain form under certain circumstances; and requiring a certifying entity to develop protocols to assist certain petitioners to take certain actions.

HB 32**Chapter 115****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – FORENSIC REVIEW BOARD – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; authorizing a forensic review board to make recommendations relating to the release or rehabilitation of a committed person; requiring the board to give notice at least 10 days before a meeting concerning the committed person; requiring the board to give consideration to a written statement offered by the committed person to the board; etc.

SB 43**Chapter 116****Senator Augustine****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – FORENSIC REVIEW BOARD – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; authorizing a forensic board to make recommendations relating to the release or rehabilitation of a committed person; requiring the Board to give notice at least 10 days before a meeting concerning the committed person; requiring the Board to give consideration to a written statement offered by the committed person to the Board; etc.

HB 1020
Chapter 121**Delegate Palakovich Carr****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORTING – MEDICAL DEBT (FAIR MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING ACT)**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from furnishing any consumer report containing certain adverse information relating to a consumer's medical debt, or any collection action against a consumer for medical debt, or maintain a file on a consumer related to medical debt or collections; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information from a consumer report for certain purposes; prohibiting a health care facility, a health care practitioner, or an ambulance service from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.

SB 84
Chapter 127**Senator Corderman****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STUDY ON LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING INCARCERATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

HB 22
Chapter 128**Delegate Valentine****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STUDY ON LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING INCARCERATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

HB 485
Chapter 131**St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CORRECTIONS**

Adding programs, a day reporting program, an in-patient treatment program, and a pretrial release supervision program, that the St. Mary's County Sheriff is authorized to establish; repealing a requirement that the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee collect the earnings of a certain individual participating in a certain program; and authorizing the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee to direct an individual participating in a certain program to provide proof that the individual has made payments toward certain obligations.

SB 767
Chapter 132**Senator M. Jackson****CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Providing that full-time deputy sheriffs and correctional deputies at the rank of major and below in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office have the right to organize and negotiate with the County Administrator of Calvert County and the Calvert County Sheriff with regard to certain wages and employee benefits in a certain manner.

SB 271
Chapter 133**Senator M. Jackson****MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – EMPLOYEES OF AN OFFICE OF A SHERIFF**

Providing that an employee of the office of a sheriff of a county or Baltimore City is immune from liability under the Maryland Tort Claims Act in the same manner as a sheriff or deputy sheriff.

HB 302
Chapter 134**Delegate Moon****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT OF CHARGES – HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS**

Expanding certain provisions of law relating to a certain investigation and recommendation by a State's Attorney concerning the filing of a statement of charges against certain professionals to include certain human service workers.

HB 301
Chapter 135**Delegate Moon****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH – AFFIDAVIT FOR JUDICIAL AUTHORIZATION**

Altering and clarifying the requirement that a sworn affidavit for judicial authorization to initiate forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS) assert that the reasonable investigative leads have been pursued and failed to identify the perpetrator and instead requiring that a sworn affidavit for judicial authorization assert that identity of the perpetrator is unknown.

HB 413
Chapter 136**Delegates Moon and Clippinger****CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND FIREARMS**

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years of age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

HB 1440
Chapter 137**Delegate R. Lewis, et al****COURTS – PARENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Requiring circuit courthouses in the State, constructed or renovated on or after October 1, 2025, to maintain on its premises a private lactation room to be used by certain individuals; providing that breast-feeding mothers and certain individuals caring for children under 3 years old may be excused from jury service; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to collect certain information on jury service excusals and report annually to the Maryland General Assembly beginning by December 31, 2025.

SB 622
Chapter 138 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

COURTS – STATE REPORTER – PUBLICATION OF CASES

Repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland.

HB 787
Chapter 139 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

COURTS – STATE REPORTER – PUBLICATION OF CASES

Repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland.

HB 786
Chapter 140 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary), et al**
APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND – SESSIONS AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Authorizing the Appellate Court of Maryland, in conjunction with the administrations of secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State, to hold sessions at certain secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State.

HB 241
Chapter 145 **Delegate Simpson**
MARRIAGE – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

Clarifying that “spouse” includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; and establishing that a spouse, who is the alleged victim, is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

SB 142
Chapter 146

Senator Sydnor

MARRIAGE – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

Clarifying that “spouse” includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; and establishing that a spouse, who is the alleged victim, is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

HB 442
Chapter 147

Delegate Simpson, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – OUT OF COURT STATEMENT OF CHILD TO FORENSIC INTERVIEWER

Expanding the evidentiary rule on the admissibility of out of court statements made by child victims or witnesses to make admissible an out of court statement made by a child to a forensic interviewer.

SB 333
Chapter 148

Senators West and Folden

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – OUT OF COURT STATEMENT OF CHILD TO FORENSIC INTERVIEWER

Expanding the evidentiary rule on the admissibility of out of court statements made by child victims or witnesses to make admissible an out of court statement made by a child to a forensic interviewer.

HB 492
Chapter 149

Delegate Simpson, et al

FREDERICK COUNTY – COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Frederick County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective or current county employee or county volunteer; requiring the Central Repository to forward certain information to certain persons; requiring that the information remain confidential and that it be used only for personnel-related purposes; etc.

HB 293
Chapter 150**Delegate Pippy, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD VICTIMS – TESTIMONY IN CHILD ABUSE CASES**

Altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases; requiring the testimony of a child victim taken by closed circuit television within the courthouse be in a setting that reasonably mitigates the likelihood the child victim will suffer emotional distress; etc.

SB 274
Chapter 151**Senator Love, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD VICTIMS – TESTIMONY IN CHILD ABUSE CASES**

Altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases; requiring the testimony of a child victim taken by closed circuit television within the courthouse be in a setting that reasonably mitigates the likelihood the child victim will suffer emotional distress; etc.

SB 348
Chapter 152**Senator Love, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “private place” as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual; and altering the prohibition against conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent.

HB 437
Chapter 153**Delegate Crutchfield, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “private place” as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual to include a residence; and altering the prohibition against conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent.

HB 831
Chapter 154**Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Repealing certain limitations on the prospective employees or volunteers of Carroll County for whom the Department of Human Resources of Carroll County may request a criminal history records check.

SB 418
Chapter 155**Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Repealing certain limitations on the prospective employees or volunteers of Carroll County for whom the Department of Human Resources of Carroll County may request a criminal history records check.

HB 89
Chapter 156**Delegate Embry****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – CONVICTION AND SENTENCING**

Establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not include certain activities; establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense and shall be deemed an individual victim for purposes of the sentencing guidelines stacking rule; establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation; etc.

SB 152
Chapter 157**Senator West****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – CONVICTION AND SENTENCING**

Establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not include certain activities; establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense and shall be deemed an individual victim for purposes of the sentencing guidelines stacking rule; establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation; etc.

SB 421**Chapter 158****Senator McKay****CRIMINAL LAW – DESTROYING FUNERARY OBJECTS AND CEMETERY ELEMENTS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITION**

Extending from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery to begin at the time local authorities knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing any part of the grounds of a cemetery.

HB 616**Chapter 159****Delegate Hutchinson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DESTROYING FUNERARY OBJECTS AND CEMETERY ELEMENTS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITION**

Extending from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery to begin at the time local authorities knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing any part of the grounds of a cemetery.

SB 81**Chapter 160****Senator Kagan****CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

HB 445
Chapter 161**Delegate Hill****CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 5 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

HB 235
Chapter 164**Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)****STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY REVISIONS**

Altering the duties of the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the duties of the Office of Security Management in the Department of Information Technology; requiring the Office to submit a yearly report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on the State's cybersecurity expenditures and recommendations for changes to the budget; and altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies.

SB 244
Chapter 165**Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)****STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY REVISIONS**

Altering the duties of the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the duties of the Office of Security Management in the Department of Information Technology; altering the content of a certain report on the activities of the Office and the state of cybersecurity preparedness in the State; and altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies and a statewide cybersecurity strategy.

HB 260
Chapter 180**Delegate Cardin, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

Altering the penalties for a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; removing intent to administer a controlled dangerous substance from a certain list of intents; etc.

SB 525
Chapter 181**Senator Charles, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL LAW – VIDEO EVIDENCE AND REWARD PROGRAMS**

Authorizing Prince George’s County to establish a pilot program allowing a member of the public to submit video evidence of an alleged violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to a certain enforcement unit; requiring the program to allow a member of the public to receive a portion of fines collected in relation to the violation; and authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to refer unpaid fines to the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management for collection.

HB 372
Chapter 182**Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – SUNSET REPEAL PG 403–25**

Repealing the termination of certain provisions of law establishing the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority.

SB 375**Chapter 184****Senator Kramer****CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING ROOSTERS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2027, a certain person from keeping a rooster movement–constrained through use of a certain enclosure or tether, subject to certain exceptions; establishing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense; and providing that the Act may be enforced by any State or local law enforcement officers or local animal control authority for the jurisdiction where the violation occurs.

HB 513**Chapter 185****Delegate Allen, et al****CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING ROOSTERS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2027, a certain person from keeping a rooster movement–constrained through use of a certain enclosure or tether, subject to certain exceptions; establishing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense; and providing the Act may be enforced by any State or local law enforcement officers or local animal control authority for the jurisdiction where the violation occurs.

HB 698**Chapter 186****Delegate Allen, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES, SURCHARGES, AND EXCISE TAXES – REPORTING**

Requiring county governments to make a certain report by July 1 each year to the Department of Planning on the amount, use, and location of the use of county development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes; and requiring county governments to make certain reports to the Department of Planning identifying certain local laws.

- SB 814**
Chapter 187 **Senator Watson, et al**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES, SURCHARGES, AND EXCISE TAXES – REPORTING
- Requiring county governments to make a certain report by July 1 each year to the Department of Planning on the amount, use, and location of the use of county development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes; and requiring county governments to make certain reports to the Department of Planning identifying certain local laws.
- SB 46**
Chapter 188 **Senator Watson, et al**
REAL PROPERTY – WRONGFUL DETAINER – TIME OF HEARING AND SERVICE OF PROCESS
- Requiring a certain hearing to be held not more than 10 business days after a certain complaint is filed; and altering requirements relating to service of process in a wrongful detainer action.
- HB 943**
Chapter 189 **Delegate Toles**
CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES OF MALICIOUS OR FRAUDULENT BURNING – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES
- Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or fraudulent burning that causes the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.
- SB 334**
Chapter 190 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES OF MALICIOUS OR FRAUDULENT BURNING – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES
- Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or fraudulent burning that causes the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.

SB 11
Chapter 191**Senator Watson****ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT ACT OF 2025**

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a 90–day period with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; etc.

HB 179
Chapter 192**Delegate Toles, et al****ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT ACT OF 2025**

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SB 891
Chapter 196**Senators M. Washington and Kagan****LAND USE AND REAL PROPERTY – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land with a single–family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land with a single–family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit; etc.

HB 1466
Chapter 197**Delegate Stewart, et al****LAND USE AND REAL PROPERTY – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land with a single-family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land with certain single-family detached dwelling units subject to certain requirements; etc.

HB 1018
Chapter 202**Delegate Pruski****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONVENTIONAL HOME MORTGAGE LOANS – ASSUMPTION AND REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively; etc.

SB 689
Chapter 203**Senator Gile****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONVENTIONAL HOME MORTGAGE LOANS – ASSUMPTION AND REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; and applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively.

HB 208
Chapter 206**Delegate Pruski****CONSUMER PROTECTION – FALSE ADVERTISING – DIGITAL GOODS**

Prohibiting a person that is a seller from advertising or offering for sale a digital good using certain terminology unless, before executing the sale, a certain affirmative acknowledgment is received from the purchaser or a certain clear and conspicuous statement is provided by the seller; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions.

HB 1046
Chapter 207**Delegate Bagnall****MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS – TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETINS**

Prohibiting a mechanical repair contract from containing a provision precluding coverage for service to a motor vehicle solely for issues identified in a technical services bulletin and prohibiting the denial of a service claim solely for such an issue by a guarantor or provider.

HB 227
Chapter 212**Delegates Adams and Crosby****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – NONESCHEAT CAPITAL CREDITS**

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

SB 561
Chapter 213**Senators Hershey and Mautz****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – NONESCHEAT CAPITAL CREDITS**

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations approved by the cooperative's board of directors.

HB 88**Chapter 221****Delegate Cardin****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT
– NOTIFICATION AND DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Specifying the manner in which notice regarding an exercise of the decanting power or the sending of a document under the Maryland Trust Decanting Act is required to be provided.

SB 158**Chapter 222****Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT
– NOTIFICATION AND DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Specifying the manner in which notice regarding an exercise of the decanting power or the sending of a document under the Maryland Trust Decanting Act is required to be provided.

SB 19**Chapter 223****Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – COMPENSATION OF GUARDIANS OF
PROPERTY AND TRUSTEES**

Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; and authorizing trustees who are financial institutions or members of the Maryland Bar to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a schedule of rates filed with an appropriate agency.

HB 27**Chapter 224****Delegate Cardin****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – COMPENSATION OF GUARDIANS OF
PROPERTY AND TRUSTEES**

Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; and authorizing trustees who are financial institutions or members of the Maryland Bar to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a schedule of rates filed with an appropriate agency.

- HB 261**
Chapter 225 **Delegate Forbes**
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PRIORITY OF CLAIMS ON AN ESTATE
– UNPAID CHILD SUPPORT
Prioritizing the payment of unpaid child support over certain other claims on an estate of a decedent with insufficient assets to pay all claims in full.
- HB 323**
Chapter 226 **Delegate Forbes**
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP AND MARRIAGE – REQUIRED
INFORMATION
Clarifying required information for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; and requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with the register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number.
- SB 286**
Chapter 227 **Senator West**
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP AND MARRIAGE – REQUIRED
INFORMATION
Clarifying required information for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; and requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with the register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number.
- HB 146**
Chapter 228 **Delegate Cardin**
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE – NOTICE
Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days’ notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all cotrustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.
- SB 126**
Chapter 229 **Senator West**
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE – NOTICE
Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days’ notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all cotrustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.

HB 716
Chapter 234 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY – ALTERATIONS

Including the Department of Housing and Community Development in the definition of “public housing agency” for the purposes of the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program; authorizing a public housing agency to administer the Program in accordance with a local administrative plan; authorizing the Department to project–base up to 100% of its authorized voucher units; altering the manner in which the Department and each public housing agency shall prioritize vouchers and housing assistance payments for certain families; etc.

SB 48
Chapter 247 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – IDENTIFICATION CARDS – VETERAN STATUS NOTATION

Authorizing the Department of General Services to include a notation on a certain identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain the consent of a certain holder of an identification card before transmitting certain information to a certain executive agency; and prohibiting the Department from transmitting certain information obtained on an application for an identification card except under certain circumstances.

SB 67
Chapter 248 **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

Authorizing health occupations boards to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, registration, or public profile.

SB 89**Chapter 249****Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish a certain process in collaboration with one or more boards under the Department's direction and control that requires a board to include a notation indicating veteran status on a professional license or certificate.

SB 114**Chapter 250****Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – LICENSES – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS**

Authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license.

SB 85**Chapter 251****Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson****BRAILLE FLAG MEMORIAL ACT OF 2025**

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

HB 455**Chapter 252****Delegate Kaiser, et al****BRAILLE FLAG MEMORIAL ACT OF 2025**

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

SB 275**Chapter 253****Senator Simonaire, et al****MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY LAWS ACT**

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

HB 448**Chapter 254****Delegate Kipke, et al****MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY LAWS ACT**

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

HB 466**Chapter 259****Delegate Kipke, et al****HEALTH EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

SB 277**Chapter 260****Senator Simonaire, et al****HEALTH EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

SB 280**Chapter 261****Senator Simonaire, et al****JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

HB 1060**Chapter 262****Delegates Crutchfield and Kaufman****JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

HB 475**Chapter 263****Delegate Allen, et al****TRANSPORTATION EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services.

SB 281**Chapter 264****Senator Simonaire, et al****TRANSPORTATION EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services; and exempting certain vehicles owned by licensed dealers from a certain excise tax if the vehicles are provided to customers for use while the customers’ vehicles are undergoing repair, maintenance, or other dealer services.

SB 282**Chapter 265****Senator Simonaire, et al****RECREATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

HB 494**Chapter 266****Delegate Allen, et al****RECREATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

SB 172**Chapter 267****Senator Simonaire****MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary’s designee.

SB 182**Chapter 268****Senator Simonaire****MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY – FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS**

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include a spouse or dependent of an eligible veteran.

SB 309**Chapter 269****Senator Simonaire, et al****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES – COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans and Military Families to expand certain services to include service members and their families; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to submit an annual report by December 1 each year to the Governor and the General Assembly that includes a general assessment of communication methods utilized in support of the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program.

HB 699**Chapter 270****Delegate Allen, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – VETERANS BENEFITS – HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

Defining “honorable discharge” with respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain discharges.

SB 491**Chapter 271****Senator Gile, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – VETERANS BENEFITS – HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

Defining “honorable discharge” with respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain discharges.

SB 872**Chapter 272****Senator Jennings****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS (FAMILIES SERVE ACT)**

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

HB 1443**Chapter 273****Delegate Griffith, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS (FAMILIES SERVE ACT)**

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

HB 1080**Chapter 274****Delegate Griffith****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – LOCAL PERSONNEL – LEAVE WITH PAY**

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

SB 123**Chapter 275****Senator Simonaire****BOATING ACCIDENTS – DUTY TO STOP AT THE SCENE, RENDER ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION – PENALTIES**

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

SB 308**Chapter 276****Senator Simonaire, et al****ELECTION LAW – CHIEF ELECTION JUDGES – PARTY AFFILIATION**

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

SB 685**Chapter 277****Senator Augustine****ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

HB 983
Chapter 278**Delegates Mireku–North and Wilkins****ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

HB 825
Chapter 291**Delegate Pena–Melnyk****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

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

SB 41
Chapter 292**Senator Rosapepe****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

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

SB 522
Chapter 295**Senator Charles****HOME BUILDERS – NEW HOME SALES – NOTICE OF APPLIANCE WARRANTY REGISTRATION**

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

SB 785**Chapter 296****Senator Ready****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNPAID PARENTAL LEAVE –
DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER**

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

HB 463**Chapter 297****Delegates Edelson and Watson****VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION –
3–HOUR ROADWAY SAFETY DRIVING EDUCATION PROGRAM
– REQUIREMENTS**

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

SB 471**Chapter 298****Senator Rosapepe****VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION –
3–HOUR ROADWAY SAFETY DRIVING EDUCATION PROGRAM
– REQUIREMENTS**

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

SB 109**Chapter 299****Senator Feldman****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – SCHOOL BOARDS –
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

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

HB 932**Chapter 300****Delegate Korman, et al****PUBLIC ETHICS – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BLIND TRUST – GOVERNOR**

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

SB 842**Chapter 305****Senator Beidle****ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – SEIZURE AND WHOLESALE RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

SB 371**Chapter 306****Senator Beidle****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – RENEWAL NOTICES – ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

HB 565**Chapter 307****Delegate Hutchinson****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – RENEWAL NOTICES – ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

SB 830**Chapter 308****Senator Hayes****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – CLAIMS APPLICATION FORM – AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Altering the entities to which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application filed with the Workers' Compensation Commission to include the Uninsured Employers' Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund; altering the information which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application to include additional claims filed by the claimant and information in the custody of the Commission; etc.

SB 695**Chapter 309****Senator Beidle****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND BOARD – MEMBERSHIP AND RESERVES**

Altering the membership of the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board; and requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to establish reserves to meet potential losses of the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

SB 93**Chapter 310****Senator Kramer****ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – NOTICE TO REQUEST APPLICATION**

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

- SB 645**
Chapter 311 **Senator Kagan**
ELECTION LAW – GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – DATE
Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.
- HB 945**
Chapter 312 **Delegate Wilkins**
ELECTION LAW – GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – DATE
Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.
- SB 722**
Chapter 329 **Senators Henson and Augustine**
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – DEFINITION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through improvements to physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or processes, returning natural or historical functions or services, or protecting or improving resiliency.
- HB 1155**
Chapter 330 **Delegate Stein**
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – DEFINITION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through improvements to physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or processes, returning natural or historical functions or services, or protecting or improving resiliency.

SB 846**Chapter 334****Senator Hettleman****BUSINESS REGULATION – CELLULAR PHONE CARRIERS – AUTHORIZED USERS**

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

SB 529**Chapter 338****Senator Brooks****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – EXAMINATION**

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

HB 1021**Chapter 341****Delegates Taylor and Holmes****REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS**

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

HB 497**Chapter 343****Delegate Stewart, et al****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES – REGULATION (PREVENTING ABDUCTION IN YOUTH TRANSPORT ACT OF 2025)**

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

SB 400**Chapter 344****Senator Gile****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES – REGULATION (PREVENTING ABDUCTION IN YOUTH TRANSPORT ACT OF 2025)**

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

HB 672**Chapter 345****Delegate Cullison, et al****SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PERSONNEL ASSESSMENT AND MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS**

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

SB 102**Chapter 350****Senator Gile****INSURANCE POOLING – PUBLIC ENTITY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “public entity” to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.

HB 100**Chapter 351****Delegate Bagnall****INSURANCE POOLING – PUBLIC ENTITY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “public entity” to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.

SB 617
Chapter 354**Senator Gile****STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

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

HB 1223
Chapter 355**Delegate Rose, et al****STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

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

SB 734
Chapter 358**Senator McKay****BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSING – DEFINITION OF STORAGE WAREHOUSE**

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self-service storage facility.

HB 968
Chapter 359**Delegate A. Johnson****BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSING – DEFINITION OF STORAGE WAREHOUSE**

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self-service storage facility.

- SB 162**
Chapter 360 **Senator Simonaire**
AGRICULTURE – DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER IDENTIFICATION, INSPECTION, AND SALE OF CANTALOUPE – REPEAL
Repealing the Department of Agriculture’s authority over the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes.
- SB 147**
Chapter 361 **Senator Simonaire**
STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE
Providing that the Governor appoint members of the State Board of Stationary Engineers with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- SB 57**
Chapter 362 **Senator Simonaire**
FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIES, AND REDUCTION FACILITIES – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED REMAINS – VETERANS
Requiring a licensed funeral establishment, crematory operator, or reduction facility to take certain actions if a certain veterans service organization does not take possession of certain unclaimed cremains, hydrolyzed remains, or soil remains that qualify for a plot in a veterans cemetery within a certain period of time.
- HB 46**
Chapter 364 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP
Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, or the Administrator’s designee, and the Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity in the Maryland Cannabis Administration, or the Executive Director’s designee.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee and the Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity in the Maryland Cannabis Administration or the Executive Director's designee.

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

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

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

HB 415 **Delegates Palakovich Carr and Amprey**
Chapter 367

STATE LIBRARY AGENCY – FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

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

SB 378**Chapter 368****Senator A. Washington, et al****STATE LIBRARY AGENCY – FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

HB 538**Chapter 370****Delegate Shetty, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FEDERAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATION**

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

SB 445**Chapter 371****Senator McCray****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FEDERAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATION**

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

HB 881**Chapter 373****Delegate Shetty, et al****FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – CHILD SUPPORT**

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

HB 785**Chapter 375****Delegate Feldmark, et al****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES AND ZONING AUTHORITIES – OPERATION OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES – LIMITATIONS**

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

HB 1148**Chapter 381****Delegate Wivell, et al****RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNIT INSURANCE – LAPSES IN COVERAGE – PROHIBITION ON DENIAL**

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

HB 1162**Chapter 386****Delegate Stein****HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, OR REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – EQUIPMENT SALES**

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

HB 452
Chapter 389**Delegate Guyton, et al****OUTDOOR LIGHTING – GUIDANCE AND USE OF STATE FUNDS**

Requiring the Maryland Green Building Council, on or before October 1, 2026, to update or develop guidance for the purchase of outdoor lighting fixtures in consideration of certain recommendations; prohibiting State funds from being used to install or replace certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting unless certain requirements are met; altering the requirements for the use of State funds for the installation or replacement of certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

HB 586
Chapter 390**Delegate D. Jones****ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and authorizing a public school student in the State to earn hours toward the service–learning graduation requirement or receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.

HB 839
Chapter 391**Delegate Roberson****ELECTION LAW – PROVISIONAL BALLOTS – NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTESTS**

Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.

HB 664
Chapter 392**Delegate Terrasa****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

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

HB 1481
Chapter 393**Delegate Hill, et al****DISABILITY SERVICES – ADAPTED VEHICLE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

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

HB 1007
Chapter 394**Delegate Wells, et al****DISABILITY AND LIFE INSURANCE – MEDICAL INFORMATION (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT)**

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

HB 1069
Chapter 396**Delegate Woorman, et al****LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITY AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS – DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES – PROHIBITION**

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

HB 972**Chapter 397****Delegate A. Johnson****REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 680**Chapter 398****Senator Carozza****REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 717**Chapter 399****Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – SALARIES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS – INCREASE**

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

HB 844**Chapter 400****Delegate Otto, et al****SOMERSET COUNTY – SALARIES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS – INCREASE**

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

SB 51**Chapter 406****Senator Ellis****ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE PRIVILEGES – QUALIFICATIONS**

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

HB 887**Chapter 407****Delegate Valderrama, et al****ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE PRIVILEGES – QUALIFICATIONS**

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

SB 963**Chapter 409****Senator Mautz****ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

HB 535**Chapter 410****Delegate Simmons, et al****ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

HB 562**Chapter 413****Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

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

SB 352**Chapter 414****Senator Salling, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

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

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

LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE – QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

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

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

HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDITS

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

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

HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDITS

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

SB 208
Chapter 419

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

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

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

HB 214
Chapter 420

Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

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

SB 915
Chapter 421

Baltimore County Senators

BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PRIVATE ROADWAYS IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

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

HB 528
Chapter 422**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PRIVATE ROADWAYS IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES**

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

HB 1524
Chapter 429**Wicomico County Delegation****WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBER, AND COMPENSATION**

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

HB 719
Chapter 433**Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – ALTERATIONS**

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

HB 1473
Chapter 434**Delegate Acevero, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

HB 1
Chapter 437**Delegate Ebersole, et al****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE (SEE SOMEONE, SAVE SOMEONE ACT)**

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

SB 37
Chapter 438**Senator Hester, et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

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

HB 121
Chapter 439**Delegate Charkoudian****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

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

HB 707
Chapter 440**Delegate Wilkins, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMITS – NOTATION OF NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC’S ID LAW)**

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

HB 717
Chapter 443**Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC LANDS – ACQUISITION, STAFFING, OPERATIONS, AND FUNDING**

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

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

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

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

HB 744 **Delegate Wims, et al**
Chapter 446 **MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND**
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

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

SB 590 **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 447 **MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND**
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

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

SB 618**Chapter 448****Senator Smith, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATOR’S PERMITS – NOTATION OF NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC’S ID LAW)**

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

SB 391**Chapter 449****Senator Smith****MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – REVIEW OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

SB 1028**Chapter 450****Senator Gile****NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW’S LAW)**

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

HB 1322
Chapter 451**Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE
WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW’S LAW)**

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

HB 436
Chapter 452**Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED
TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION**

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

SB 707
Chapter 453**Senator Zucker****VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED
TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION**

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

HB 860
Chapter 454**Delegate Buckel, et al****PUBLIC NUISANCE – COMMON CARRIERS – DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

HB 1375
Chapter 459**Delegate Stein, et al****VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PORTABLE VARIABLE MESSAGING SIGNS – AUTHORIZATION**

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

SB 381
Chapter 463**Senator Love, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS**

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

Except Sections 2 and 3

HB 516
Chapter 464**Delegate Korman, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS
– PRIVACY PROTECTIONS**

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

Except Sections 2 and 3**SB 443**
Chapter 465**Senator Smith, et al****TRAFFICKING REGULATED FIREARMS – FELONY
CLASSIFICATION**

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

SB 390
Chapter 466**Senator Smith****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –
STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

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

HB 343**Chapter 467****Delegate Stewart****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

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

SB 572**Chapter 472****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES**

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

HB 453**Chapter 473****Delegate Pruski****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES**

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

HB 1296**Chapter 474****Delegates Pruski and Lehman****ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

SB 930**Chapter 475****Senator Gile****ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

HB 783**Chapter 478****Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – IMPLICIT BIAS AND STRUCTURAL RACISM TRAINING**

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

HB 1191**Chapter 483****Delegate McComas, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS**

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

SB 548
Chapter 484**Senator James, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS**

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

HB 1209
Chapter 485**Delegates McComas and Grammer****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTS AND RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**

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

HB 411
Chapter 486**Delegate Korman****STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE MINERAL – CHROMITE (STATE MINERAL ACT)**

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

HB 163
Chapter 488**Delegate Hartman****MOTOR HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOWS IN WORCESTER COUNTY – PERMIT FOR OUT-OF-STATE DEALERS**

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

SB 896
Chapter 489**Senator Love****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

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

HB 1152
Chapter 490**Delegate Stein, et al****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

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

HB 313
Chapter 491**Delegate Korman****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES**

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

SB 54**Chapter 492****Senator Folden****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES**

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

SB 533**Chapter 493****Senator Folden, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – TIME LIMIT FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

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

HB 527**Chapter 494****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PURPLE LINE – FREE RIDERSHIP AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

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

SB 871**Chapter 495****Senator Hester****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – CYBERSECURITY PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS**

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

HB 9**Chapter 496****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL – DEFINITIONS AND REPORTS**

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

SB 349**Chapter 497****Senator Love****MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS**

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

HB 428
Chapter 498**Delegate Embry, et al****MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS**

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

SB 347
Chapter 499**Senator Love****ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

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

HB 542
Chapter 500**Delegate Crutchfield****ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

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

HB 243
Chapter 501**Delegate Boyce****FAMILY LAW – ADOPTION OF AN ADULT**

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

HB 984
Chapter 502**Delegate Crosby****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – RATE PROCEEDINGS**

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

HB 182
Chapter 505**Delegate Stewart, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES**

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

HB 1367
Chapter 507**Delegate Rosenberg, et al****LEAD TESTING AND INSPECTIONS – FALSIFYING INFORMATION – PENALTY**

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

HB 124
Chapter 508**Delegates Rosenberg and Boyce****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION**

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

SB 160
Chapter 509**Senator Waldstreicher****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION**

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

HB 309
Chapter 510**Delegate Cardin****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

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

SB 326**Chapter 511****Senator Waldstreicher, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

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

SB 758**Chapter 512****Senator Kagan****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTIONS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT**

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

HB 1293**Chapter 515****Delegate Smith, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT**

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

SB 120**Chapter 516****Senator Muse****RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION**

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

HB 4**Chapter 517****Delegate Smith****RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION**

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

SB 63**Chapter 518****Senator Muse****COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS**

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

HB 292
Chapter 519**Delegate Holmes, et al****COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS,
AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE
ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS**

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

HB 191
Chapter 520**Delegate Foley****VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED
VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER**

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

SB 40
Chapter 521**Senator Muse****VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED
VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER**

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

SB 540**Chapter 522****Senator Charles, et al****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS**

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

HB 755**Chapter 523****Delegate Foley, et al****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS**

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

HB 872**Chapter 524****Delegate Stewart****RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS’ RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL**

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

SB 606**Chapter 525****Senator West****RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS’ RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL**

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

HB 1464**Chapter 526****Delegate Stewart****MOTOR VEHICLES – RENTAL FLEET VEHICLES – REGISTRATION**

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

HB 1465**Chapter 527****Delegate Stewart, et al****TRANSPORTATION-RELATED TOLLS – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS**

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

SB 425**Chapter 529****Senator M. Jackson****ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS – FEES, COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND REGULATIONS**

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

HB 533
Chapter 530**Delegate Crutchfield****PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS**

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

SB 273
Chapter 531**Senator M. Jackson****PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS**

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

HB 275
Chapter 532**Delegate Crutchfield****FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – MULTIFAMILY ADJUSTMENT**

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

SB 73
Chapter 533**Senator Simonaire, et al****CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM – RENAMING**

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

- SB 103**
Chapter 534 **Senator Simonaire**
BOATING ACCIDENTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT –
PROPERTY DAMAGE
Specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves any vessel subject to the State Boat Act while on the waters of the State includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement.
- SB 50**
Chapter 535 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION
Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.
- HB 469**
Chapter 536 **Delegate Nkongolo**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION
Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.
- SB 721**
Chapter 537 **Senator Henson**
FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT
Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.
- HB 929**
Chapter 538 **Delegate Simpson, et al**
FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT
Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.

SB 513**Chapter 540****Senator Henson, et al****REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT MODIFICATIONS – COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

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

HB 674**Chapter 545****Delegate Kaufman, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DISMEMBERING OR BURYING HUMAN REMAINS WITH INTENT TO CONCEAL A CRIME**

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

HB 31**Chapter 546****Delegates Kaufman and Hornberger****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – POWERED WHEELCHAIRS**

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

SB 946**Chapter 550****Senator Carozza, et al****ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS**

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

HB 894**Chapter 551****Delegate Jacobs, et al****ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS**

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

HB 1236**Chapter 557****Delegate Arentz, et al****QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – MUNICIPALITIES – SPEED LIMITS**

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

HB 375**Chapter 558****Delegate D. Jones, et al****BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (JAY’S LAW)**

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

HB 450
Chapter 560**Delegate Guyton, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABILITY
REDUCED FARE PROGRAM – RENEWAL FOR PERMANENTLY
DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

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

SB 1030
Chapter 562**Senators Attar and Hettleman****BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS
– LIGHTING ON PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES**

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

HB 767
Chapter 563**Delegate Terrasa, et al****REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – PROCEDURES
FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT, BREACH OF LEASE, AND TENANT
HOLDING OVER**

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

HB 1076
Chapter 564**Delegate Terrasa, et al****RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT –
NOTICE OF LANDLORD ENTRY**

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

HB 1371
Chapter 565**Delegate Terrasa****VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES – ELECTRONIC
CREDENTIALS (MARYLAND MOBILE ID ENHANCEMENT ACT)**

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

HB 470
Chapter 566**Delegate Ziegler, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – OBSCURED, MODIFIED, OR BLOCKED
REGISTRATION PLATES AND REGISTRATION PLATE COVERS**

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

SB 566
Chapter 569**Senator Sydnor****REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE – INCREASE**

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

SB 820**Chapter 570****Senators Watson and Rosapepe****MUNICIPALITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

SB 399**Chapter 572****Senator McKay****NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

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

Except Section 1**SB 396****Chapter 573****Senator McKay, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH BENEFITS**

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

HB 236
Chapter 574**Delegate Valentine, et al****PEACE ORDERS AND CRIMINAL HARASSMENT – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE**

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

SB 92
Chapter 575**Senator Corderman****PEACE ORDERS AND CRIMINAL HARASSMENT – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE**

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

HB 1442
Chapter 577**Delegate Edelson****JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS – REPORT**

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

HB 681
Chapter 578**Delegate Toles, et al****CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR ARREARAGES AND COURT ORDERS**

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

HB 273
Chapter 580**Delegate Allen****RESIDENTIAL LEASES – LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES – CALCULATION**

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

HB 796
Chapter 581**Delegate J. Long, et al****REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE – INCREASE**

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

SB 338
Chapter 582**Baltimore County Senators****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83**

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

HB 1283
Chapter 583**Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

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

HB 808
Chapter 584**Howard County Delegation****COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION – LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS HO. CO. 14–25**

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

SB 968
Chapter 586**Howard County Senators****HOWARD COUNTY – PATUXENT RIVER WILDLAND – USE OF MECHANICAL OR MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT HO. CO. 5–25**

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

HB 988
Chapter 587**Montgomery County Delegation**

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

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

Except Sections 3 and 4

HB 1173
Chapter 590**Montgomery County Delegation**

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

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

HB 1065
Chapter 592**Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

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

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

HB 1195 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**
Chapter 593 **Delegation**

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

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

HB 1470 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**
Chapter 595 **Delegation**

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

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

HB 349 **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 596

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

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

HB 480
Chapter 598**St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – COUNTY PLANS – PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS**

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

HB 491
Chapter 599**St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE**

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

HB 500
Chapter 601**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****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.

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.

SB 231
Chapter 607**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

SB 26
Chapter 608**Senator Kramer****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.

HB 176
Chapter 609**Delegate Solomon****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.

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.

Except Section 2

HB 424
Chapter 611**Delegate Cullison, 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.

Except Section 2**SB 369**
Chapter 613**Senator Watson, et al**

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.

HB 593
Chapter 614**Delegate Boafó, et al**

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.

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

SB 246 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**
Chapter 618 **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.

HB 826 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 619 **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.

HB 376**Chapter 627****Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee****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.

SB 294**Chapter 628****Senator Feldman, et al****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.

SB 665**Chapter 635****The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****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.

HB 761
Chapter 636**The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)****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.

SB 1005
Chapter 641**Senator Benson****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.

HB 43
Chapter 642**Delegate J. Lewis****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.

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.

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.

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 licensed issued under the Act.

- 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.
- SB 356**
Chapter 652 **Senator Smith, 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.
- 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.
- SB 684**
Chapter 662 **Senator Augustine**
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.

HB 1100
Chapter 663**Delegate White Holland, et al****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.

HB 331
Chapter 664**Delegate White Holland, et al****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.

SB 296
Chapter 665**Senator Augustine****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.

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.

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.

HB 848
Chapter 669**Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****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.

Section 2 only

SB 474
Chapter 670**Senator Beidle****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.

Section 2 only

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.

HB 776**Chapter 676****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****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.

HB 859**Chapter 679****Delegate Solomon, et al****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.

HB 1004
Chapter 681**Delegate Martinez, et al****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.

SB 748
Chapter 682**Senator Kramer****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.

HB 798
Chapter 690**Delegate Lehman, et al****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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 1347
Chapter 702**Delegate Adams****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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 1380
Chapter 709**Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****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.

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”.

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.

HB 507
Chapter 724**Delegate Kerr****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.

HB 508
Chapter 725**Delegate Kerr****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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 1351**Chapter 746****Delegate Ghrist, et al****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.

HB 820**Chapter 747****Delegate Hill, et al****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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Section 1 only

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 49
Chapter 844 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ALTERATIONS AND ANALYSIS

Altering the requirements for certain regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment relating to building energy performance standards to include certain exclusions and considerations and a certain annual reporting fee to cover certain costs; requiring the Department to certify a certain building energy performance standards program adopted by a county under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to conduct an analysis of the potential costs and benefits of certain building energy performance standards policy options; etc.

Except Section 2

HB 1294
Chapter 847 **Delegates Wilson and Amprey**
COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT REGULATION – EARNED WAGE ACCESS AND CREDIT MODERNIZATION

Subjecting certain earned wage access products to the Maryland Consumer Loan Law and other provisions that regulate entities that provide consumer credit; restricting the acceptance of tips by certain lenders under certain circumstances; providing for the licensing or registration of certain entities offering earned wage access products with certain exemptions; regulating earned wage access service agreements; limiting the costs and fees associated with obtaining an earned wage access product; etc.

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HB 693 **The Speaker (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community**
Chapter 124 **Development), et al**

RENTERS’ RIGHTS AND STABILIZATION ACT OF 2024

Establishing the Office of Tenant and Landlord Affairs in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain educational resources and information to tenants; requiring the Office to develop and publish a Maryland Tenants’ Bill of Rights; requiring the most recently published version of the Maryland Tenants’ Bill of Rights to be included as part of a residential lease; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month’s rent, except under certain circumstances; etc.

Section 4 only

HB 567 **Delegate Love, et al**
Chapter 454

MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer’s personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer’s personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer’s personal data; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

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SB 541
Chapter 455**Senator Gile, et al****MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024**

Regulating the manner in which a controller or a processor in possession of a consumer's personal data may process the consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller to comply with a consumer's request to exercise a certain right in a certain manner, except under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 760
Chapter 463**Senator Kramer****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES OF GIFT CARDS
(GIFT CARD SCAMS PREVENTION ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting a merchant from selling a certain open– or closed–loop gift card to a consumer unless the merchant meets certain requirements; requiring a certain merchant to provide training to all employees of the merchant on identifying and responding to gift card fraud; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection to create a certain notice and issue certain guidelines regarding gift card fraud; requiring a certain third–party gift card reseller to record and maintain a copy of certain information for at least 3 years; etc.

Section 2 only