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Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 1, 2025
Calendar Day: Friday, February 7, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:07 A.M.

Invocation from the prior session will serve as today's prayer.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

A quorum being present under Senate Rule 5A, the Senate is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 125)

The Journal of February 6, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 33

Senate Bill 992 – Senators West and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Revisions

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 2–411(e), 3–104, and 3–109(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 993 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program; requiring certain individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue to participants a restrictive license requiring the use of an intelligent speed assistance system; prohibiting a participant from operating a motor vehicle in violation of the requirements of the Program; and generally relating to the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–404(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–404.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 2

House Bill 36 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – Aging Services – Program Repeal and Consolidation

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities

of the Committee to the Department of Aging; authorizing the Department to perform certain duties to implement and coordinate services to older adults and to collaborate with certain entities that establish local interagency committees; requiring the Department to establish, coordinate, and supervise a program to provide single points of entry within each planning and service area; authorizing area agencies on aging to make agreements with certain entities and provide staff at the single points of entry for certain purposes; requiring the Department to develop, coordinate, and administer with area agencies on aging or other persons a certain system to provide certain services to certain older adults; requiring the Department to engage with key stakeholders to conduct certain transition planning and to provide certain services to certain older adults; and generally relating to the Department of Aging and aging services.

BY repealing
Article – Human Services
Section 10–209 through 10–211, 10–301 through 10–305, and 10–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–101; and 10–306 through 10–309 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 3. Aging Services"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 46 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; and generally relating to the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–4502(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–4502(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 94 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

AN ACT concerning

Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs – Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local health department or community–based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee, rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; altering the membership of the Standing Advisory Committee on Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs; and generally relating to Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 24–901(a) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 24–902, 24–904, and 24–905
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 138 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Veterans – Burial at State Veterans' Cemeteries (Burial Equity Act)

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for burial in a State veterans' cemetery to include members of ~~the National Guard and the military reserves~~ a reserve component; removing the residency requirement for certain veterans for burial in a State

veterans' cemetery; establishing a burial fee for ~~National Guard and military reserves service~~ reserve component members and their eligible dependents; and generally relating to burial at State veterans' cemeteries.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–906(a), (f), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 181 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

AN ACT concerning

Military Department – Chief of Staff and Aides – Appointment Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor; and generally relating to the appointment of staff of the Military Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 13–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 196 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Department of Veterans and Military Families – Board and Commission – Membership and Oversight

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide oversight of the War Memorial Building; altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund Board of Trustees; altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission; repealing the War Memorial Commission; and generally

relating to the Department of Veterans and Military Families.

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 9–932 through 9–939 and the part "Part IV. War Memorial Commission"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–908.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–914, 9–914.1, and 9–917
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–915
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 211 – Delegates Foley, Charkoudian, Fair, Feldmark, Healey, Kaufman, Korman, Lehman, Palakovich Carr, Pena–Melnyk, Pruski, Ruth, Terrasa, Vogel, Williams, Wims, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – Collective Bargaining – Graduate Assistants ~~and Postdoctoral Associates~~

FOR the purpose of providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants ~~and postdoctoral associates~~ at certain public institutions of higher education; establishing a separate collective bargaining ~~units~~ unit for the graduate assistants ~~and postdoctoral associates~~; and generally relating to collective bargaining for graduate assistants ~~and postdoctoral associates~~ at public institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–101 and 3–102(b)(9) and (d)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 276 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Forms – Reporting Requirement – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain departments or units of State government annually submit a certain report regarding forms to the Department of General Services; and generally relating to forms.

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 10–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 22

February 7, 2025

1.	Sen. McCray	Darley Park Blight Elimination	B&T
2.	Sen. McCray	Guilford Hall – Commercial Training Kitchen	B&T
3.	Sen. McCray	Harford House	B&T
4.	Sen. McCray	HAVEN project	B&T
5.	Sen. Feldman	Ivymount School	B&T
6.	Sen. Waldstreicher	Kenmont ADA Compliant Walkway Improvements	B&T

7.	Sen. McCray	Laurel Cemetery Memorial Park	B&T
8.	Sen. McCray	Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts	B&T
9.	Sen. West	Maryland State Fair	B&T
10.	Sen. McCray	Residences at Lafayette	B&T
11.	Sen. Mautz	Sharptown Multi Purpose Community Center	B&T
12.	Sen. McCray	Sinclair Lane Elementary School	B&T
13.	Sen. Feldman	Sugarland Ethno History Project – SEHP – and the Dorsey Site	B&T
14.	Sen. Kagan	Talbott Street Park	B&T
15.	Sen. McCray	Wells Community Development Corporation	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 23

February 7, 2025

1.	Sen. Bailey	Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center	B&T
2.	Sen. Salling	Baltimore Community Food Center	B&T
3.	Sen. Waldstreicher	Dalewood Drive Playground	B&T
4.	Sen. Feldman	Dream Catcher Meadows	B&T
5.	Sen. Waldstreicher	DSP Training Academy at Jubilee Association of Maryland	B&T
6.	Sen. Kramer	Georgia Avenue Noise Mitigation Fencing Project	B&T
7.	Sen. Kramer	Greens Sustainability Initiative	B&T
8.	Sen. Feldman	Katherine Thomas School Playground	B&T

9.	Sen. Feldman	Madison Fields	B&T
10.	Sen. Waldstreicher	MHP Office at Amherst Wheaton Arts	B&T
11.	Sen. Waldstreicher	Silver Spring UMC – Shepherd's Table Kitchen Rehabilitation	B&T
12.	Sen. Waldstreicher	Spirit Fit and Health Inclusive Fitness Expansion	B&T
13.	Sen. Bailey	St Mary's County Elks Lodge No 2092	B&T
14.	Sen. Feldman	Western Montgomery County Pool Bubble	B&T
15.	Sen. Waldstreicher	Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad – Rescue Squad Truck	B&T
16.	Sen. Folden	Wolfsville Ruritan Playground	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 126)

RECESS

At 11:11 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate recessed until 8:00 P.M. on Legislative Day, February 1, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, February 10, 2025.

AFTER RECESS
Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 1, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, February 10, 2025

At 8:10 P.M. the Senate resumed its session.

Prayer by Bishop Roger Locklear, Christian Fellowship Church of God, guest of Senator Salling.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 40 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 127)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senators Folden, M. Jackson, Mautz, Muse, A. Washington and Hershey be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 7, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 34

Senate Bill 994 – Senator Salling

AN ACT concerning

Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis; and generally relating to firearms.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Miscellaneous"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 995 – Frederick County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – County Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Frederick County to request in a certain manner 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; specifying that information obtained from the Central Repository under this Act is confidential, may not be redisseminated, and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing the subject of a criminal history records check to contest the contents of a certain statement in a certain manner; and generally relating to criminal history records checks for current or prospective county employees and county volunteers of Frederick County.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–232.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 996 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Approval Voting – Authorization for County Elections

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county to adopt, by law, an approval voting method for elections for offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government; and generally relating to the use of approval voting for elections for county offices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 997 – Senator A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters – Mandated Appropriation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the annual operating or capital budget bill for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters if a certain condition is met; and generally relating to a mandated appropriation for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Prince George's County.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–110.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 998 – **Senators M. Washington, Attar, Brooks, Sydnor, and Hettleman**

AN ACT concerning

Natural Gas – Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (Ratepayer Protection Act)

FOR the purpose of altering the required contents of a certain plan that a gas company may file with the Public Service Commission for proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects to include certain descriptions, demonstrations, analyses, and notifications; altering the required findings of the Commission in considering whether to approve a certain infrastructure replacement plan; and generally relating to natural gas and infrastructure management.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 999 – **Senator M. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Distance From Place of Worship

Restriction – Exception

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment that has a certain zoning classification and is within a certain distance of a place of worship under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 13–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 13–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1000 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Sports Wagering Facilities – Request for Relocation

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to sports wagering facilities.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–07(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1001 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Evidence – Protecting the Admissibility of Creative Expression

(PACE Act)

FOR the purpose of providing that the creative expression of a criminal defendant or juvenile respondent is not admissible against the defendant or respondent unless the court makes certain findings, subject to a certain exception; and generally relating to the admissibility of creative expression in criminal or juvenile proceedings.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–926
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1002 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Security Guard Employers – Regulation and Certification – Exemption for Video Lottery Operator and Sports Wagering Facility Licensees

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "security guard employer" for purposes of provisions of law governing the regulation of security guards, security guard agencies, and security guard employers to exclude certain video lottery operators and sports wagering facility licensees; and generally relating to the regulation of security guard agencies, security guard employers, and security guards.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(a), (j), and (k), 19–201, and 19–401(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–14(a) and (b) and 9–1E–03(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1003 – **Senator Benson**

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Commemorative Day – Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

FOR the purpose of designating a certain date as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day; requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a program of education for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day; requiring the State Department of Education to develop model content for a program of education for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day; and generally relating to Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–136
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1004 – **Senator Benson**

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Grandparent Visitation

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an equity court is authorized to grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; specifying the circumstances under which an equity court is required to grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; and generally relating to grandparent visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1005 – **Senator Benson**

AN ACT concerning

Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Acquisition of Land

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 24–1302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1006 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Commissioned Public Art – Artist Rights

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an entity from including in a contract for certain State public art a provision requiring artists to waive certain rights; prohibiting enforcement of a certain waiver in an existing contract; and generally relating to artist rights and State public art.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–228
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1007 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance – Intercepted Communications – Admissibility of Evidence

FOR the purpose of providing that the contents of a certain intercepted communication and evidence derived from the communication may be received in evidence in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the admissibility of intercepted communications.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1008 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Small Business Guaranty Fund – Alterations

FOR the purpose of providing that a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund may be supported by the full faith and credit of the State of Maryland or approved in a certain other manner; and generally relating to the Small Business Guaranty Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–540(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1009 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Drug Paraphernalia – Prohibitions and Penalties

FOR the purpose of 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; repealing the prohibition on possessing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; removing intent to administer a controlled dangerous substance from a certain list of intents; altering the penalties for a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances that reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; and generally relating to drug paraphernalia.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–619(c) and (d) and 5–620(a), (b), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1010 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Crime of Violence – Medical Facilities and Places of Worship – Penalty (Sacred Places Safety Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a crime of violence while the person is in a medical facility or a place of worship; and generally relating to crimes of violence.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 14–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 24

February 10, 2025

1.	Sen. C. Jackson	Elmwood Elementary School	B&T
2.	Sen. C. Jackson	Epicenter of Parkville	B&T
3.	Sen. C. Jackson	Franklin Point at Deerborne Dog Park	B&T
4.	Sen. C. Jackson	Fullerton Elementary School Electronic Sign	B&T
5.	Sen. Kagan Sen. King	Gaithersburg Municipal Complex	B&T
6.	Sen. C. Jackson	Golden Ring Park Multipurpose Court	B&T
7.	Sen. Muse	Oxon Hill Recreation Club	B&T
8.	Sen. C. Jackson	Parkville Middle School	B&T

9.	Sen. Mautz	Project Spirit and Mind Youth Hub	B&T
10.	Sen. Salling	Security and Safety for Survivors of Power–Based Violence – Dundalk	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 5

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

February 6. 2025

Report No. 2

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 2
February 6, 2025

Insurance Administration, Maryland

1. Marie Grant — District 44

Maryland Insurance Commissioner of the Maryland Insurance Administration; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2023

Parole and Probation, Division of

2. Yolanda Ray Bethea — District 12

Director of the Division of Parole and Probation; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services

State Librarian

3. Morgan Lehr Miller — District 35

State Librarian; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Maryland State Librarian Board

Correctional Training Commission

4. Margaret Marie Chippendale District 6

Member of the Correctional Training Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Education, State Board of

5. Kenny Clash District 11

Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

6. Kimberly Ann Lewis District 4

Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

7. Xiomara V. Medina District 32

Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2021

Elections, State Board of

8. Victoria L. Jackson–Stanley District 37

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Senator M. Washington moved to make the Report a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 40 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 128)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 6 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 62 – Senators Lewis Young and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 129)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 123 – Senator Simonaire

SECOND PRINTING

AN ACT concerning

Boating Accidents – Duty to ~~Remain~~ Stop at the Scene, Render Assistance, and Provide Information – Penalties

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 130)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 204 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Deadline to Set County and Municipal Corporation Tax Rates – Alteration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 131)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 295 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Income Tax Reconciliation Program – Established (Maryland Fair Taxation for Justice–Involved Individuals Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 132)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 359 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 133)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SPECIAL ORDERS

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

MOTION

Senator Lam moved that the Senate receive in Open Session the following Report for the Committee on Executive Nominations.

The motion was adopted.

February 6, 2025

Report No. 2

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
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Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 134)

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Affirmative – 40 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 135)

LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS GIVEN BY SENATOR JOHNNY RAY SALLING

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Abraham Lincoln was, quite simply, the real deal. A man whose wisdom and grit steered this nation through its darkest hour – and whose words still have the power to stop us dead in our tracks today. But here's the thing about Lincoln: he wasn't some untouchable figure carved into marble. He was a human being, flesh and blood, who laughed and mourned, doubted and dared to dream – just like all of us.

Lincoln didn't have it easy. He led during a time when the nation was tearing itself apart at the seams. Imagine stepping into that Oval Office, knowing half the country hated you. And yet he stood tall, firm. His secret?

Lincoln knew he wasn't the author of history – God was. Lincoln's lifelong mission was to be on the side of God, even when it meant he had to make heartbreaking decisions. As he said, "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Lincoln faced unimaginable suffering with a calmness that was not passive, but steady determination. He saw hardship as an opportunity — a forge for growth and redemption. He was sure that all of us together could find meaning from tragedy, and used this to guide us during the Civil War.

But Lincoln wasn't all solemn scripture quotes. This was a man with wit sharper than a barber's razor. When accused of being two–faced, he famously said, "If I had two faces, would I be wearing this one?" He knew that even in grim times, a little humor could be the spark that kept us going.

But at the core of this was a fundamental trust in the notion that history bends toward justice – but only if we're willing to bend it with our own two hands. As Lincoln said, "If the Declaration of Independence is not the truth, let us get the statute book in which we find it and tear it out." Lincoln fought to make those sacred words real for everyone, no exceptions.

As the war was drawing to a close, Lincoln didn't speak of vengeance but of healing. With a heart full of forgiveness, he called upon us to move forward with "malice toward none, with charity for all." That vision of unity wasn't wishful thinking – it was a roadmap for rebirth.

Lincoln's greatness endures because he reminds us what true leadership looks like. It's not about power or ego but about service, sacrifice, and love for something greater than yourself. He once said, "The better angels of our nature" would guide us forward. And they

will — if we let them.

Let us honor Lincoln, not by remembering his words but by living them. Let us live above division, to forgive where it is hardest, and strive for justice where it's needed most. And above all, let us never forget that in times of darkness, there is always light to be found if we are brave enough to look for it.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 41 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 136)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 2, 2025, Calendar Day, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:39 A.M.

Prayer by Bishop Robert E. White, New Hope Baptist Church, guest of Senator Charles.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 137)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Muse and Senator Mautz be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 10, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 83 – Senator Nancy J. King:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Maryland Library Association
in recognition of
the innovative services and widespread
community support provided by all Maryland libraries
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 138)

Senate Resolution No. 145 – The President and All Members:

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The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
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Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 139)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 214 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Sale and Distribution – Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 226 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Farms and Families Fund – Purpose and Use – Alterations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 285 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

Attorney General – Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge – Reporting

SB0285/503029/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 285
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

"**Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports of Attorney General – Frequency**";

strike beginning with "with" in line 3 down through "Bridge" in line 6 and substitute "of the reports required to be submitted by the Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating to reports of the Attorney General under the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act"; and after line 9, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2(g)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 21, insert:

"**Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2024**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(g) The Attorney General shall:

(1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

(2) beginning July 1, 2024, and **[**each month**]** **EVERY 6 MONTHS** thereafter until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 299 – Senators Carozza and Feldman

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis Agents – Registration – Security Guards

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 371 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 102 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Pooling – Public Entity – Definition

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 156 – Senator Lewis Young

AN ACT concerning

Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage

SB0156/693221/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 156
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before "**Universal**" insert "**Workgroup on**"; in the same line, strike "**Program**"; strike beginning with "**and**" in line 2 down through "**Coverage**" in line 3; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through the second "services" in line 11 and substitute "establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services"; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 24, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows"; and after line 24, insert:

"(a) There is a Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of

the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(ii) one representative each from:

1. The Family Tree for Baltimore City;

2. Family Connects Frederick; and

3. Family Connects Prince George's; and

(iii) two members representing private insurance carriers.

(c) The members of the Workgroup shall designate the chair and vice chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) compile updated patient data and expenditures per patient from the Family Connect Programs currently operating in the State;

(2) compare other maternal and newborn health programs in the State and

in other states to the Family Connect Programs; and

(3) identify service gaps between the Family Connect Programs and similar programs and potential funding sources to close the gaps.

(g) On or before December 31, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.".

On pages 1 through 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 5 on page 11, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 208 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Maryland Assistive Technology Program – Establishment

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 210 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls, Fees, and Other Charges –

Temporary Adjustments

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 223 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – Social Connections Program – Establishment

SB0223/883721/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 223
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Social Connections Program – Establishment**" and substitute "**Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program**"; in lines 4 and 11, in each instance, after the first "the" insert "Senior Call–Check and"; in line 4, strike "repealing" and substitute "altering"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 5 down through "engagement;" in line 7; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 9 down through "budget;" in line 10; in line 14, after "7." insert "Senior Call–Check and"; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 27, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 4, 8, 16, and 18, in each instance, strike the opening bracket; in lines 4 and 16, in each instance, strike "Service and Notification**]**" and substitute "**AND**"; in line 8, strike "65" and substitute "**60**"; strike beginning with the bracket in line 9 down through "**CHECKS**" in line 12; in lines 18 and 23, in each instance, strike "service and notification" and substitute "**AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**"; in lines 18 and 19, strike "a telephone call made or received each day at a regularly scheduled time by" and substitute "**REGULAR, DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM**"; in line 20, strike "the residence of"; strike beginning with the second "to" in line 20 down through "telephone" in line 22; in lines 24, 27, 29, and 30, in each instance, after "call" insert "**OR OTHER DIRECT COMMUNICATION**"; in line 24, strike "placed" and substitute "**INITIATED**"; in line 26,

strike "place" and substitute "**INITIATE**"; and in line 28, after "calls" insert "**OR OTHER DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS**".

On page 3, in lines 2, 16, and 19, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 3 and 9, strike "**(E)**" and "**(F)**", respectively, and substitute "**(F)**" and "**(G)**", respectively; in line 6, strike "**AND**"; in line 7, after "**COMMUNICATIONS**" insert "**, AND OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT**"; in line 18, strike "service and notification" and substitute "**AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**"; and strike line 20 in its entirety.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 3 through line 10 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in lines 11, 17, and 29, strike "**(E)**", "**(F)**", and "**(G)**", respectively, and substitute "**(C)**", "**(D)**", and "**(E)**", respectively.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 5 through line 18 on page 6, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 230 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Local Departments of Social Services – Audits

SB0230/453926/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 230
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 22, strike "**RANGING FROM 3 TO**" and substitute "**OF**".

On page 2, in lines 1 and 2, strike "**MORE FREQUENT AUDITS ARE REQUIRED**" and substitute "**AN AUDIT OCCUR AT AN INTERVAL OF 3 YEARS**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 8 – Senators Kagan and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established

SB0008/443520/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 8
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**, Ready, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Feldman, Gallion, Hester, Simonaire, and M. Washington**".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Kagan moved to make the Bill and Amendments a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 48 – Senators Simonaire and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of General Services – Identification Cards – Veteran Status Notation

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 51 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Accountants – Reciprocal Licenses – Qualifications

SB0051/663222/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 51
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Reciprocal Licenses**" and substitute "**Licensed Out–of–State Practice Privileges**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 68 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Restorative Practices Schools – Comprehensive Plan

SB0068/973426/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 5, strike beginning with "Section" in line 27 down through the period in line 29.

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator A. Washington moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 147 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Stationary Engineers – Member Appointments – Advice and Consent of the Senate

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 260 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Forms – Reporting Requirement – Repeal

SB0260/183628/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 260
(First Reading File Bill)

In line 19, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 293 – Senator Feldman

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Antibias Training for Members – Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)

SB0293/763625/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 293
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Feldman**" and substitute "**Senators Feldman, Attar, Augustine, and Brooks**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 89 – Senators Simonaire and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

SB0089/803327/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 89
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "**and**" in line 2 down through "**Benefits**" in line 3; and strike beginning with "and" in line 7 down through "benefits" in line 8.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with "**AND**" in line 22 down through "**SECTION**" in line 24.

On page 2, strike beginning with "**RELEVANT**" in line 23 down through "**BENEFITS**" in line 24.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 162 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Departmental Authority Over Identification, Inspection, and Sale of Cantaloupes – Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 176 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan – Uses of Information

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 236 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

SB0236/983428/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 236
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike beginning with "Maryland–National" in line 26 down through "Commission" in line 27 and substitute "**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 240 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By

Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers

SB0240/843427/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 240

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 12, strike the first "and"; in the same line, after "(c)" insert ", and 2–503(a)(1)(ii)"; and after line 19, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–503(a)(1)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 13, insert:

"2–503.

(a) (1) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed of:

(ii) Nine members from the State at–large to be appointed by the Governor, at least six of whom shall be farmer representatives who are engaged in or retired from active farming from different areas of the State, and four of whom shall be appointed as follows:

1. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Agricultural Commission;

2. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau;

3. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the

Maryland State Grange; and

4. One from a list of three nominees submitted by the **COMMITTEE ON** Young Farmers **[**Advisory Board**]**; and

(iii) Any designee appointed by an ex officio member under paragraph (3) of this subsection.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 245 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Municipalities – Annexation Resolutions – Submission to Department of Planning

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 315 – Senators Brooks and Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service – Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 19 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 22 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland

SB0022/583625/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 22
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 20, after "by the" insert "chair of the"; in line 21, strike "at least one of whom is" and substitute "who between them shall include"; in the same line, after "litigator" insert "and a resident of a jurisdiction with a population of less than 250,000"; and in line 22, after "(6)" insert "two registers of wills designated by".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 32 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Holding Over – Expedited Hearing and Service of Summons for

Active Duty Service Members

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 271 – Senator Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tort Claims Act – Employees of an Office of a Sheriff

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 286 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Partnership and Marriage – Required Information

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 84 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with

amendments:

Senate Bill 101 – Senators Carozza and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Vehicle Laws – Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations

SB0101/153528/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 101
(First Reading File Bill)

In line 20, strike "October" and substitute "June".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 144 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Limited Worker Cooperative Associations – Authorization
(Maryland Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act)

SB0144/733224/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 144
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, after line 24, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 2–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 13, after line 15, insert:

"**(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ACTUAL PAYROLL VALUE" MEANS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO AN EMPLOYEE AFTER TAXES AND DEDUCTIONS AND INCLUDES THE BASE SALARY, BONUSES, OVERTIME, LEAVE BENEFITS, COMMISSIONS, AND TIPS.**";

in line 16, strike "**(A)**" and substitute "**(B)**"; in line 23, strike "**(B)**" and substitute "**(C)**"; and after line 27, insert:

"**(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION FROM ACQUIRING OTHER FORMS OF INSURANCE.**".

On page 20, after line 30, insert:

"**Article – Insurance**

2–108.

In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere by the laws of the State, the Commissioner:

(1) has the powers and authority expressly conferred on the Commissioner by or reasonably implied from this article;

(2) shall enforce this article;

(3) shall perform the duties imposed on the Commissioner by this article;

(4) in addition to examinations and investigations expressly authorized,

may conduct examinations and investigations of insurance matters as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this article; **[**and**]**

(5) shall enforce § 15–103(b)(21)(vi) of the Health – General Article**; AND**

(6) SHALL ENFORCE § 4A–12A–11 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 347 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Adult Protective Services – Investigations and Disclosure of Information

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 390 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and Certificates of Violations

Senator Folden moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 12, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 561 – Senators Hershey and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Electric Cooperatives – Nonescheat Capital Credits

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senate Bill 8 – Senators Kagan and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established

SB0008/443520/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 8
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**, Ready, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Feldman, Gallion, Hester, Simonaire, and M. Washington**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0008/363924/1
BY: Senator Kagan

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 8
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**, Ready, Bailey, Beidle, Ellis, Ferguson, Hayes, Henson, Hettleman, C. Jackson, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, Lewis Young, Love, Sydnor, and A. Washington**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0008/163829/1
BY: Senator Jennings

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 8
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**, Ready, Jennings, Hayes, and Smith**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 140)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 A.M. on motion of Senator King, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 3, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in memory of the Honorable Beverly B. Byron.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 3, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:10 A.M.

Prayer by Senator Johnny Ray Salling.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 39 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 141)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senators Benson, Guzzone, Jennings, Rosapepe, Watson and Charles be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 11, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 35

Senate Bill 1011 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants to low–income unit owners of condominiums with insufficient reserve accounts to enable a low–income unit owner to pay increased assessments necessary for a condominium association to meet reserve account funding requirements; requiring interest earnings to be credited to the Fund; requiring that the Fund prioritize certain older adults; and generally relating to the Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11–144
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)206.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1012 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Baltimore East–West Corridor – Property Acquisition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the Red Line transit project, from acquiring any real property for planning, construction, operation, or maintenance of the Red Line if the acquisition would result in involuntary residential displacement; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and the Baltimore metropolitan area east–west corridor.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–718
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1013 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension

FOR the purpose of extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area of Baltimore City for transfer and renewal purposes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1014 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office; and generally relating to simultaneous candidacy for and incumbency in more than one office.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a), (l–1), and (hh) and 8–501(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 5–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 25

February 12, 2025

1.	Sen. A. Washington	Beale Circle Stormwater Management	B&T
2.	Sen. A. Washington	Berwyn Heights Elementary School	B&T
3.	Sen. Watson	Bowie High School	B&T

4.	Sen. A. Washington	Edmonston Park Development	B&T
5.	Sen. Muse	EXCEL Academy Public Charter School	B&T
6.	Sen. C. Jackson	GLA Performing Arts Center	B&T
7.	Sen. A. Washington	Greenbelt Community Center	B&T
8.	Sen. A. Washington	Hyattsville – Municipal Building Renovations	B&T
9.	Sen. A. Washington	New Carrollton Hub for Entrepreneurship and Community Activity	B&T
10.	Sen. A. Washington	New Carrollton Public Safety Hub	B&T
11.	Sen. Watson	Pointer Ridge Swim and Racquet	B&T
12.	Sen. A. Washington	Purple Line Neighborhood Connectivity Project	B&T
13.	Sen. A. Washington	Queens Chapel Alley Streetscape and Lighting	B&T
14.	Sen. Gallion	Schucks Road Regional Park	B&T
15.	Sen. Hershey	Town of Barclay Community Center and Town Hall	B&T
16.	Sen. A. Washington	Town of University Park Town Hall	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 92 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders – Intentional Visual Surveillance

SB0092/523023/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 92
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Orders**" insert "**and Criminal Harassment**"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 3 down through "privacy;" in line 6; in line 7, after the semicolon insert "altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain intentional visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy;"; in line 10, after "(i)" insert "and 3–1503(a)(1)"; in line 15, strike "3–1503(a)(1) and"; and after line 17, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 22, in each instance, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 24 down through "**PRIVACY**" in line 28.

On page 3, after line 20, insert:

"**Article – Criminal Law**

3–803.

(a) **(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) "RESIDENCE" INCLUDES THE YARD, GROUNDS, OUTBUILDINGS, AND COMMON AREAS SURROUNDING A RESIDENCE.

(3) "VISUAL SURVEILLANCE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3–901 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) A person may not follow another in or about a public place**, CONDUCT VISUAL SURVEILLANCE OF AN AREA OF ANOTHER'S RESIDENCE WHERE THE OTHER HAS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY,** or maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys the other:

(1) with the intent to harass, alarm, or annoy the other;

(2) after receiving a reasonable warning or request to stop by or on behalf of the other; and

(3) without a legal purpose.

[(b)**] (C) (1)** This section does not apply to a peaceable activity intended to express a political view or provide information to others.

(2) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED IN A MANNER THAT INFRINGES ON ANY RIGHT GUARANTEED UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR THE MARYLAND DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

[(c)**] (D)** A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to:

(1) for a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding $500 or both; and

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment not exceeding 180 days or a fine not exceeding $1,000 or both.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 202 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations

SB0202/293923/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 202

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 30, after "(1)" insert "**THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A DNA SAMPLE COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF A PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION MADE BY, OR AN ARREST WARRANT ISSUED BY, A COMMISSIONER OF THE DISTRICT COURT UNLESS THE DETERMINATION IS MADE OR THE ARREST WARRANT IS ISSUED BASED ON A STATEMENT OF CHARGES FILED BY:**

(I) A POLICE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN § 3–301 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(II) A STATE'S ATTORNEY.

(2)".

On page 5, in line 4, after "**MADE**" insert "**BY A JUDGE OR COMMISSIONER OF THE DISTRICT COURT OR A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**"; in line 14, strike "(3)" and substitute "**(4)**"; and in lines 15 and 20, strike "(2)" and "(3)", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**" and "**(4)**", respectively.

On page 6, in line 3, strike "**$10,000**" and substitute "**$1,000**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 273 – Senator Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Military Protection Orders

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 334 – Senators Waldstreicher and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning – Prohibitions and Penalties

SB0334/843928/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 334
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Smith**" and substitute "**, Smith, Muse, Love, Folden, and West**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 348 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent – Private Place

SB0348/543924/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 348
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Love**" and substitute "**Senators Love, Smith, Waldstreicher, Sydnor, West, Folden, McKay, and Henson**"; in line 2, strike "**Private Place**" and substitute "**Modifications**"; and in line 5, after "individual;" insert "altering the prohibition against conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike "**INCLUDING**".

On page 3, strike beginning with "whether" in line 13 down through "place" in line 14 and substitute "**THE LOCATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 356 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
(Carlton R. Smith Act)

SB0356/273920/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 356
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Smith**" and substitute "**Senators Smith, Waldstreicher, and Love**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 6

Senate Bill 266 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy – Planning Principles

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0266/603123/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 266
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 7, after "**(1)**" insert "**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE ACTIVE PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS;**

(2)";

and in lines 9, 12, 14, 17, 20, 23, and 25, strike "**(2)**", "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", and "**(8)**", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", "**(8)**", and "**(9)**", respectively.

On page 5, in line 4, after "**(1)**" insert "**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE ACTIVE PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS;**

(2)";

and in lines 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 20, and 22, strike "**(2)**", "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", and "**(8)**", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", "**(8)**", and "**(9)**", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Hester moved to make the Bill and Amendment a Special Order for February 13,

2025.

The motion was adopted.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 1

Senate Bill 68 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Restorative Practices Schools – Comprehensive Plan

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0068/973426/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 5, strike beginning with "Section" in line 27 down through the period in line 29.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0068/673120/1
BY: Senator A. Washington

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Brooks**" and substitute "**Senators Brooks and A. Washington**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Ready moved to make the Bill a Special Order for February 13, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 7

Senate Bill 390 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and Certificates of Violations

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0390/153820/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 390
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, strike "without" and substitute "with"; in line 11, strike "21–809(a)(1), (2), and (8), (b)(1)(i), and (c)(1)" and substitute "21–809(a), (d)(1)(viii), and (e)(1)"; in line 14, strike "with" and substitute "without"; and in line 16, strike "21–809(d)(1)(viii) and (e)(1)" and substitute "21–809(b)(1)(i) and (c)(1)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 6 insert:

"(3) (i) "Erroneous violation" means a potential violation submitted by a speed monitoring system contractor for review by an agency that is apparently inaccurate based on a technical variable that is under the control of the contractor.

(ii) "Erroneous violation" includes a potential violation based on:

1. A recorded image of a registration plate that does not match the registration plate issued for the motor vehicle in the recorded image;

2. A recorded image that shows a stopped vehicle or no progression;

3. An incorrectly measured speed for a motor vehicle;

4. A measured speed of a motor vehicle that is below the threshold speed that would subject the owner to a civil citation under this section;

5. A recorded image that was taken outside of the hours and days that speed monitoring systems are authorized for use in school zones; and

6. A recorded image that was taken by a speed monitoring system with an expired calibration certificate.

(4) (i) "Owner" means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

(ii) "Owner" does not include:

1. A motor vehicle rental or leasing company; or

2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under Title 13, Subtitle 9, Part III of this article.

(5) "Program administrator" means an employee or a representative of the local jurisdiction designated by the local jurisdiction to oversee a contract with a speed monitoring system contractor.

(6) "REASONABLE TRAINING" MEANS A LEVEL OF EDUCATION, INSTRUCTION, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE COMPETENCY IN THE INSPECTION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDED IMAGES GENERATED BY THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM.

[(6)**]** **(7)** "Recorded image" means an image recorded by a speed monitoring system:

(i) On:

1. A photograph;

2. A microphotograph;

3. An electronic image;

4. Videotape; or

5. Any other medium; and

(ii) Showing:

1. The rear of a motor vehicle;

2. At least two time–stamped images of the motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor vehicle; and

3. On at least one image or portion of tape, a clear and legible identification of the entire registration plate number of the motor vehicle.

[(7)**]** **(8)** "School zone" means a designated roadway segment within up to a half–mile radius of a school for any of grades kindergarten through grade 12 where school–related activity occurs, including:

(i) Travel by students to or from school on foot or by bicycle; or

(ii) The dropping off or picking up of students by school buses or other vehicles.";

in line 7, strike "(8)" and substitute "**(9)**"; and after line 9 insert:

"**[**(9)**]** **(10)** "Speed monitoring system operator" means a representative of an agency or contractor that operates a speed monitoring system.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 41 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 142)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:34 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 4, 2025, Calendar Day, Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 4, 2025
Calendar Day: Thursday, February 13, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:07 A.M.

Prayer by Pastor Mobalaji S. Okulate, Redeemed Christian Church of God, guest of Senator Carozza.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 42 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 144)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Watson be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 12, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 157 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Josh Kurtz
in recognition of
your retirement after 30 years of covering Maryland politics.
As a founding editor of Maryland Matters, you're in depth
reporting resulted in outstanding coverage of important
issues affecting Marylanders.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 42 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 145)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 36

Senate Bill 1015 – Senator Jennings

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class AF (Athletic Field) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a 6–day and a 7–day Class AF (athletic field) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the 6–day or 7–day license only to a person who leases, owns, or operates an athletic field for profit; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY renumbering
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 22–1001 and 22–1001.1
to be Section 22–1001.1 and 22–1001.2, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 22–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 22–1001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 26

February 13, 2025

1.	Sen. Gallion Sen. Jennings	Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation	B&T

2.	Sen. Hayes	Dr Nathan A Pitts–Ashburton Elementary	B&T
3.	Sen. Hayes	Entrepreneurs Helping Entrepreneurs Facility	B&T
4.	Sen. Hayes	Gwynns Falls Elementary School	B&T
5.	Sen. Hayes	Live Life As You Dream – LLAYD	B&T
6.	Sen. Hayes	PEACE Team Initiative	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

MOTION

Senator Lam moved that the Senate receive in Open Session the following Report for the Committee on Executive Nominations.

The motion was adopted.

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 3
February 13, 2025

Correctional Ombudsman

1. Yvonne Briley–Wilson — District 14

Correctional Ombudsman; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Handgun Roster Board

2. Ivan J. Bates — District 46

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

3. Cassandra Crifasi District 30

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

4. Kim Yvette Dennis District 40

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

5. Alexander Richard Kohn District 13

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

6. Daniel Herbert Popp, III District 31

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

Health Benefit Exchange Board, Maryland

7. Katherine Crowell Rodgers District 37

Member of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2022

Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission

8. Erin McNeally District 33

Member of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of for the duration of the appointive body years from October 1, 2024

Parole Commission, Maryland

9. Denise Michelle Smith District 46

Member of the Maryland Parole Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from January 1, 2023

Real Estate Commission, State

10. Jacqueline Annette Alexander District 28

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2021

11. Hope Mims District 44

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2023

University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors

12. Isiah Leggett District 14

Member of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 5, 2023

13. William Joseph McCarthy, Jr. District 11

Member of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 6, 2022

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

African American History and Culture, Commission on

S–1. Rachelle Adams District 32

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S–2. Bridgett Felicia Jones Smith District 2

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

S–3. Alethea Roselyn Smith–Withers District 21

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2021

Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of

S–4. Bikash Shrestha District 42

Member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

S–5. Judith Anne Myers, Esq. District 33

Member of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Dietetic Practice, State Board of

S–6. Emily S. Cerda District 1

Member of the State Board of Dietetic Practice; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Elections, State Board of

S–7. Michael G. Summers District 22

Member of the State Board of Elections; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

S–8. Ali Kujichagulia Celestin Bell District 18

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–9. Lydia X.Z. Brown District 7

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–10. Amit Dhir District 40

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–11. Deborah Dunn District 21

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–12. Anthony Earl Fox District 26

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–13. Stephen Martin District 40

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–14. Brandon Russell District 29

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors

S–15. Berran Rogers, Jr. District 37

Member of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation, Board of Directors of the

S–16. Brett Foelber District 5

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–17. Alexandra Lyn von Paris District 42

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Massage Therapy Examiners, State Board of

S–18. Rebakah Amanda Jones District 29

Member of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–19. Eduardo Souza District 2

Member of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Metrorail Safety Commission, Washington

S–20. Kathryn O'Leary Higgins District 30

Alternate Member of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from November 14, 2024

Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of

S–21. Sumandeep Saharan District 20

Member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S–22. Joshua Wayde Davidson PA

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

S–23. Cheryl L. Dyson District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2022

S–24. Kimberly Cherie Moore District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–25. Leslie Marie Boyadjian Stanton District 40

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–26. Anzer Nichelle Woodward District 24

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

Public Employee Relations Board

S–27. Lafe E. Solomon District 16

Chair of the Public Employee Relations Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 2 years from July 1, 2023

Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

S–28. Jasmin Whitfield District 18

Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Camp Safety; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

Local Nominees

Please Note: Local Nominees are not required to appear before the Senate Executive Nominations Committee.

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

L–1. James Sinsel Stafford, Jr. District 1

Member of the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from May 4, 2021

Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees

L–2. Devin Michael Keller District 31

Student Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 1 years from July 1, 2024

L–3. Jennifer Pastrone District 30

Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

L–4. Irma Roxana Rodriguez District 30

Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

Baltimore County Board of Elections

L–5. Crystal Raquel Francis District 7

Member of the Baltimore County Board of Elections; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 5, 2023

Caroline County Board of Education

L–6. Mark R. Jones District 37

Member of the Caroline County Board of Education; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 6, 2024

Garrett College Board of Trustees

L–7. George Edwards District 1

Member of the Garrett College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2019

Garrett County Board of License Commissioners

L–8. Lisa Herman District 1

Member of the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from June 1, 2024

Harford County Board of Elections

L–9. Medford John Campbell, III District 7

Member of the Harford County Board of Elections; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 5, 2023

Senator Lam moved to make the Report a Special Order for February 18, 2025.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 146)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 7 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 8 – Senators Kagan ~~and Ready~~, Ready, Attar, Augustine, Bailey, Beidle, Brooks, Carozza, Ellis, Feldman, Ferguson, Gallion, Hayes, Henson, Hester, Hettleman, C. Jackson, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, Lewis Young, Love, Simonaire, Smith, Sydnor, A. Washington, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 147)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 19 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 148)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 22 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 149)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 32 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Holding Over – Expedited Hearing and Service of Summons for Active Duty Service Members

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 150)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 48 – Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of General Services – Identification Cards – Veteran Status Notation

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 151)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 51 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Accountants – ~~Reciprocal Licenses~~ Licensed Out–of–State Practice Privileges – Qualifications

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 152)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 84 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 153)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 89 – Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Notation of Veteran Status ~~and Eligibility for Benefits~~

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 154)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 101 – Senators Carozza and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Vehicle Laws – Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 155)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 102 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Pooling – Public Entity – Definition

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 156)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 144 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Limited Worker Cooperative Associations – Authorization
(Maryland Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 157)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 8 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 147 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Stationary Engineers – Member Appointments – Advice and Consent of the Senate

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 158)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 156 – Senator Lewis Young

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – ~~Program~~ Establishment ~~and Insurance Coverage~~

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 159)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 162 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Departmental Authority Over Identification, Inspection, and Sale of Cantaloupes – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 160)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 176 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan – Uses of Information

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 32 Negative – 13 (See Roll Call No. 161)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 286 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Partnership and Marriage – Required Information

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 162)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 293 – ~~Senator Feldman~~ Senators Feldman, Attar, Augustine, and Brooks

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Antibias Training for Members – Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 32 Negative – 13 (See Roll Call No. 163)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 299 – Senators Carozza and Feldman

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis Agents – Registration – Security Guards

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 164)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 315 – Senators Brooks and Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service – Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 165)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 347 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Adult Protective Services – Investigations and Disclosure of Information

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 166)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 371 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 167)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 561 – Senators Hershey and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Electric Cooperatives – Nonescheat Capital Credits

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 168)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 9 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 208 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Maryland Assistive Technology Program – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 169)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 210 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls, Fees, and Other Charges – Temporary Adjustments

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 170)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 214 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Sale and Distribution – Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 171)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 223 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – ~~Social Connections Program – Establishment~~ Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 172)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 226 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Farms and Families Fund – Purpose and Use – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 173)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 230 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Local Departments of Social Services – Audits

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 174)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 236 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 175)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 240 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 176)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 245 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Municipalities – Annexation Resolutions – Submission to Department of Planning

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 177)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 260 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Forms – Reporting Requirement – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 178)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 271 – Senator M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tort Claims Act – Employees of an Office of a Sheriff

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 179)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 285 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

~~**Attorney General – Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge – Reporting**~~ **Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports of Attorney General – Frequency**

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 180)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 8

Senate Bill 68 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Restorative Practices Schools – Comprehensive Plan

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0068/673526/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, strike line 16 in its entirety; and in lines 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, strike "(v)", "(vi)", "(vii)", "(viii)", and "(ix)", respectively, and substitute "**(IV)**", "**(V)**", "**(VI)**", "**(VII)**", and "**(VIII)**", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 14 Negative – 32 (See Roll Call No. 181)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0068/863225/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 16, after "processes" insert "**WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN PRESENT**".

The preceding amendment was withdrawn.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 9

Senate Bill 266 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy – Planning Principles

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0266/603123/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 266
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 7, after "**(1)**" insert "**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE ACTIVE PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS;**

(2)";

and in lines 9, 12, 14, 17, 20, 23, and 25, strike "**(2)**", "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", and "**(8)**", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", "**(8)**", and "**(9)**", respectively.

On page 5, in line 4, after "**(1)**" insert "**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE ACTIVE PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND ARE SENSITIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS;**

(2)";

and in lines 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 20, and 22, strike "**(2)**", "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", and "**(8)**", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", "**(7)**", "**(8)**", and "**(9)**", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0266/713124/1
BY: Senator Hester

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 266, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 4, after "of" insert "providing that certain planning

principles are intended to accomplish certain goals and that certain goals are to be accomplished with certain public participation;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Strike the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendment (SB0266/603123/1) in its entirety.

On page 2 of the bill, after line 1, insert:

"**(A) (1) THE PLANNING PRINCIPLES UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ARE COLLECTIVELY INTENDED TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER TO FOSTER A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.**

(2) TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ACTIVE PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND SENSITIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS STEWARDS IN BALANCING AND ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS.

(B)".

On page 3 of the bill, in line 7, strike the second "**LAND**"; in the same line, after "**PRODUCTIVITY**" insert "**OF WORKING LANDSCAPES, INCLUDING FARMS AND FORESTS, AND FISHERIES, AND PRIORITIZE DEVELOPMENT**"; and in line 8, strike the first "**AND**" and substitute "**THAT ARE**".

On page 5 of the bill, in line 4, strike the second "**LAND**"; in the same line, after "**PRODUCTIVITY**" insert "**OF WORKING LANDSCAPES, INCLUDING FARMS AND FORESTS, AND FISHERIES, AND PRIORITIZE DEVELOPMENT**"; and in line 5, strike the first "**AND**" and substitute "**THAT ARE**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION BY SENATOR NICK CHARLES

Good Morning,

As we gather here in this sacred chamber during Black History Month, we have a unique opportunity to honor the remarkable individuals whose contributions have shaped our communities, broken barriers, and inspired generations to rise higher than those before them.

This opportunity reminds me of a quote by Civil Rights attorney and activist, Vernon Jordan who said: "You are where you are today because you stand on somebody's shoulders. And wherever you are heading, you cannot get there by yourself. If you stand on the shoulders of others, you have a reciprocal responsibility to live your life so that others may stand on your shoulders. It's the quid pro quo of life. We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give".

It is hard to imagine that in this day in age, we still have Black history consistently being made around us. It's 2025, and yet, when I look around, I still see and meet people whose shoulders I am privileged to stand on. The remarkable thing about Black history is that it isn't just something locked in the past, captured in black–and–white photos and textbooks. Black history isn't just about learning the stories of those who came before us; it's being written every single day, right before our eyes.

I am proud to come from a legacy of resilience, innovation, and triumph. I am proud to walk among those who continue to defy the odds and make history in real time. These stories are not confined to the past–they are the people I encounter, the communities I engage with, and the experiences that shape our present and our future.

The beauty of Black history is that it is living, breathing, and continuously evolving. It's found in the artists, the educators, the activists, the leaders, and the everyday people whose contributions–big and small–are shaping the world we live in. I have the distinct honor and pleasure to walk alongside Black history in this very chamber and am proud of every interaction, every moment, and every stride forward we make as a people. Today, I am proud to spotlight not only a talented leader and fierce advocate, but both a personal friend and inspiration–Senator Melony G. Griffith.

Senator Griffith's journey began far from here, in Abilene, Texas, and Great Falls, Montana. But her heart and purpose led her to Prince George's County, where she dedicated over two decades to public service. A proud Howard University graduate, she began her career in social work, where she learned firsthand the power of compassion and advocacy. And it was that same passion that brought her to the Maryland General Assembly.

In 1998 Senator Griffith was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, where she quickly distinguished herself as a thoughtful, determined leader. Over the course of her service, Senator Griffith worked with five governors, four county executives, seven District 25 Delegates, two Speakers of the House, and two Senate Presidents.

During this span, in 2018 Melony was elected to the Maryland State Senate making her

the first African American woman ever "elected" to represent Legislative District 25. As I stand on her shoulders, she stands on Senator Bea Tignor's shoulders who was, as the first African American Woman "Appointed" to the seat. She again made history, when this body voted for her to become the President Pro Tempore of the Maryland Senate in 2020. This made her the first African American woman to ever serve in this role. From Budget and Tax to serving a Chair of Finance she has made monumental strides to better the lives of all Marylanders.

Though she has had many titles, her legacy is not defined by those titles; it's defined by her results and the deep connection she built with her constituents. Senator Griffith worked tirelessly to bring about equitable change in Prince George's County and across Maryland. She helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars for the Blue Line Corridor and made sure Prince George's County had a seat at the table on the Maryland Stadium Authority. Focusing on economic development and nonprofit organizations while fighting to expand access to health care.

Senator Melony G. Griffith, a distinguished member of the Maryland State Senate, has been instrumental in advancing legislation aimed at reducing health disparities and promoting equity across the state.

In 2020, she led a bipartisan work group focused on creating a more equitable foundation for all Maryland residents, regardless of race, gender, or geography. This collaborative effort resulted in a comprehensive 47–page report that showcased 19 pieces of legislation, now enacted into law, addressing critical issues such as health disparities, wealth equity, and environmental justice. She also passed the Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021 and the Exemption for Medical Devices Bill which cut the sales tax for life–saving devices such as blood pressure monitoring devices, respirators, and diabetic care.

We partnered together to consolidate and define responsibilities for the Procurement Improvement Council which delivered considerable progress on behalf of Minority Business Enterprises in the procurement sector. And she uplifted, respected, and listened to her constituency every step of her career, truly embodying the role of a public servant.

In October of 2023 I received a call from the press asking if I had a public comment on, Senator Griffith stepping down to take on a new role. What I must say, is she held that secret very close. I immediately called her and asked her what was going on. She let me know that she was ready to embrace a new chapter, which she did.

Becoming the President and CEO of the Maryland Hospital Association. Once again Melony shattered glass ceilings as taking on this responsibility made her the first Black woman to hold this prestigious role in the association's 54–year history. As we all are aware, this would lead to my appointment in the Senate for District 25, where today I follow in my dear friend's footsteps.

Senator Griffith's story is a testament to the power of representation, perseverance, and the impact that one dedicated leader can have on the lives of so many. She reminds us that Black history is not just something we reflect on during February–it is something we live,

make, and carry forward every single day.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us honor not only the accomplishments of those who came before us but also the contributions of those who continue to shape our future–leaders like Senator Melony G. Griffith, whose legacy will inspire generations to come (as it has inspired me).

Thank you, Senator Griffith, for your service, your leadership, and your unwavering dedication to our community. In this moment, in 2025, we are still part of a story–a story that stretches far beyond the classroom and into the very fabric of our society, still being written, still being created. And I am humbled to be a part of it.
Happy Black History Month!

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 46 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 182)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 5, 2025, Calendar Day, Friday, February 14, 2025, into a Pro Forma Session of the Senate.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 5, 2025
Calendar Day: Friday, February 14, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:03 A.M.

A quorum being present under Senate Rule 5A, the Senate is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

Invocation from the prior session will serve as today's prayer.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 183)

The Journal of February 13, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 37

Senate Bill 1016 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Land–Grant Institution – Funding (Land–Grant Equity and Accountability Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring, to address a certain funding disparity, that the Governor include a certain appropriation to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in the annual budget bill each fiscal year until a certain total amount is appropriated; and generally relating to funding for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–140
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1017 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Precious Metal Bullion or Coins – Exemption

FOR the purpose of expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale price exceed a certain amount; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for precious metal bullion and coins.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–214.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1018 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Transportation Network Companies – Itemized Receipts and Operator Data Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring a transportation network company to provide an operator and a passenger an itemized digital receipt that contains certain information as soon as practicable after the operator provides transportation network services to the passenger; requiring a transportation network company to report, on or before a certain date each year, certain information to the Public Service Commission; and generally relating to transportation network companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–101(a), (l), (m), and (n) and 10–401(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–403.2 and 10–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1019 – Howard County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT (Movie Theater) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set the hours and days of sale for the license and the annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–1004.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1020 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment from adopting the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations to be effective before a certain motor vehicle model year; prohibiting the Department from applying certain provisions of law governing enforcement and penalties under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle or plug–in hybrid electric vehicle delivery requirements for an applicable motor vehicle model year; and generally relating to the application of and enforcement under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–1102(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–1103 and 2–1106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1021 – Senators C. Jackson and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Cemeteries – Requirements for Sale or Transfer or Government Acquisition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain owners of a cemetery from selling or transferring the cemetery without the approval of the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; authorizing a governmental unit to acquire an abandoned cemetery under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for the sale, transfer, or government acquisition of a cemetery; and generally relating to the sale, transfer, or acquisition of cemeteries.

BY repealing
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–505 and 5–507
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1022 – Senator C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Community Solar Energy Generating Systems – Subscription Eligibility

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain LMI subscriber to hold a subscription to a community solar energy generating system located in a different electric service territory than the one in which the LMI subscriber resides; providing that a certain LMI subscriber shall receive the same bill credit value as an LMI subscriber that

resides in a certain electric service territory; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a process for the exchange of community solar bill credits between community solar energy generating systems that are located in different electric service territories; and generally relating to community solar energy generating systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.2(a)(1), (8), (9), (12), and (14), (b), (c), (d)(1) and (2), and (j)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.2(a)(4) and (7) and (d)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.2(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1023 – Senator C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Employment Discrimination – Fire and Rescue Public Safety Employees – Use of Medical Cannabis

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee for the use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and generally relating to employment discrimination and the use of medical cannabis.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–101(a), (m), (ee), and (kk)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–601 and 20–606

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 3

House Bill 3 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Revisions

FOR the purpose of clarifying the definition of "physical therapist assistant" as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act; altering the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first–class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first–class mail; and generally relating to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 13–101(a) and 13–311(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 13–101(g), 13–202(a)(1) through (3) and (c), and 13–311(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 4 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Restrictions on Use – Solar Collector Systems – Alteration

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a restriction on use regarding land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least a certain percentage over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the solar collector system by at least a certain percentage under a certain level of energy generation; authorizing a

community association to prohibit the installation of a solar collector system in the common area or common elements within the real estate development served by the community association; authorizing a community association to impose reasonable restrictions on the installation of a solar collector system in the common area or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in the common area or common elements provided the installation is not otherwise prohibited by applicable law; and generally relating to regulation of solar collector systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 2–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 7 – **Delegates Boyce and Stewart**

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Bicycles – Operation at Intersections

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person operating a bicycle that is approaching a stop sign at an intersection on certain highways to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the person reduces the speed of the bicycle to a reasonable rate and yields the right–of–way to certain vehicles under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the operation of bicycles on highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–707 and 21–1202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 9 – ~~**Delegate Charkoudian**~~ **Delegates Charkoudian, Behler, Boyce, Foley, Lehman, Ruth, and Terrasa**

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Food System Resiliency Council – Definitions and Reports

FOR the purpose of defining "healthy food priority areas" and "wasted food" as they relate to the Food System Resiliency Council; repealing certain outdated reporting requirements and altering certain ongoing reporting requirements; and generally

relating to the Food System Resiliency Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–1101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 49 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–1102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 25 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Reservoir Augmentation Permit – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; providing for the issuance, modification, renewal, denial, or revocation of a reservoir augmentation permit under the Program; requiring certain revenues to be used for the operation and oversight of the Program; and generally relating to the establishment of the Reservoir Augmentation Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–301, 9–303.2(o), and 9–320(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–303.2(b) and 9–320(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–303.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Environment~~
~~Section 9–320(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 123 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 40 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the fees for resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses, angler's licenses, and trout stamps; repealing the exemption from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp under certain circumstances for a holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license; and generally relating to fishing licenses and stamps.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–216, 4–604, and 4–614
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 41 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 4–102(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 63 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Public Accountancy – Sunset Extension and Report

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Public Accountancy.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–201
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 78 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors – Sunset Extension and Report

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report with information regarding the Commission to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 16–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 92 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – License Restoration

FOR the purpose of extending 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; and generally relating to heating, ventilation, air–conditioning, and refrigeration contractors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 9A–101(a), (b), and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 9A–309(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 124 – ~~**Delegate Rosenberg**~~ **Delegates Rosenberg and Boyce**

AN ACT concerning

Residential Property – Assignment of Contracts of Sale – Disclosure Requirements and Rescission

FOR the purpose of authorizing a seller ~~and buyer~~ or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale under certain circumstances; establishing that ~~a buyer~~ 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 this Act; and generally relating to residential property and the assignment and rescission of contracts of sale.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 10–715 and 14–117(e)(24)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–117(e)(22) and (23)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 127 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development – Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program – Local Rehabilitation Program Administration

FOR the purpose of expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors; and generally relating to the administration of the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–901(a), (h), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–901(e), 4–911, and 4–914
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 153 – Delegates Fair, Feldmark, Kaufman, Lehman, Palakovich Carr, Pruski, Ruth, Stewart, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voter Registration – Age and Notification to Minors

FOR the purpose of altering the age at which an individual may register to vote; requiring that a voter notification card sent to an individual under a certain age include information regarding when the individual will be eligible to vote; requiring the election director in the county where a registered voter becomes eligible to vote under a certain provision of law to send a certain notice to the voter; and generally relating to voter registration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law

Section 3–102 and 3–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 158 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – ~~Social Connections Program – Establishment~~ Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program

FOR the purpose of renaming the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program to be the Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program; ~~repealing~~ altering certain provisions of law related to the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program; ~~establishing the Social Connections Program to provide certain communication to eligible older adults to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement;~~ authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland; ~~authorizing the Department of Aging and the Department of Disabilities to collaborate on developing the Program budget;~~ and generally relating to the Department of Aging and the Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–701 and 3.5–702 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 7. Senior Call–Check and Social Connections Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Human Services~~
~~Section 7–806(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Human Services~~
~~Section 7–806(b) and (c)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 184 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Nonpublic Schools – Transcripts – Prohibition on Punitive Measures Related to Student Debt

FOR the purpose of prohibiting nonpublic schools that participate in State–funded education programs from refusing to issue a transcript to a current or former student or the student's parent or guardian or taking other punitive measures regarding a student's transcript request because the student owes a debt to the nonpublic school; and generally relating to the issuance of transcripts by nonpublic schools.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–118
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 191 – Delegate Foley

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles – Electronic Notice to Owner

FOR the purpose of 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; 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; and generally relating to the electronic notice to vehicle owners for towed, removed, or abandoned vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–10A–04, 25–204, and 25–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 199 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–311.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–311.1(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 207 – Delegate Pasteur

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Undocumented Students – Out–of–State Tuition Exemption Eligibility

FOR the purpose of decreasing the number of years an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes before the academic year for eligibility to receive an out–of–state tuition exemption; and generally relating to out–of–state tuition exemptions for undocumented students.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–106.8(b)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the

Environment.

House Bill 227 – Delegates Adams and Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Electric Cooperatives – Nonescheat Capital Credits

FOR the purpose of providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only for certain purposes; and generally relating to electric cooperatives and nonescheat capital credits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–304(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–304(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–601(a) and (c) and 5–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–650.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 239 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

AN ACT concerning

Charitable Organizations – Late Fees and Registration – Suspension and Cancellation Requirements

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation of charitable organizations by the Secretary of State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 6–407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 6–417
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 6–418
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 256 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists, the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, and the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and Committee; altering the membership of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; and generally relating to the health occupations boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 2–201, 6–201, 6–202(b), 12–201, 17–201, and 17–6A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 2–502, 6–202(a), 6–602, 12–802, 17–6A–31, and 17–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 321 – ~~**Delegate Kipke**~~ **Delegates Kipke, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Szeliga, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; repealing certain provisions that restrict the applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to convene a workgroup to review and make recommendations on certain provisions of law regarding pharmacy benefits managers, specialty pharmacies, and antisteering; and generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601, 15–1611, 15–1611.1, 15–1612, 15–1622, 15–1629, and 15–1630
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 338 – **Delegates Lehman, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Guyton, R. Lewis, J. Long, Martinez, Ruth, Solomon, Stein, Stewart, Taveras, Taylor, Terrasa, Woods,** ~~**and Ziegler**~~ **Ziegler, and Healey**

AN ACT concerning

State Buildings and State Highways – Collection and Disposal of Yard Waste

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from disposing of yard waste collected on the grounds of a State building or State highway in a certain container; requiring a person to collect yard waste on the grounds of a State building or State highway in a certain container; requiring all yard waste collected on the grounds of a State building or State highway to be disposed of in a certain manner under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the collection and disposal of yard waste from the grounds of State buildings and State highways.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2–1001 and 2–1002 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Collection and Disposal of Yard Waste"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 345 – Delegates Kerr ~~and Woods~~, Woods, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, White Holland, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

FOR the purpose of 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; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for withdrawal from the Compact; and generally relating to the Social Work Licensure Compact.

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 19–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3A. Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 538 – Delegates Shetty, Forbes, Harris, Hinebaugh, Kaufman, Lehman, J. Lewis, Pena–Melnyk, Solomon, Spiegel, Stonko, and Wells

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program – Administration

FOR the purpose of 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; repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program; and generally relating to the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 5–205(a) and 10–204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 27

February 14, 2025

1.	Sen. Ellis	Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maryland –Waldorf Club Park	B&T
2.	Sen. Folden	Great Frederick Fair	B&T
3.	Sen. Folden	New Midway Volunteer Fire Company	B&T
4.	Cecil County Senators	Plumpton Park Zoo Tiger–Lion Habitat	B&T
5.	Sen. Hayes	Reed House	B&T
6.	Sen. Hayes	Salvation Army Headquarters and Community Center	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO THE BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

February 13, 2025

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H–107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Reappointment to Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners

Dear President Ferguson:

Pursuant to Chapter 811 of the 2017 Laws of Maryland, I am pleased to submit the following appointments for confirmation by the Maryland State Senate.

- Dennis C. Smith – appointed to serve a remainder of a term expiring May 31, 2022, and a 3– year term beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2025

- Armando Camacho – reappointed to serve a 3–year term beginning June 1, 2023, and ending May 31, 2026

- Tammy Sparkman – reappointed to serve a 3–year term beginning June 1, 2023, and ending May 31, 2026

- Tammie Norman – reappointed to serve a 3–year term beginning June 1, 2024, and ending May 31, 2027

I request that the Senate grant its advice and consent to these appointments.

Sincerely,

Tara H. Jackson
Acting County Executive

cc: Senator Michael Jackson
Delegate Nicole Williams
Armando Camacho
Tammie Norman
Dennis C. Smith
Tammy Sparkman

Read and ordered journalized.

The message from the Executive, being of an Executive nature, was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

February 6, 2025

Senator Clarence Lam, Chair
Senate Executive Nominations Committee
420 Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Appointments to the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board

Dear Senator Lam,

I am pleased to report that Johns Hopkins has selected ten members of the Johns Hopkins and Baltimore communities listed below, to fill vacancies which arose for a variety of reasons, including the conclusion of terms, on the Johns Hopkins Police Accountability Board ("Board"), as authorized under Senate Bill 793 (the Community Safety and Strengthening Act of 2019), Chapter 25. These appointments require confirmation by the Maryland Senate.

Created by the Community Safety and Strengthening Act in 2019 the 15–member accountability Board is made up of three community members unaffiliated with the university and ten Johns Hopkin University students faculty members, and staff–including at least one member of the university's Black Faculty and Staff Association–drawn from across the three campuses where the future Johns Hopkins Police Department (JHPD) will operate: East Baltimore, Homewood and Peabody. The remaining two seats are appointed by Baltimore's mayor and city council president. The Board is responsible for sharing community feedback directly with JHPD leadership reviewing police department metrics and providing recommendations on current and prospective department policies procedures, and training.

The University issued the call for applications in October to fill existing vacancies as a result of student graduations and staff departures, as well as the conclusion of terms this spring for several Board members. A nine–member nominating committee led by non–voting chair Calvin L. Smith Jr.– past president of the university's Black Faculty and staff Association and Director of Student Leadership and Involvement–reviewed and evaluated the applications. Using a blind process, committee made recommendations to university leadership, which made the final selections.

The committee received 56 completed applications this year. After the review, evaluation, and recommendation process, 9 individuals were selected. Of the 9 individuals selected, four are returning members.

The current members of the Accountability Board met 17 times in 2024, including its annual public meeting November 20. The November public meeting was a listening session to hear from the public.

With the exception of the student appointments, the term of each will be two years, January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. The terms for the two new graduate students will be for one year, June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

The nominees to the Board are as follows, noting their Legislative District of residence where applicable:

Faculty nominees:

- *Elizabeth Hazel, Institute for International Programs, Bloomberg School of Public Health (Current Member)*

- *Daniel Webster, Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health (Primary) and School of Education (Joint)*

Staff nominee:

- *Natasha OrtizFortier, Sr. Program Associate, Centers for Government Excellence & Public Innovation, Homewood*

Student nominees:

- *Sumana Kondle, Masters Student, Bloomberg School of Public Health*

- *Jonathan Aguilar, Undergraduate Student, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences*

- *Isabelle John, Undergraduate Student, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences*

- *Yuli Wong, Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University*

Community nominees:

- *Sonja Merchant–Jones, Homewood (Current Member)*

- *Edward Kangethe, East Baltimore (Current Member)*

We are pleased to offer this slate of new nominees to the Senate for confirmation. The Board will help directly shape the development and operation of the future JHPD.

A copy of this letter and the resumes of the nominees will be provided to each member of the Executive Nominations Committee. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Huber, Director, State Affairs, Government and Community Affairs, at 443–997–5999 or via email at mhuber@jhu.edu.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Huber Director, State Affairs
Government and Community Affairs
Johns Hopkins University and Medicine

CC: Senate President Bill Ferguson
Vice–Chair, Anthony Muse
Members of the Executive Nominations Committee:
Malcolm L. Augustine
Pam Beidle
Mary Beth Carozza
Brian Feldman
Guy Guzzone
Antonio Hayes
Stephen Hershey
Mary–Dulany James
Nancy King
Cory McCray
Mike McKay
Justin Ready
Jim Rosapepe
Will Smith, Jr.
Charles Sydnor
Craig Zucker
Mindy McConville, Staff, Executive Nominations Committee
Charity Scott, Staff, Executive Nominations Committee
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk, Desk Officers
Tisha S. Edwards, Secretary of Appointments

Attachments: Resumes of the Johns Hopkins Accountability Board Nominees

Read and ordered journalized.

The Appointment letter was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 184)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:08 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Legislative Day February 6, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, February 17, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 6, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, February 17, 2025
8:00 P.M. Session

The Senate met at 8:02 P.M.

Prayer by guest of Senator Reverend Amin Flowers, L.I.F.E. Church and Ministries, Guest of Senate President Ferguson.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 41 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 185)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator M. Jackson and Senator Kramer be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 14, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 166 – Senator Shaneka Henson:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated
in recognition of
your remarkable legacy. We honor your great service,
leadership, and empowerment, helping to uplift communities
with excellence and dedication.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 17th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 186)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 38

Senate Bill 1024 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition – Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees
(Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)

FOR the purpose of exempting financially dependent children of certain State or local public safety employees from paying out–of–state or out–of–county tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State; and generally relating to nonresident tuition exemptions for financially dependent children of State or local public safety employees.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–106.12
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–601(a)(1) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1025 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Voice and Visual Likeness – Digital Replication Rights
(Nurture Originals, Foster Art, and Keep Entertainment Safe Act – NO FAKES Act)

FOR the purpose of establishing that each individual and a certain right holder have the right to authorize the use of the voice or visual likeness of the individual in a digital replica; providing that the right does not expire on the death of the individual and is transferable or licensable in a certain manner; providing that the right terminates after a certain period of time; requiring an online service to designate an agent to receive a certain notification alleging a violation of this Act; requiring the Secretary of State to maintain and make available certain information that the Secretary of State receives from certain parties; providing that a person shall be civilly liable for

engaging in certain conduct in violation of this Act; providing that a person may not be held civilly liable under certain circumstances; providing that an online service may restore removed material under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a right to the use of an individual's voice or visual likeness in a digital replica.

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 11–1701 through 11–1707 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 17. Rights in Digital Replicas"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1026 – Senator Beidle

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Consumer Credit – Application of Licensing Requirements
(Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and generally relating to consumer credit lending licensing requirements and the Maryland Licensing Workgroup.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 1–101(a) and (n), 11–301(a) and (b), and 11–501(a) and (k) through (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1027 – Senator Lewis Young

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council – Establishment

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 7–12B–01 through 7–12B–05 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 12B. Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 4

House Bill 161 – Delegates Atterbeary and Fair

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age–appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of a certain topic for the parent's or guardian's student, subject to a certain prohibition and requirement; and generally relating to the establishment of a comprehensive health education framework in public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–401
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 194 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Retail Sales – Payment or Reimbursement of Shipping Costs

FOR the purpose of requiring that a merchant provide a prepaid shipping label or a refund for shipping costs to a consumer who received an ~~incorrect~~ item that is damaged, faulty, or sent in error within a certain period of time after a certain request is made or a certain item is received; making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and certain civil penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and generally relating to consumer retail transactions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xliv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlvi) and 14–1328
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 270 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and generally relating to data centers.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 273 – Delegate Allen

AN ACT concerning

Residential Leases – Late Payment Penalties – Calculation

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain percentage of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due; and generally relating to residential leases and penalties for the late payment of rent.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–201 and 8–208(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–208(d)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 28

February 17, 2025

1.	Sen. Henson	Annapolis Juneteenth Museum and Cafe	B&T

2.	Sen. McCray	Artificial Intelligence Machine Manufacturing – Workforce Development Academy AIMM–WDA	B&T
3.	Sen. McCray	BEAR Renovations	B&T
4.	Sen. Henson	Deale MD Elks Lodge No 2528	B&T
5.	Sen. McCray	Herring Run Branch Library	B&T
6.	Sen. Henson	Kiwanis Club of Commodore Mayo	B&T
7.	Sen. Henson	Restoring Our History – Paving a Way to Franklin's Future	B&T
8.	Sen. McCray	Southern Bridge Career and Education Center	B&T
9.	Sen. Henson	Summit School Building Expansion	B&T
10.	Sen. McCray	Walther Apartments Affordable Housing Redevelopment	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 29

February 17, 2025

1.	Howard County Senators	Days End Farm Horse Rescue – Firehouse Redevelopment Project	B&T
2.	Howard County Senators	Educational Space Adequacy Assessment	B&T
3.	Howard County Senators	Gentle Giants Center for Connection	B&T
4.	Sen. McCray	Henrietta Lacks Educational Park	B&T
5.	Howard County Senators	HomeBase – CAPA–HC Office Initiative	B&T

6.	Howard County Senators	Howard County Chinese School Expansion for Cultural and Educational Enrichment	B&T
7.	Howard County Senators	Howard County Fairgrounds – Fiber Optic Connectivity	B&T
8.	Howard County Senators	Preservation Maryland Headquarters in Howard County	B&T
9.	Sen. C. Jackson	Rosedale Christian Academy	B&T
10.	Sen. Hester	St Anne's Episcopal Church	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 30

February 17, 2025

1.	Sen. Ferguson	Baltimore Museum of Industry	B&T
2.	Sen. Ferguson	401 N Gay Street	B&T
3.	Sen. Ferguson	Garrett–Jacobs Mansion	B&T
4.	Sen. Ferguson	HER Resiliency Center's HER Space	B&T
5.	Sen. Ferguson	LIFE Outreach Center	B&T
6.	Sen. Ferguson	Loyola School	B&T
7.	Sen. Ferguson	South Baltimore Adult High School	B&T
8.	Sen. Ferguson	SquashWise Center	B&T
9.	Sen. Ferguson	SS John Brown Liberty Ship	B&T
10.	Sen. Ferguson	Thomas Johnson Elementary–Middle School	B&T
11.	Sen. Ferguson	Public Works Experience	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 187)

RECESS

At 8:19 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate recessed until 8:23 P.M. on Legislative Day, February 6, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, February 17, 2025, to the Old Senate Chamber for the Washington Day Address.

AFTER RECESS
Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 6, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, February 17, 2025

At 8:23 P.M. the Senate resumed its session.

Prayer by Senior Pastor Seung Jin (David) Park, Global Mission Church, guest of Secretary of State, the Honorable Susan Lee.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

CEREMONY IN THE OLD SENATE CHAMBER IN HONOR OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

George Washington– America's First Patriot, Visionary, and Champion of Democracy

Remarks by Maryland Secretary of State Susan C. Lee

Before the Maryland State Senate

February 17, 2025

Mr. President, Esteemed Senators, and Honored Guests,

On this Presidents' Day, I thank you for the honor of allowing me to provide the 2025 George Washington speech, in the very room where some of our American democratic freedoms first shined bright.

I am especially proud to be here today with many of my former Senate colleagues whom I served with side by side and worked together to pass landmark laws to uplift, empower, and improve the quality of life for all Marylanders, including some of our most vulnerable populations.

I would like to especially thank Senate President Bill Ferguson and members of his team, Chief of Staff Sally Robb and Joy Walker for bestowing on me this great honor today.

Our gratitude to Senior Pastor Seung Jin David Park of Global Mission Church in Silver Spring, Maryland for delivering the Invocation. Our heartfelt thanks also to our worldclass performing artists Jeremiah Washington, who is a student at Morgan State University and Dr. Eric Conway, who is the Chair of Morgan State University's Fine & Performing Arts Department and Conductor of the university's Choir. I am also here with my Deputy Secretary of State Michael Lore and Office of Administrative Hearings Chief Judge Chung Pak. I would like to acknowledge and thank Archivist Elaine Rice Bachmann and Owen

Lourie and Mimi Calver of her team for providing us with information on Washington's life.

Washington had special ties to Maryland, as our state played an important role in saving General Washington and his army and helping America win its independence. In an attempt to crush Washington and his outnumbered troops, a large British armada of more than 45 ships and 10,000 men descended on New York Harbor. It was the courageous troops of the 1st Maryland Regiment that saved the day by successfully obstructing the British and allowing Washington and his troops to evacuate and continue the fight for independence. The 19th Century historian, Thomas Field, called the Maryland Line's stand, "an hour more precious to American liberty than any other."

George Washington is America's first Patriot, Visionary, and Selfless Champion of Democracy. He laid the foundation for propelling forward and ensuring America was a Democratic Republic. When the United States won the Revolutionary War against the British, some world observers thought we lost one King George, only to be replaced by another King George Washington. That suspicion was laid to rest right here, on December 23rd, 1783, when Congress met to accept George Washington's resignation from the Continental Army. King George, III told American painter Benjamin West if Washington retired after victory, "He will be the greatest man in the world."

Molly Rideout, who was watching upstairs with the other women, wrote in her famous letter, "I think the world never produced a greater man and very few so good."

Washington's selfless act of transferring military power over to non–military citizen leaders ensured the future of our nation as a Democracy and made him an Exemplar, who inspired generations of world leaders, nations, and Presidents.

In leading and guiding the new nation, in his farewell address, Washington believed that the major threats to the future of the nation's Democratic Republic were regionalism, factionalism [or partisanship], and foreign entanglement.

Washington thought that political faction "is seen in its greatest rankness and truly their worst enemy," and that partisanship "open[ed] the door to foreign influence and corruption."

During the time of Washington's address, the newspapers and media often printed volumes of mean spirited, untruthful, and scandalous news, very often fueled or controlled by the emerging political parties. Washington's concerns foretold and resonate even today, as some things never change. A number of surveys have reported that political polarization has significantly increased over the last 20 years, particularly in Congress. The rise in broadcast, social network, and pseudo news media have likely contributed to this trend.

Alarmed by the voluminous amount of divisive and vicious press being streamed by political parties at the time, Washington stated, "However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become the potent engines by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be able to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying

afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

I believe, he thought that this level of "spirit of faction" would weaken the ability of voters to make reasoned and disinterested choices and lead to the disruption and distraction of public councils, ill–founded jealousies among citizens and party divisions that could open the door to foreign influence and corruption, thereby allowing outside powers to manipulate the nation's policies.

In striving to be the President for all Americans, I believe Washington, thought that unity and putting the interests of the country over partisan loyalty would ensure the country's wellbeing and survival. He noted that the hard–fought independence and liberty Americans gained were the result of the "common dangers, sufferings, and successes" they underwent together during the war.

In assembling his cabinet, Washington appreciated balance and a diversity of views and backgrounds. As our first President, Washington set the example of appointing a Cabinet with rival or opposing views. Along with Henry Knox and Edmund Randolph, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, who were of rival views, were members of his cabinet. Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama were some of the presidents who followed his model, I believe, Washington thought that the spirit of unity, inclusion, and collaboration in his government would lead to beneficial outcomes for the common good.

George Washington also was not perfect, but a complex man, in that he owned slaves, like some of the other founding fathers. However, historians have indicated that later in his life, the issue of slavery was on his mind, and he may have been influenced by those close to him. During the war, his aides John Laurens and the Marquis de Lafayette both opposed slavery. He also admired and praised the poet Phillis Wheatley who some believed influenced him to urge education for former slaves. While Washington took no action to free his slaves during his lifetime, after his death, he freed them in his will, but unfortunately, not the slaves owned by his wife Martha. Washington, towards the end of his life, wrote that, "The unfortunate condition of the persons, whose labour in part I employed, has been the only unavoidable subject of regret. To make the Adults among them as easy and as comfortable in their circumstances as their actual state of ignorance and improvidence would admit; and to lay a foundation to prepare the rising generation for a destiny different from that in which they were born; afforded some satisfaction to my mind, and could not I hoped be displeasing to the justice of the Creator." He also believed that the abolition of slavery could be accomplished through legislation.

Despite some of those contradictions and inaction on the issue of slavery, generations of Americans, nevertheless, have been inspired by the Democratic principles Washington and the other founding fathers espoused in the Constitution.

Since its birth, America has represented to many to be the beacon of liberty, justice, equality and boundless opportunities, including generations of immigrants and people of all backgrounds, such as my own grandparents who left behind a war torn, divided, ravaged China to seek a better life based on the promise of those principles. Over the course of our nation's history, while not perfect, many Americans from marginalized communities, rose

up and joined the effort to fight tyranny, injustice, and inequality, like Marylanders Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Thurgood Marshall, and others. During WWII, Americans who faced discrimination and overwhelming obstacles, sprang to action, such as the Tuskegee Airmen, like my constituent the late Brigadier General Charles McGee, the 6888th Battalion of African American women led by Lt. Colonel Charity Adams [Earley], the Navajo Code Talkers, the Go for Broke 442nd Regimental Combat Team of Japanese Americans, one of the most decorated unit, and even my father Harry Lee, who at 17 enlisted in the US Navy and defended freedom on the perilous Atlantic and Pacific oceans. They were all part of "the Greatest Generation." And let us not forget the enormous role the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Freedom Riders, including our Maryland State Senator Gwen Britt, and others played in help ensuring the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. They all came together to work tirelessly toward achieving the democratic principles George Washington championed through his words and personal example.

In concluding his address he stated, "Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence and that, after forty–five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion."

We are grateful to Washington not only for laying the foundation in which America could grow, prosper and thrive as a Democratic Republic, but also for his farewell address, which foretold and provided future generations with enduring wisdom and advice that is relevant today about addressing extreme partisanship to avoid division, conflict, insurrection, and destruction.

America is truly a Work in Progress and is constantly evolving. Our strength lies in our rich diversity, and what we all share in common as Americans. Through our love of America and Maryland, our resilience and ability to confront and triumph over adversity such as 9–11, COVID, and other major challenges, we are continuing to work to realize those Democratic principles Washington fought hard for.

While I sometimes miss the high energy and drama of the Senate, I'm truly honored and privileged to be your 72nd Secretary of State and partner with you– Mr. Senate President, our House Speaker, Senators, Delegates, and the other public officials and community advocates and leaders here today to ensure our Democracy is strong and to make government work and better serve the people as Washington envisioned in 1796.

I commend you for your service, because I know of your sacrifice of being away from your families, taking time away from your jobs, working long hours in Committee and in Chamber to bring all the stakeholders to the table, reach consensus on, and pass meaningful legislation that will uplift and improve the quality of life for countless individuals and as Governor Wes Moore often states, "Leave No One Behind."

Guided by Washington's enduring message of unity, common good, justice, equality, integrity, and putting country over partisanship, let us continue to work in partnership, and together we can work toward fulfilling the promise of America and making this a better world.

Susan C. Lee
Maryland Secretary of State

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 7, 2025, Calendar Day, Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 7, 2025
Calendar Day: Tuesday, February 18, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:16 A.M.

Prayer by Vicar Chris Clarke, Christ Lutheran Church, guest of Senator Folden.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 190)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Benson and Senator Kramer be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 17, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 168 – Senator Clarence K. Lam:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
National Alliance on Mental Health
in recognition of
your efforts to promote the importance of
Tardive Dyskinesia through screening, early detection,
and treatment and recognizing May 5th through May 9th
as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 18th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 40 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 191)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 167 – Senator Nancy J. King:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Maryland Big Tree Program
in recognition of
100 years of service providing awareness, knowledge,
and appreciation of Maryland's largest trees.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 18th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 192)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 165 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Erek Barron
in recognition of
your service to the State and the nation
as Maryland's first African American to serve as
United States Attorney.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 18th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 193)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

The Honorable William Ferguson

President of the Senate
H–107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, §13 of the Constitution of Maryland, I am pleased to submit the following appointment nominations for confirmation by the Maryland State Senate. These individuals bring exceptional knowledge and ability to the offices for which they have been nominated. I am confident they will provide the strength of experience and leadership to instill confidence among all of our citizens, and ensure we succeed in our commitment to leave no Marylander behind.

I look forward to your favorable approval of these nominees. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Wes Moore
Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

GREEN BAG APPOINTMENTS

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO STATEWIDE BOARDS
REQUIRING STATE SENATE CONFIRMATION
2025 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9–1–1 Board, Maryland	
Dawn Blanchard 1776 William Road Millersville, Maryland 21108 Anne Arundel/33	Appointment Geographic Information Systems Representative Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Marcia Lynn Deppen 604 Hanna Road Bel Air, Maryland 21014 Harford/34	Appointment Maryland Department of Emergency Management Representative Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Administrative Hearings, Office of & State Advisory Council on	
Anand Parikh 222 Park Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Montgomery/20	Appointment General Public Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2023
African American History and Culture, Commission on	

Dina Gomes Daly 29760 Standish Street Easton, Maryland 21601 Talbot/37	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Jyoti Mohan 1201 Walnutwood Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 Baltimore County/42	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Gina Marie Lewis 3700 Shady Rest Road Fort Washington, Maryland 20744 Prince George's/26	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Walter H. Gill 425 Hawthorne Road Baltimore, Maryland 21211 Baltimore City/40	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corp (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors	
Dr. Matthew Parker 2457 Burgess Place Waldorf, Maryland 20601 Charles/28	Appointment Aquaculture Representative Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Allegany College of Maryland Board of Trustees	
Mirjhana Alyce Buck 701 Washington Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502 Allegany/1	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Allegany County Board of License Commissioners	
Thomas Edward Farrell 15 Linda Way LaVale, Maryland 21502 Allegany/1	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from May 6, 2025
Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees	
JaCina Stanton–Buttrom 1612 Sage Brush Court Severn, Maryland 21144 Anne Arundel/32	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Sandra Elaine Moore 7902 Whites Cove Road Pasadena, Maryland 21122 Anne Arundel/31	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from May 6, 2025
Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners	

Otis M. Duffie 1850 Montreal Road Severn, Maryland 21144 Anne Arundel/32	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from May 2, 2025
Wayne Brantley Harris Sr. 8237 Quarterfield Road Severn, Maryland 21144 Anne Arundel/31	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from May 2, 2025
Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission	
Secretary Serena Mcllwain 1800 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21230 Baltimore City/40	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from May 7, 2025
Arts Council, Maryland State	
Janet Carol Stanford 11615 Le Baron Terrace Silver Spring, Maryland 20902 Montgomery/19	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Margaret Wright Ingersoll 5606 Ross Neck Road Cambridge, Maryland 21613 Dorchester/37	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Marva Jo Camp 1301 Sea Pines Terrace Mitchellville, Maryland 20721 Prince George's/24	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Assistive Technology Loan Program Board of Directors	
Dominique Sessa 1416 Beckford Court Salisbury, Maryland 21804 Wicomico/38	Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists and Music Therapists, State Board of Examiners for	
Valerie Hooper 12081 Long Lake Drive Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 Baltimore County/10	Reappointment Consumer Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Automobile Insurance Fund, Board of Trustees of the Maryland	
Larry Young 601 N. Eutaw Street Apt. 102 Baltimore, Maryland 21201	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from October 1, 2022

Baltimore City/40	
Aviation Commission, Maryland	
Charles Madison 1219 Algonquin Road Crownsville, Maryland 21032 Anne Arundel/33	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2023
Donald Clifford Stanton 5909 Wilson Lane Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024
José Morales 1724 Robinhood Road Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Anne Arundel/30	Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024
LaTara Harris 3127 Courtside Road Bowie, Maryland 20721 Prince George's/23	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024
Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees	
Billie Marie Malcolm 3407 Rosedale Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215 Baltimore City/40	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024
Onahlea Shimunek 109 Dodson Avenue St. Michaels, Maryland 21663 Talbot/37	Appointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Tyrese Jomalle McBayne Sr. 4275 Labyrinth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Student Member Remainder of a term of 1 years from July 1, 2024
Baltimore County, Community College Trustees for	
Charles McDaniels Jr. 3616 Croydon Road Baltimore, Maryland 21207 Baltimore County/44	Appointment 2nd Councilmanic District Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2021
Dr. Richard Albert Scheper 12901 Falls Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 Baltimore County/11	Reappointment 3rd Councilmanic District Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Johnnie Fielding Jr. 14 Evan Way Pikesville, Maryland 21208 Baltimore County/11	Appointment At–Large Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024
Lora Michelle Jackson 3112 Greenmead Road Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244 Baltimore County/10	Reappointment 4th Councilmanic District Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Michael Anthony Crowder 3 Wildon Court Kingsville, Maryland 21087 Baltimore County/7	Appointment 5th Councilmanic District Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Nakeia L. Drummond 9735 Eustice Road Randallstown, Maryland 21133 Baltimore County/10	Appointment 4th Councilmanic District Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Blind, Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the	
Kati Marie Penney 5602 Durbin Road Bethesda, Maryland 20814 Montgomery/16	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Raymond Herbert Brown 2811 Union Drive Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 Howard/9	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
The Honorable Guy Guzzone 7317 Eden Brook Drive #407 Columbia, Maryland 21046 Howard/13	Reappointment Maryland Senate Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Boiler Rules, Board of	
Jeffrey Byron Pope 1165 Dingus Drive Westminster, Maryland 21158 Carroll/5	Reappointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Jennifer Bullock 13526 Hamlet Square Court Germantown, Maryland 20874 Montgomery/39	Appointment Representative of Owners and Users of Power Boilers Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Calvert County Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors	

Robert Francis Heinrich 1008 Adelina Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 1, 2025
Steven Schuster Jr. 135 Simmons Ridge Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678 Calvert/27	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from June 1, 2025
Calvert County Board of License Commissioners	
Beth Elaine Swoap 2118 Loblolly Lane St. Leonard, Maryland 20685 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 5, 2025
John Herman Smack 2641 Plum Point Road Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 5, 2025
Lewis A. Robinson 3080 Mayberry Avenue Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 Calvert/27	Appointment Alternate Member Term of 2 years from June 5, 2025
Calvert County Plumbing Board	
Jamil Stanley Jones I 7002 Old Bayside Road P.O. Box 255 Chesapeake Beach, Maryland 20732 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 1, 2025
Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority	
Ashli Renee Workman 10801 Blan Avon Road SW Midlothian, Maryland 21543 Allegany/1	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2022
Colleen Taylor Peterson 131 West Main Street Frostburg, Maryland 21532 Allegany/1	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2024
Cecil College Board of Trustees	
Donna Lynn Horgan 135 Riverside Drive Elkton, Maryland 21921 Cecil/36	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025

Todd Anthony Hurt 60 Herbies Curve Port Deposit, Maryland 21904 Cecil/35	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024
Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program Board	
William Bradley Kilby 795 Firetowner Road Colora, Maryland 21917 Cecil/35	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Civil Rights, Commission on	
Eileen Levitt 7405 Arlington Road Apt. 103 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 Montgomery/16	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Janssen Everette Evelyn 10472 Sternwheel Place Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/12	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Jeffrey Rosen 15213 Emory Lane Rockville, Maryland 20853 Montgomery/19	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Clean Energy Center, Board of Directors of the Maryland	
Benjamin Link 425 Hawthorne Road Baltimore, Maryland 21210 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Non–Profit Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023
Dr. Karen Gayle Wayland 104 E Strand P.O. 31 Oxford, Maryland 21654 Talbot/37	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Jerry Sanford 605 Boston Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Montgomery/20	Appointment Venture Capital Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Consumer Council	
Stephanie Lashawn Baker 1811 Redwood Avenue Parkville, Maryland 21234 Baltimore County/8	Reappointment Consumer Group Representative Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024

Contract Appeals, State Board of	
Michael Joseph Stewart Jr. 4711 Joe Foss Way Jefferson, Maryland 21755 Frederick/4	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from February 1, 2025
Michael Lee Carnahan Jr. 4319 Blakey Avenue Nottingham, Maryland 21236 Baltimore County/8	Reappointment Member Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025
Correctional Standards, Commission on	
Captain Briana Nicole Cottman 8735 Tatiana Drive Apt. 202 Delmar, Maryland 21875 Wicomico/38	Appointment Local Correctional Personnel Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
Dr. Niani Smith 6121 Blacksmith Drive District Heights, Maryland 20747 Prince George's/25	Appointment Mental Health/Medical Professional Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Keith Dwayne Dickens 106 Broadneck Crossing Road Edgewood, Maryland 21040 Harford/34	Appointment State Correctional Personnel Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023
Criminal Injuries Compensation Board	
Scott Kurlander 12202 Highgrove Court Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 Baltimore County/11	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Maryland Advisory Council on the	
Kathleen Farnsworth Kramer 2 Bristol Hill Court Unit A3 Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Special Expert Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2023
Dental Examiners, State Board of	
Marla Shaivitz 215 South Tyrone Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore County/43	Appointment Consumer Member Term of 4 years from June 1, 2025
Dietetic Practice, State Board of	

Caroline Tizard 5202 Tilbury Way Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore City/43	Appointment Nutritionist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Nicole Steck Waitt 410 Grier Nursery Farms Court Street, Maryland 21154 Harford/35	Appointment Consumer Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Susannah Lin Edwards 815 Pershing Drive Apt. 504 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 Montgomery/20	Appointment Dietician–Nutritionist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) Board of Directors, Maryland	
Andres L. Navarette 6008 Highland Drive Chevy Chase, Maryland 20816 Montgomery/16	Appointment Commercial Expertise Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023
Leslie Hale 8801 Persimmon Tree Road Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/16	Appointment Industrial Expertise Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023
Lester Davis 15 Elmwood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21210 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Public Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Education, State Board of	
O'Marie Barnes 6100 Holton Lane Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 Prince George's/26	Appointment Student Member Term of 1 years from July 1, 2025
Xiomara V. Medina 540 Glen Court Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061 Anne Arundel/32	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Elections, State Board of	
Yaakov (Jake) Weissmann 2217 Notely Lane Crofton, Maryland 21114 Anne Arundel/33	Reappointment Majority Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Electricians, State Board of	

Leaurdra Raye 961 Bentgrass Drive Aberdeen, Maryland 21001 Harford/34	Appointment Central Maryland Electrician Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Environmental Health Specialists, State Board of	
John Anthony Boris Jr. 1262 Creek Drive Annapolis, Maryland 21403 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Environmental Health Specialist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Environmental Service, Maryland	
Sean Linn Coleman 1407 Hilton Terrace Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Fire–Rescue Education and Training Commission	
Kimberly Bunn 5312 Anderson Court Bryans Road, Maryland 20616 Charles/28	Appointment Career Firefighter Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Monty Rick Parks 2725 Lloyd Bowen Road Saint Leonard, Maryland 20685 Calvert/27	Appointment Volunteer Firefighter Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Raymond Mitchell McRae Jr. 7515 Arundel Woods Drive Jessup, Maryland 20794 Anne Arundel/32	Appointment Career Academy Instructor Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Fisheries Commission, Atlantic States Marine	
Herman Russell Dize 5423 Rude Avenue P.O. Box 165 Tilghman, Maryland 21671 Talbot/37	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Food Center Authority, Maryland	
Monica Eleonora Lapenta 6122 Macbeth Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21239 Baltimore City/43	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Foresters, State Board of	
Jack Lee Perdue 5112 Main Street	Appointment Forester Member

Grasonville, Maryland 21638 Queen Anne's/36	Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Hagerstown Community College Board of Trustees	
Gregory Irvin Snook 19419 Pearl Drive Hagerstown, Washington 21742–4885 Washington/2	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Lawrence William Proctor Jr. 19625 Spring Creek Road Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Washington/2	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Health Benefit Exchange Board, Maryland	
JoAnn Volk 7205 Garland Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Montgomery/20	Appointment Expert Member Term of 4 years from June 1, 2025
Ken L. Brannan 3204 Blackwalnut Drive Annapolis, Maryland 21037 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Employer/Consumer Member Term of 4 years from June 1, 2025
Health Care Commission, Maryland	
Dr. Letitia Dzirasa 717 S Regester Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Health Resources Commission, Maryland Community	
Crystal Anne Carr Townsend 18519 Black Kettle Drive Boyds, Maryland 20841 Montgomery/15	Appointment Community Health Resource Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Flor D. Giusti 2406 Rockwood Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21209 Baltimore City/41	Reappointment Health Care Experience Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Health Services Cost Review Commission, State	
Dr. Maulik Joshi 1752 Meridian Drive Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Washington/2	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Jonathan David Blum 7216 Garland Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Montgomery/20	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Health Worker Advisory Committee, State Community	
Bettye J. Muwwakkil 14109 Greenview Drive Laurel, Maryland 20708 Prince George's/21	Reappointment Community Health Worker Training Organization Representative Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Dr. Hanna Idriess 12712 Lincolnshire Drive Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/15	Appointment Maryland Public Health Association Representative Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Samantha Sailsman 3901 Pinkney Road Apt. 5 Baltimore, Maryland 21215 Baltimore City/41	Reappointment Community Health Worker Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Stephanie Ransom 6501 Liberty Road 2W Gwynn Oak, Maryland 21207 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Community Health Worker Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Health, Secretary And Deputy Secretaries of	
Dr. Meena Seshamani 6800 Granby Street Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Appointment Secretary of Health At the pleasure of the Governor
Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning And Refrigeration Contractors, State Board of	
Kabir Abiodun Ahmed 538 Parksley Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21223 Baltimore City/40	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from January 1, 2024
Robert Parker 20205 Root Road P.O. Box 97 Flintstone, Maryland 21530 Allegany/1	Appointment Master Contractor Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from January 1, 2025
Heritage Areas Authority, Maryland	

Tara Balfe Clifford 124 Park Avenue Edgewater, Maryland 21037 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment House Speaker Nominee Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Higher Education Commission, Maryland	
Dr. Kathleen C. Bands 9800 Mahogany Run Ijamsville, Maryland 21754 Frederick/4	Reappointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Narcisa Antonia Polonio 11400 Rock Elm Court Mitchelleville, Maryland 20721 Prince George's/24	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Sarah Otwey 13535 Cambridge Drive Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Frederick/12	Appointment Student Member Term of 1 years from July 1, 2025
Housing Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland Affordable	
Dr. Brittney Drakeford 4008 Cottage Terrace Cottage City, Maryland 20722 Prince George's/47	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Howard Community College Board of Trustees	
Dr. Carl Perkins 2440 Walking Janelle Way Marriottsville, Maryland 21104 Howard/9	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Indian Affairs, Commission on	
Kenneth Maynor 8212 Running Spring Circle Severn, Maryland 21144 Anne Arundel/31	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Infants and Toddlers, Interagency Coordinating Council for	
Doreen Conca Engel 3511 Forest Edge Drive #3B Silver Spring, Maryland 20906 Montgomery/19	Appointment Provider Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Deborah Golant Badawi 4505 Eastway Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore City/43	Appointment Provider Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Dr. Koryne Carroll Nnoli 4635 Harrier Way Belcamp, Maryland 20107 Harford/34	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
Erin Renee Simmons 1701 Fraser Fir Court Bowie, Maryland 20721 Prince George's/24	Appointment Provider Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Janelle Parker 619 Hollyday Street Easton, Maryland 21601 Talbot/37	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Jennifer K. Barrett 1105 Woodland Way Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Washington/2	Appointment Head Start Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Kristian McElroy 8509 Timber Pine Court Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 Howard/9	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Laura Jane Pearce 9218 Sandra Park Road Perry Hall, Maryland 21128 Baltimore County/7	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Ruth Getachew 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Maryland Insurance Administration Representative Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
Stanley Alexander Forbes 109 Stockton Lane Arnold, Maryland 21012 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Interior Designers, State Board of Certified	
Nichole McCollum 729 Silver Creek Road Suite 570 Pikesville, Maryland 21208 Baltimore County/11	Reappointment Interior Designer Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Judicial Disabilities, Commission on	

Kimberly Ayanna Howell 2646 Orchard Oriole Way Odenton, Maryland 21113 Anne Arundel/21	Reappointment Public Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Linda Hefler Lamone 1807 View Top Court Annapolis, Maryland 21409 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Attorney Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Juvenile Services Education Board	
Darryl Armfield Kelley 10712 Featherstone Drive Fort Washington, Maryland 20744 Prince George's/26	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Andrae Townsel 12061 Steven Lane Prince Frederick, Maryland 20754 Calvert/27	Reappointment Superintendent Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Yolanda Boyd Holloway 1124 Canvasback Lane Denton, Maryland 21629 Caroline/37	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Land Surveyors, State Board for Professional	
Jeanne Lentejas Nebre 8011 Township Drive Apt. J Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 Baltimore County/11	Reappointment Prop Line Surveyor Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Landscape Architects, Board of Examiners of	
Melvilynn Lisa Allen 6990 Wood Glen Drive Hughesville, Maryland 20637 Charles/28	Appointment Consumer Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Michelle Brown 3545 Stella Blue Drive Hyattsville, Maryland 20782 Prince George's/47	Appointment Consumer Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board, Maryland	
Dr. Ivory A. Toldson 3154 Cityscape Drive, NE #3154 Washington, District of Columbia 20018 Non–Maryland Resident/NONR	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Dr. Rhonda Scott 4303 Labyrinth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215 Baltimore County/11	Appointment Health Occupation Boards Executive Director Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, State	
E. Randolph Marriner 4411 Manor Lane Ellicott City, Maryland 21042 Howard/9	Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from October 1, 2022
Nicholas Mosby 2104 Bolton Street Baltimore, Maryland 21217 Baltimore City/40	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from October 1, 2024
Medical System Corporation Board of Directors, University of Maryland	
Barbara Barrett Clapp 214 Saint Dunstans Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from June 6, 2022
Dr. Joseph Anthony Ciotola 4 Beteau Landing Grasonville, Maryland 21638 Queen Anne's/36	Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from June 3, 2024
Dr. Theresa Felder 300 Bounding Home Court Havre De Grace, Maryland 21078 Harford/34	Appointment Hospital Affiliate Member Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025
Edward Patrick Nevin 2910 Constellation Way Finksburg, Maryland 21048 Carroll/42	Reappointment Member Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025
Janet Saunders Currie 410 Riverside Drive Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678 Calvert/27	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from June 2, 2025
Lynn Melony Selby 1337 Stonewood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21239 Baltimore City/43	Reappointment Community Advisory Council Member Term of 5 years from June 2, 2025
Montgomery College Board of Trustees	
Jacqueline Champlain Manger 820 Lower Barn Way Olney, Maryland 20832	Appointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025

Montgomery/14	
Marcia Brown Mintz 6009 Southport Drive Bethesda, Maryland 20814 Montgomery/16	Appointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Morgan State University Board of Regents	
Benjamin Barnet Klubes 7200 Armat Drive Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
John Wayman Henry III 1 Edgehill Road West Orange, New Jersey 7052 Non–Maryland Resident/NONR	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024
Julissa Ferreras 3303 Serenity Way Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 Baltimore County/11	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Swati Agrawal 9405 Brooke Drive Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Reappointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of	
Ryan Benedict Rizarri 11356 Holter Road White Marsh, Maryland 21162 Baltimore County/7	Appointment Occupational Therapist Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023
Pharmacy, State Board of	
Sean Michael Ford 7230 Darby Downs Unit K Elkridge, Maryland 21075 Howard/12	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Physicians, State Board of	
Aisha Khan 1406 King William Drive Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Consumer Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Charles Simmons 106 Solomons Ridge Court Millersville, Maryland 21108 Anne Arundel/31	Appointment Physician Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Dr. Dina El–Metwally 511 W. Pratt Street PH2002 Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Physician Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. TraShawn Thornton–Davis 7502 Carpenter Street Fulton, Maryland 20759 Howard/13	Appointment Physician Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Katie Garber 22 Sherman Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Montgomery/20	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022
Scott G. Slater 710 Murdock Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore County/43	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Tara Mahan 136 Big Chimney Branch Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774 Prince George's/25	Appointment Physician Assistant Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Plumbing, State Board of	
Joseph Anthony Radtka 3 Severndale Road Severna Park, Maryland 21146 Anne Arundel/31	Reappointment Southern Maryland Plumber Member Term of 3 years from May 1, 2025
Potomac River Fisheries Commission	
Gregory Philip Gwaltney 1408 Chesapeake Avenue Annapolis, Maryland 21403 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Prince George's Community College Board of Trustees	
Tomeka C. Bumbry 1706 Mallard Court Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774 Prince George's/25	Reappointment District 25 Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Psychologists, State Board of	
Dr. Chenere Evans 4548 Scottsdale Place Waldorf, Maryland 20602 Charles/28	Appointment Psychologist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Dr. Judith M. Kinney 913 Windsor Road Pikesville, Maryland 21208 Baltimore County/11	Appointment Psychologist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Matthew Edelstein 203 S Highland Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21224 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Psychologist Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Public Defender, Board of Trustees of the Office of the	
Aidan Smith 230 Dunkirk Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Baltimore County/43	Appointment 3rd Circuit Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024
Chantal Marcelle Joseph 13430 Yorktown Drive Bowie, Maryland 20715 Prince George's/23	Appointment 7th Circuit Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Christine B. DuFour 7701 Bloomfield Road Easton, Maryland 21601 Talbot/37	Appointment 2nd Circuit Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024
Justin Hollimon 8627 Heathermill Road Nottingham, Maryland 21236 Baltimore County/8	Reappointment 3rd Circuit Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024
Kerri Lee Smith 26 Fencerow Court Nottingham, Maryland 21236 Baltimore County/8	Appointment 4th Circuit Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024
Mandeep Singh Chhabra 856 St Edmonds Place Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Anne Arundel/33	Reappointment 5th Circuit Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Michael Gambrill 711 Brookwood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21229 Baltimore City/41	Appointment At Large Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Public Employees Relations Board	

Jennifer Epps 14009 Lake Meadows Drive Bowie, Maryland 20720 Prince George's/24	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Public Information Act Compliance Board, State	
Nivek Musheer Malik Johnson 200 Lincoln Drive Chestertown, Maryland 21620 Kent/36	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation Board, Maryland	
Micha Lev Weinblatt 8220 River Quarry Place Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Appointment Business Expertise Member Term of 4 years from October 1, 2025
Residential Boarding Education Programs, Board of Trustees of	
Chante R. Sedwick 12901 Sutters Lane Bowie, Maryland 20720 Prince George's/24	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Retirement and Pension Systems, Board of Trustees for the Maryland State	
Scott Alan Nicewarner 911 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 Washington/2	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Vernon Andrew Reid Jr. 4203 Prince George Road Baltimore, Maryland 21216 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Rural Legacy Board, Advisory Committee to the	
Dr. Stephanie Nicole Stotts 18456 Gravel Hill Road Georgetown, Delaware 19947 Non–Maryland Resident/NONR	Appointment Forest Industry Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Jeffrey Eckel 31 Eastern Avenue Annapolis, Maryland 21403 Anne Arundel/30	Appointment Nonprofit Environmental Organization Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Sonja Ewing 568 Garrett A. Morgan Boulevard Hyattsville, Maryland 20785	Appointment County Parks and Recreation Representative

Prince George's/24	Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
The Honorable Monica Casanas 3411 39th Avenue Colmar Manor, Maryland 20722 Prince George's/47	Appointment Municipal Corporation Representative Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board	
Daniel Pierce Buck Jr. 9158 Belvedere Drive Frederick, Maryland 21704 Frederick/4	Appointment Maryland Nonpublic School Representative Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission	
Brooke Hayden 1207 Parks Road Fishing Creek, Maryland 21634 Dorchester/37	Appointment CBSI Seafood Packer Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Daniel Nelson Worrell 5 Holly Court Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811 Worcester/38	Appointment Waterman Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022
Stephanie Pazzaglia 108 Captains Way Chester, Maryland 21619 Queen Anne's/36	Reappointment Retail Food Industry Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Social Work Examiners, State Board of	
Stephen Michael Liggett–Creel 10840 Beech Creek Drive Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/12	Appointment Department of Human Services LSW Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Somerset County Board of License Commissioners	
Ralph Franklin Lusk 26743 Rumbley Road Westover, Maryland 21871 Somerset/28	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Robert Murphey 12010 Sherree Lane Princess Anne, Maryland 21853 Somerset/38	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 1, 2025
Southern Maryland Board of Trustees, College of	

Celeste Junine Alexander–Frye 4045 Teresas Way Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
St. Mary's City Commission, Historic	
William Roosevelt Hall III 45579 Catalina Lane California, Maryland 20619 St. Mary's/29	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Board of Trustees of	
Aaron N. Tomarchio 128 S. Ann Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Member Term of 6 years from June 1, 2025
Teacher Education Board, Professional Standards and	
Dr. Dionne Nicole Curbeam 3625 Raymonn Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21213 Baltimore City/45	Reappointment Maryland Association of Colleges of Education Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Jennifer Bishoff 17 Laurel Brook Drive Oakland, Maryland 21550 Garrett/1	Appointment Maryland Association of Colleges of Education Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. Sean Bulson 311 Amore Lane Bel Air, Maryland 21015 Harford/7	Reappointment Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Janill Ayana Bobbitt 3107 Milford Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21207 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Baltimore Teachers Union Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) Board of Directors, Maryland	
Dr. Phillip Singerman 8200 Fenway Road Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/16	Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Ricardo A. Alvarado 2503 Fairlawn Street Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 Prince George's/26	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Transportation Authority, Maryland	
Maricela Cordova 13511 Bartlett Street Rockville, Maryland 20853 Montgomery/19	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
University System of Maryland Board of Regents	
Dana Stebbins 11818 Bishops Content Mitchellville, Maryland 20721 Prince George's/23	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Rayne E. Rivera–Forbes 5000 Dublin Drive Suitland, Maryland 20746 Prince George's/26	Appointment Student Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of	
Dr. Monica C. Maa 6703 Simmons Lane Clinton, Maryland 20735 Prince George's/27	Appointment Veterinarian Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025
Washington County Board of License Commissioners	
Alan Jeffrey Levin 12822 Cathedral Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Washington/2	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from June 1, 2025
Washington Suburban Transit Commission	
Daborah Lockhart Jarvis 10013 Ormond Road Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/16	Appointment Montgomery County Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Wellmobile Program Advisory Board, Governor's	
Kennedi Riley 130 Hemison Court Pikesville, Maryland 21208 Baltimore County/11	Appointment Health Expertise Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024
Wicomico County Liquor Control Board	
Ann Lee Nelson 422 Elberta Avenue Salisbury, Maryland 21801 Wicomico/38	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

Richard Franklin Taylor 5278 Safe Harbor Way Salisbury, Maryland 21801 Wicomico/37	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Richard Stanford Mitchell Jr. 1702 Riverside Drive Salisbury, Maryland 21801 Wicomico/38	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Women, Maryland Commission for	
Dr. Gabriela Diana Lemus 12120 New Hampshire Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Montgomery/20	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Dr. LaShaune M. Stitt 1 Clear Skys Court Apt. #202 Baltimore, Maryland 21209 Baltimore County/11	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Fiona Oliphant 8714 Hartsdale Avenue Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Montgomery/44	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Judy A. Carbone 871 Harveys Peninsula Road Swanton, Maryland 21561 Garrett/1	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Stacey Rebbert 2520 Kenna Court Abingdon, Maryland 21009 Harford/34	Reappointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Workers' Compensation Commission, State	
James Kevin MacAlister 706 Cinnamon Tree Court Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 12 years from February 1, 2025
Stephane Pajuelo Romano 13418 Rising Sun Lane Germantown, Maryland 20874 Montgomery/39	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 12 years from February 1, 2025
Youth Camp Safety, Advisory Council on	

Jill R. Levy 14202 Parkvale Road Rockville, Maryland 20853 Montgomery/19	Appointment Camp Owner/For Profit Manager Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Lauren Biddinger 8420 Bedford Road Pasadena, Maryland 21122 Anne Arundel/31	Appointment Local Health Department Representative Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

The message from the Executive, being of an Executive nature, was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 5 – Senators Lam, Feldman, and Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 94 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Self–Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

SB0094/723124/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 94
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 6 and 7, strike "requiring the Program to develop and implement a certain education campaign;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 25, strike "**(1)**"; strike beginning with the first "**THE**" in line 25 down through the first "**PROGRAM**" in line 27 and substitute "**, "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM**"; and in line 29, strike "**(I)**" and substitute "**(1)**".

On page 3, in lines 1 and 2, strike "**(II)**" and "**(III)**", respectively , and substitute "**(2)**" and "**(3)**", respectively; in lines 3, 4, 5, and 6, strike "**1.**", "**2.**", "**3.**", and "**4.**", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**", "**(II)**", "**(III)**", and "**(IV)**", respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 13, inclusive.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 3 through line 11 on page 4, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0094/503420/1
BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 94
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Program –**" insert "**Maternal Health**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 372 – Senators Beidle, Gile, Kramer, Lam, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

SB0372/333922/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 372
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Mautz**" and substitute "**Mautz, Ellis, Hayes, Hershey, C. Jackson, Ready, and A. Washington**"; in line 11, after "rate;" insert "requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report regarding telehealth every certain number of years;"; and after line 17, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–108.6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 8, insert:

"**19–108.6.**

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EVERY 4 YEARS, BEGINNING IN 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT INCLUDES:

(1) ADVANCES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF TELEHEALTH, INCLUDING:

(I) EVOLVING MODALITIES OF TELEHEALTH DELIVERY; AND

(II) CHANGES IN THE COSTS OF DELIVERING TELEHEALTH SERVICES; AND

(2) ANY FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 413 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Consumer Contracts – Limitations Periods

SB0413/663522/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 413
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "State" insert "; excluding certain entities from the application of this Act".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, after "**(B)**" insert "**THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

(1) ANY CONSUMER CONTRACT PROVIDED BY A BUSINESS, INCLUDING AN AFFILIATE OR A SUBSIDIARY OF THE BUSINESS, THAT IS DOING BUSINESS UNDER A LICENSE, FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, CERTIFICATE, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY A STATE AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION;

(2) A SERVICE REGULATED BY:

(I) THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

(II) THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; OR

(III) THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION; OR

(3) A PERSON OR BUSINESS LICENSED TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES UNDER TITLE 18 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(C)".

On page 2, in line 1, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(D)**"; and in line 10, strike "October 1, 2025" and substitute "June 1, 2026".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 194 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – State Leasing of Real Property

Senator Zucker moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 20, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 196 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Electronic Transactions – Clarification of Fees Due

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 330 – Senator Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations

SB0330/433328/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 330
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Jackson**" and substitute "**Senators Jackson, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Guzzone, Hettleman, Jennings, King, McCray, Salling, Lewis Young, Rosapepe, and Zucker**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 344 – Senators Brooks and Watson

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Retail Service Station Conversions

SB0344/963321/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 344
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike "requiring" and substitute "authorizing".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 29, strike "**AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE STATE SHALL**" and substitute "**THE STATE MAY**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 358 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library – Funding and Budget Submission

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 502 – Senators Corderman, Jennings, and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Expansion to Judicial Officer

SB0502/613421/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 502
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**Ready, Bailey,**

Benson, Guzzone, Hettleman, M. Jackson, King, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, Salling, and Zucker".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 603 – Senators Zucker, Feldman, Guzzone, Rosapepe, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland, College Park Campus – TerpsEXCEED Program – Funding

SB0603/993224/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 603
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Waldstreicher**" and substitute "**Waldstreicher, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, McCray, Salling, and Lewis Young**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 44 – Senators Carozza, Gile, James, Jennings, Klausmeier, Muse, Watson, and West

AN ACT concerning

Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must–Appear Violation (Sherry and Christian's Law)

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 381 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Automated Enforcement Programs – Privacy Protections

SB0381/413321/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 381
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Love**" and substitute "**Senators Love, Folden, McKay, Smith, and Sydnor**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with "without" in line 7 down through "purpose;" in line 8 and substitute ", subject to certain exceptions;".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 11, insert:

"**(6) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3–201 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**";

in line 12, strike "**(6)**" and substitute "**(7)**"; in line 14, strike "**(7)**" and substitute "**(8)**"; and in line 21, strike "**(8)**" and substitute "**(9)**".

On page 5, strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 16 down through "**CIRCUMSTANCES.**" in line 18 and substitute:

"**(I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY ACCESS AND USE A RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA ALREADY RETAINED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IF:**

1. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DOCUMENTS A REQUEST TO ACCESS AND USE THE RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA THAT ARTICULATES A SPECIFIC LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE FOR ACCESSING AND USING THE RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA; AND

2. THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA MAINTAINS A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE REQUEST AND WHETHER OR NOT THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

(II) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT ACCESSES A RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY USE THE RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA ONLY FOR THE LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.".

On page 7, in line 17, strike the colon and substitute "**, AFTER THE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS OBTAINED AN APPROPRIATE WARRANT, SUBPOENA, OR COURT ORDER.**"; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, strike beginning with "**6**" in line 3 down through "**DATA**" in line 5 and substitute "**1 YEAR FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF ANY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OR THE EXHAUSTION OF ALL THE AVENUES OF ADJUDICATION FOR THE VIOLATION**".

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0381/273623/1

BY: Senator McCray

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 381, AS AMENDED

On page 1 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0381/413321/1), in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, after "**Folden,**" insert "**McCray,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0381/573328/1
BY: Senator Love

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 381, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 6, in line 3, strike "**FOR UP TO**" and substitute "**UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:**

(I)";

and in line 5, before the period, insert "**; OR**

(II) 5 YEARS AFTER THE DAY ON WHICH THE RECORDED IMAGE OR ASSOCIATED DATA WAS CAPTURED".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 513 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Unlawfully Restrictive Covenant Modifications – County or Municipality Notice Requirements

SB0513/513125/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 513
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Henson**" and substitute "**Senators Henson, Charles, Love, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, and Waldstreicher**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "Be" in line 24 down through "**B.**" in line 25; strike beginning with "**C.**" in line 28 down through the semicolon in line 31; and in line 32, strike "**D.**" and substitute "**B.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 540 – Senators Charles, M. Washington, Muse, and Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Common Ownership Communities – Recreational Common Areas – Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

SB0540/793621/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 540
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ellis**" and substitute "**Ellis, James, and Smith**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 548 – Senator James

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Custody – Determinations

SB0548/853829/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 548
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator James**" and substitute "**Senators James, Charles, Folden, Henson, Love, McKay, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 81 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties

SB0081/613624/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 81
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "prohibiting" in line 4 down through "point;" in line 6.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 7, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 31 through 33, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 326 – Senators Waldstreicher and McCray

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Peer Support Programs

SB0326/323328/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 326
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and McCray**" and substitute "**, McCray, Smith, Sydnor, West, Muse, Folden, James, Henson, Love, McKay, and Charles**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 443 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Trafficking Regulated Firearms – Felony Classification

SB0443/143127/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 443
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Smith**" and substitute "**Senators Smith, Waldstreicher, James, Folden, West, Sydnor, and McKay**"; in line 3, after "of" insert "altering the statute of limitations applicable to the offense of trafficking a regulated firearm;"; and after line 5, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 12, insert:

"**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5–106.

(t) A prosecution for an offense under **[**§ 5–140, § 5–141,**] § 5–141** or § 5–144 of the Public Safety Article, relating to straw sales of regulated firearms to prohibited persons or minors and to illegal sales, rentals, transfers, possession, or receipt of regulated firearms, shall be instituted within 3 years after the offense was committed.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

SB0444/943128/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 444
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "person or an entity" and substitute "federal firearms licensee or law enforcement agency"; in line 4, strike "a" and substitute "each"; in line 6, strike ", an organization,"; in line 8, after "Act;" insert "prohibiting a person from operating a gun buyback program, except in accordance with certain requirements;"; and in line 17, strike "and 5–902" and substitute "through 5–904".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 28, after "**BY**" insert "**A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT:**

(1) ALLOWS FIREARM OWNERS TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER FIREARMS;

(2) IS OPERATED, EITHER EXPLICITLY OR IMPLIEDLY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS IN A COMMUNITY; AND

(3) ADVERTISES THAT FIREARMS THAT ARE SURRENDERED TO THE PROGRAM WILL BE DESTROYED OR MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE.".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; after line 4, insert:

"**(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A FIREARM IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DETERMINES THAT THE FIREARM IS STOLEN OR IS EVIDENCE OF A CRIME.**";

in lines 5, 15, and 17, strike "**(A)**", "**(B)**", and "**(C)**", respectively, and substitute "**(B)**", "**(C)**", and "**(D)**", respectively; in line 6, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in the same line, strike the second "**A**" and substitute "**EACH**"; in line 8, strike "**TRADED IN**" and substitute "**SURRENDERED TO THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in line 12, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in line 13, strike "**, AN ORGANIZATION,**"; in line 15, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; and after line 22, insert:

"**5–903.**

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM, EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–902 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $10,000.

5–904.

NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE INTERPRETED AS AN EXCEPTION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT OR RESTRICTION UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, RENTAL, LOAN, OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Bailey moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 455 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Security Guard Agencies – Special Police Officers – Application for Appointment

SB0455/753429/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 455
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator McKay**" and substitute "**Senators McKay, Smith, West, and Folden**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 533 – Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

SB0533/383721/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 533
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Ready**" and substitute "**Ready, Smith, Waldstreicher, James, West, McKay, and Muse**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Senator M. Jackson moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 545 – Senator James

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Child Pornography – Prohibitions and Penalties

SB0545/363521/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 545
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator James**" and substitute "**Senators James, Smith, Waldstreicher, West, Muse, Folden, Henson, Love, McKay, and Charles**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 194)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 10 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 92 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders and Criminal Harassment – Intentional Visual Surveillance

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 195)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 202 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 196)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 273 – Senator M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Military Protection Orders

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 197)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 334 – Senators Waldstreicher ~~and Smith~~, Smith, Muse, Love, Folden, and West

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning – Prohibitions and Penalties

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 198)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 348 – ~~**Senator Love**~~ **Senators Love, Smith, Waldstreicher, Sydnor, West, Folden, McKay, and Henson**

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent – ~~Private Place~~ Modifications

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 199)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 356 – ~~**Senator Smith**~~ **Senators Smith, Waldstreicher, and Love**

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
(Carlton R. Smith Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 11 (See Roll Call No. 200)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 390 – **Senator Smith**

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and Certificates of Violations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 10 (See Roll Call No. 201)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 11 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 68 – ~~**Senator Brooks**~~ **Senators Brooks and A. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Restorative Practices Schools – Comprehensive Plan

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 31 Negative – 13 (See Roll Call No. 202)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 266 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy – Planning Principles

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 203)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 10

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

February 13, 2025

Report No. 3

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 3
February 13, 2025

Correctional Ombudsman

1. Yvonne Briley–Wilson District 14

Correctional Ombudsman; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Handgun Roster Board

2. Ivan J. Bates District 46

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

3. Cassandra Crifasi District 30

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

4. Kim Yvette Dennis District 40

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

5. Alexander Richard Kohn District 13

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2020

6. Daniel Herbert Popp, III District 31

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

Health Benefit Exchange Board, Maryland

7. Katherine Crowell Rodgers District 37

Member of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2022

Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission

8. Erin McNeally District 33

Member of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of for the duration of the appointive body years from October 1, 2024

Parole Commission, Maryland

9. Denise Michelle Smith District 46

Member of the Maryland Parole Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from January 1, 2023

Real Estate Commission, State

10. Jacqueline Annette Alexander District 28

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2021

11. Hope Mims District 44

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2023

University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors

12. Isiah Leggett District 14

Member of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 5, 2023

13. William Joseph McCarthy, Jr. District 11

Member of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 6, 2022

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

African American History and Culture, Commission on

S–1. Rachelle Adams District 32

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S–2. Bridgett Felicia Jones Smith District 2

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

S–3. Alethea Roselyn Smith–Withers District 21

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2021

Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of

S–4. Bikash Shrestha District 42

Member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

S–5. Judith Anne Myers, Esq. District 33

Member of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Dietetic Practice, State Board of

S–6. Emily S. Cerda District 1

Member of the State Board of Dietetic Practice; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Elections, State Board of

S–7. Michael G. Summers District 22

Member of the State Board of Elections; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

S–8. Ali Kujichagulia Celestin Bell District 18

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–9. Lydia X.Z. Brown District 7

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–10. Amit Dhir District 40

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–11. Deborah Dunn District 21

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–12. Anthony Earl Fox District 26

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–13. Stephen Martin District 40

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–14. Brandon Russell District 29

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors

S–15. Berran Rogers, Jr. District 37

Member of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation, Board of Directors of the

S–16. Brett Foelber District 5

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–17. Alexandra Lyn von Paris District 42

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Massage Therapy Examiners, State Board of

S–18. Rebakah Amanda Jones District 29

Member of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–19. Eduardo Souza District 2

Member of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Metrorail Safety Commission, Washington

S–20. Kathryn O'Leary Higgins District 30

Alternate Member of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from November 14, 2024

Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of

S–21. Sumandeep Saharan District 20

Member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S–22. Joshua Wayde Davidson PA

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

S–23. Cheryl L. Dyson District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2022

S–24. Kimberly Cherie Moore District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–25. Leslie Marie Boyadjian Stanton District 40

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–26. Anzer Nichelle Woodward District 24

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

Public Employee Relations Board

S–27. Lafe E. Solomon District 16

Chair of the Public Employee Relations Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 2 years from July 1, 2023

Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

S–28. Jasmin Whitfield District 18

Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Camp Safety; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

Local Nominees

Please Note: Local Nominees are not required to appear before the Senate Executive Nominations Committee.

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

L–1. James Sinsel Stafford, Jr. District 1

Member of the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from May 4, 2021

Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees

L–2. Devin Michael Keller District 31

Student Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 1 years from July 1, 2024

L–3. Jennifer Pastrone District 30

Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

L–4. Irma Roxana Rodriguez District 30

Member of the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

Baltimore County Board of Elections

L–5. Crystal Raquel Francis District 7

Member of the Baltimore County Board of Elections; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 5, 2023

Caroline County Board of Education

L–6. Mark R. Jones District 37

Member of the Caroline County Board of Education; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 6, 2024

Garrett College Board of Trustees

L–7. George Edwards District 1

Member of the Garrett College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2019

Garrett County Board of License Commissioners

L–8. Lisa Herman District 1

Member of the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from June 1, 2024

Harford County Board of Elections

L–9. Medford John Campbell, III District 7

Member of the Harford County Board of Elections; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from June 5, 2023

The President of the Senate put the following question: "With the exception of nominee no. L–7, will the Senate advise and consent to the above nominations of the Executive?"

The above nominations of the Executive, with the exception of nominee no. L–7, were all confirmed by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 204)

Nominee No. L–7

Garrett College Board of Trustees

L–7. George Edwards

Member of the Garrett College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2019

The President of the Senate put the following question: "Will the Senate advise and consent to the above nomination of the Executive?"

The above nomination of the Executive was confirmed by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 205)

SPECIAL ORDERS

STATUS: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT

Senate Bill 533 – Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

Senator M. Jackson moved to make the Bill a Special Order for February 19, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 42 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 206)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:31 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 8, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 8, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:11 A.M.

Prayer by Pastor Tim Wolf, United Church Maryland, guest of Senator Brooks.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 42 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 208)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Ready be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 18, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 169 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Lindale Middle School HYPER LYNX Robotics Team
in recognition of
winning the Maryland State Robotics Championship.
We applaud this outstanding achievement and wish you continued success.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 19th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 209)

Senate Resolution No. 170 – Senator Paul D. Corderman:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Boonsboro High School Girls Volleyball Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship.
We applaud your outstanding season and wish
you many more. Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 19th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 210)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 39

Senate Bill 1028 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline–powered vessel on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in certain areas of the vessel; and generally relating to the State Boat Act.

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–740.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1029 – Senators Attar, McCray, Lam, Muse, and Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Interpretation of Wills – Extrinsic Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law)

FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, a personal representative to petition the orphans' court to interpret a decedent's will in accordance with the

decedent's intent as demonstrated by certain extrinsic evidence; establishing a certain rebuttable presumption as to a decedent's intent; authorizing the personal representative to require a certain legatee to demonstrate the use of a legacy under the decedent's will; authorizing the personal representative to petition the court to issue a certain order or judgment regarding the legacy; applying certain provisions of this Act retroactively to wills probated on or after a certain date; and generally relating to the interpretation of provisions of wills and extrinsic evidence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 7–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 1–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1030 – Senators Attar and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County and Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Lighting on Privately Owned Vehicles

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain officers from certain volunteer emergency medical services organizations located in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with certain lighting devices; and generally relating to vehicle lighting and volunteer emergency services.

BY renumbering
Article – Transportation
Section 22–218(c)(4) through (13)
to be Section 22–218(c)(5) through (14), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22–218(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 22–218(c)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1031 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Child's Access to Firearms – Penalty
(Ny'Kala Strawder Act)

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor has access to the firearm; and generally relating to firearms offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 4–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 31

February 19, 2025

1.	Sen. Hester	St Anne's Episcopal Church	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

LETTER FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY – APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

February 17, 2025

Senator Clarence Lam, Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
420 Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re. Appointments to the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board

Dear Senator Lam,

I am pleased to report that Johns Hopkins has selected one additional member of the Johns Hopkins and Baltimore communities, listed below, to fill a vacancy, which arose for a variety of reasons, including the conclusion of terms, on the Johns Hopkins Police Accountability Board ("Board"), as authorized under Senate Bill 793 (the Community Safety and Strengthening Act of 2019), Chapter 25. These appointments require confirmation by the Maryland Senate.

The following nominee has been selected to represent the community surrounding the Peabody Campus:

Sabrina Harris
1101 N. Calvert Street, Apt 305
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Cell: 667–203–4833
Email: sabharris8@gmail.com

Created by the Community Safety and Strengthening Act in 2019, the 15–member accountability Board is made up of three community members unaffiliated with the university and ten Johns Hopkins University students, faculty members, and staff—including at least one member of the university's Black Faculty and Staff Association—drawn from across the three campuses where the future Johns Hopkins Police Department (JHPD) will operate: East Baltimore, Homewood, and Peabody. The remaining two seats are appointed by Baltimore's mayor and city council president. The Board is responsible for sharing community feedback directly with JHPD leadership; reviewing police department metrics; and providing recommendations on current and prospective department policies, procedures, and training.

The term will be two years, January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026.

A copy of this letter and the resume of the nominee will be provided to each member of the Executive Nominations Committee. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Huber, Director, State Affairs, Government and Community Affairs, at 443–997–5999 or via email at mhuber@jhu.edu.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Michael Huber
Director, State Affairs

Government and Community Affairs
Johns Hopkins University and Medicine

CC: Senate President Bill Ferguson
Vice–Chair, Anthony Muse
Members of the Executive Nominations Committee:
Malcolm L. Augustine
Pam Beidle
Mary Beth Carozza
Brian Feldman
Guy Guzzone
Antonio Hayes
Stephen Hershey
Mary–Dulany James
Nancy King
Cory McCray
Mike McKay
Justin Ready
Jim Rosapepe
Will Smith, Jr.
Charles Sydnor
Craig Zucker
Mindy McConville, Staff, Executive Nominations Committee
Charity Scott, Staff, Executive Nominations Committee
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk, Desk Officers
Tisha S. Edwards, Secretary of Appointments

Attachments: Resume of the Johns Hopkins Accountability Board Nominee

Read and ordered Journalized.

The appointment letter was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 2

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (2) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0444/943128/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 444
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "person or an entity" and substitute "federal firearms licensee or law enforcement agency"; in line 4, strike "a" and substitute "each"; in line 6, strike ", an organization,"; in line 8, after "Act;" insert "prohibiting a person from operating a gun buyback program, except in accordance with certain requirements;"; and in line 17, strike "and 5–902" and substitute "through 5–904".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 28, after "**BY**" insert "**A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT:**

(1) ALLOWS FIREARM OWNERS TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER FIREARMS;

(2) IS OPERATED, EITHER EXPLICITLY OR IMPLIEDLY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS IN A COMMUNITY; AND

(3) ADVERTISES THAT FIREARMS THAT ARE SURRENDERED TO THE PROGRAM WILL BE DESTROYED OR MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE.".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; after line 4, insert:

"**(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A FIREARM IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DETERMINES THAT THE FIREARM IS STOLEN OR IS EVIDENCE OF A CRIME.**";

in lines 5, 15, and 17, strike "**(A)**", "**(B)**", and "**(C)**", respectively, and substitute "**(B)**", "**(C)**", and "**(D)**", respectively; in line 6, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in the same line, strike the second "**A**" and substitute "**EACH**"; in line 8, strike "**TRADED IN**" and substitute "**SURRENDERED TO THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in line 12, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; in line 13, strike "**, AN**

ORGANIZATION,"; in line 15, strike "**PERSON OR AN ENTITY**" and substitute "**FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**"; and after line 22, insert:

"**5–903.**

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM, EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–902 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $10,000.

5–904.

NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE INTERPRETED AS AN EXCEPTION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT OR RESTRICTION UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, RENTAL, LOAN, OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Senator Bailey moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 20, 2025.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 11

Senate Bill 533 – Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, and Ready

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0533/703725/1
BY: Senator M. Jackson

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 533, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendment (SB0533/383721/1),

strike "**and**"; and in the same line, after "**Muse**" insert "**, and M. Jackson**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 211)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 9, 2025, Calendar Day, Thursday, February 20, 2025, in memory of Dr. Tim Tooten.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 9, 2025
Calendar Day: Thursday, February 20, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:10 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Shelia McJilton, St. Philips Episcopal Church, guest of Senator Rosapepe.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 39 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 212)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Muse and Senator Watson be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 19, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 171 – Senator Benjamin F. Kramer:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Magruder High School Varsity Baseball Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 3A Baseball State Championship.
We applaud your outstanding season and
wish you many more. Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 20th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 39 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 213)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 40

Senate Bill 1032 – Wicomico County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County Board of Education – Election of Members, Student Member, and Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering, beginning with a certain election, the districts from which certain members of the Wicomico County Board of Education are elected; adding a student member to the county board; providing that the members of the county board are entitled to certain compensation and reimbursement; and generally relating to the Wicomico County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–13A–01, 3–13A–02, 3–13A–03(a)(2), 3–13A–04, 3–13A–06, and 4–107(e)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–13A–03(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 3–13A–07 and 3–13A–08
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 4–107(e)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1033 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Online Sports Wagering – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing online sports wagering; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, notwithstanding a certain provision of law, to refund the application fee submitted by certain applicants for and holders of mobile sports wagering licenses under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the repeal of online sports wagering.

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–01(e) through (g) and (k) and 9–1E–10
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–01(h) through (j) and (l) through (p) and 9–1E–11 through 9–1E–17 to be Section 9–1E–01(e) through (l) and 9–1E–10 through 9–1E–16, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–818(e)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–04(b)(1), 9–1E–05(a), (c)(2)(ii), and (d)(3), 9–1E–06(a), (b), and (c)(3), 9–1E–07(a)(2)(v), (c), (d)(2), and (i), and 9–1E–09
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–10, 9–1E–11(b), 9–1E–13(c), and 9–1E–14(f) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1034 – Senators Ready, Hershey, McKay, Salling, and Simonaire

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

State Budget – Budget Bill – Executive and Legislative Powers

FOR the purpose of altering certain executive and legislative powers concerning the Budget Bill; repealing certain provisions authorizing the Governor to approve, disapprove, or veto items in the Budget Bill; and repealing provisions authorizing the General Assembly to amend certain items in enacting a balanced Budget Bill.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article II – Executive Department
Section 17

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 14 and 52

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1035 – Senator A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Electric and Gas Service – Termination – Third–Party Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring a public service company to notify a certain municipality and certain elected officials before terminating for nonpayment electric or gas service to a multifamily dwelling unit for which the account is held by a property owner or manager; and generally relating to termination of electric or gas service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–307.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 32

February 20, 2025

1.	Sen. Charles	Dr. Charles Henry Wise Score Board	B&T
2.	Sen. Charles	Inncuvate Innovation Studio	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 24 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Annotated Code – Terminology – Clergy and Churches, Faith Institutions, and Places of Worship

SB0024/793825/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 24

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 37, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–108.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in lines 26 and 27, strike "**FAITH INSTITUTION**," and substitute "**CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST, OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER**"; and in line 27, after "society" strike the comma.

On page 13, after line 21, insert:

"**Article – General Provisions**

1–108.1.

"FAITH INSTITUTION" MEANS ANY CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST, OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OR CONGREGATION OF ANY SECT, ORDER, OR DENOMINATION.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator West moved to make the Bill and Amendments a Special Order for February 25, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 85 – Senators Simonaire and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

SB0085/933620/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 85
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 4, after "Kansas," insert "and through the American Braille Flag Project,".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 88 – Senator Kagan

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – State Administrator of Elections – Municipal Elections

SB0088/443226/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 88
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Kagan**" and substitute "**Senators Kagan, Augustine, Brooks, and Carozza**"; in line 2, strike "**State Administrator of Elections –**"; in the same line, after "**Municipal Elections**" insert "**– Authority of State Administrator of Elections and Use of State Ballots**"; in line 6, after "elections;" insert "altering the deadline for municipalities to request that the State Board of Elections include on a ballot offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election and the certification that must be included in the request;"; and after line 17, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.3(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.3(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

"**Article – Local Government**

4–108.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Ballot" means a ballot prepared by the State Board of Elections under Title 9 of the Election Law Article.

(3) "State Board" means the State Board of Elections.

(b) A municipality may request that the State Board include on a ballot the offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election.

(c) (1) A municipality that makes a request under this section shall:

(i) file the request with the State Board on or before the day that is **[**18**]** **9** months before the deadline date applicable for individuals who are required to file a certificate of candidacy as required under § 5–303 of the Election Law Article; and

(ii) certify as part of the request that the charter of the municipality requires, and the municipality has established, deadlines and procedures for the administration of municipal elections for the municipality that are consistent with the deadlines and procedures for State and county elections established by the State Board with regard to:

1. the filing of certificates of candidacy;

2. the filling of a vacancy in office;

3. the filing of a petition; **[**and**]**

4. the certification of a ballot question**;**

5. VOTER REGISTRATION; AND

6. VOTING.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if the State Board previously included a municipal election on the ballot, that municipality's elections may continue to appear on the ballot without the municipality filing an additional request under this section.

(ii) A municipality shall file a request under this section if, since the municipality's election last appeared on the ballot, there has been a significant change in the method the municipality uses to conduct its elections.

(3) Within 30 days after receipt of a municipality's request under this section, the State Board, after consultation with the local board in the county where the municipality is located, shall notify the municipality of its decision whether to include the municipal election on the ballot.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 164 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Terminology and Obsolete References – Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 262 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Special Elections

SB0262/763524/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 262
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 5 down through "held;" in line 10; in line 22, strike "8–202(a),"; and in line 27, strike "and 8–403".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 15, inclusive.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 27, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 23 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Boat Act – Auctioneers

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 42 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Interjurisdictional Watersheds – Flood Management

Senator Folden moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 25, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 50 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Designation

SB0050/143320/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 50
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Simonaire**" and substitute "**Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 73 – Senators Simonaire, Ferguson, and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program – Renaming

SB0073/723622/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 73
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Jackson**" and substitute "**M. Jackson, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Feldman, Gallion, Hester, Kagan, M. Washington, and Watson**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0073/533624/1
BY: Senator Simonaire

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 73, AS AMENDED

Strike beginning with "**Attar**" in line 2 of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendments (SB0073/723622/1) down through "**Watson**" in line 3 and substitute "**Attar, Augustine, Bailey, Beidle, Benson, Brooks, Carozza, Charles, Corderman, Ellis, Feldman, Folden, Gallion, Gile, Guzzone, Hayes, Henson, Hershey, Hester, Hettleman, C. Jackson, James, Jennings, Kagan, King, Kramer, Lam, Lewis Young, Mautz, McCray, McKay, Muse, Ready, Rosapepe, Salling, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, A. Washington, M. Washington, Watson, West, and Zucker**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 103 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Boating Accidents – Reporting Requirement – Property Damage

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 12

Senate Bill 194 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – State Leasing of Real Property

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0194/283222/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 194
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 8, after "leasing" insert "**:**

(1)";

in the same line, strike the third bracket; in line 9, strike the colon; in line 10, strike "(1)"; in the same line, after "State" insert "**, OR AT LEAST TO THE PEOPLE OF THE AFFECTED LOCALITY**"; in the same line, strike "or" and substitute "**AND**"; and strike beginning with "at" in line 11 down through "**BIDDERS**" in line 13.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 13

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT AS AMENDED.

Senator Smith moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 214)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 12 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 5 – Senators Lam, Feldman, and Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 215)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 44 – Senators Carozza, Gile, James, Jennings, Klausmeier, Muse, Watson, and West

AN ACT concerning

Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must–Appear Violation (Sherry and Christian's Law)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 216)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 81 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 217)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 94 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Self–Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 218)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 196 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Electronic Transactions – Clarification of Fees Due

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 219)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 326 – Senators Waldstreicher ~~and McCray~~, McCray, Smith, Sydnor, West, Muse, Folden, James, Henson, Love, McKay, and Charles

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Peer Support Programs

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 220)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 330 – ~~Senator Jackson~~ Senators M. Jackson, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Guzzone, Hettleman, Jennings, King, McCray, Salling, Lewis Young, Rosapepe, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 221)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 13 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 344 – Senators Brooks and Watson

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Retail Service Station Conversions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 222)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 358 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library – Funding and Budget Submission

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 223)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 372 – Senators Beidle, Gile, Kramer, Lam, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 224)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 381 – ~~Senator Love~~ Senators Love, Folden, McCray, McKay, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Automated Enforcement Programs – Privacy Protections

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 225)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 413 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Consumer Contracts – Limitations Periods

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 226)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 443 – ~~Senator Smith~~ Senators Smith, Waldstreicher, James, Folden, West, Sydnor, and McKay

AN ACT concerning

Trafficking Regulated Firearms – Felony Classification

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 227)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 455 – ~~Senator McKay~~ Senators McKay, Smith, West, and Folden

AN ACT concerning

Security Guard Agencies – Special Police Officers – Application for Appointment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 228)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 14 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 502 – Senators Corderman, Jennings, ~~and Ready~~ **Ready, Bailey, Benson, Guzzone, Hettleman, M. Jackson, King, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, Salling, and Zucker**

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Expansion to Judicial Officer

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 229)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 513 – ~~Senator Henson~~ **Senators Henson, Charles, Love, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, and Waldstreicher**

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Unlawfully Restrictive Covenant Modifications – County or Municipality Notice Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 230)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 540 – Senators Charles, M. Washington, Muse, ~~and Ellis~~ **Ellis, James, and Smith**

AN ACT concerning

Common Ownership Communities – Recreational Common Areas – Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 231)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 545 – ~~Senator James~~ **Senators James, Smith, Waldstreicher, West, Muse, Folden, Henson, Love, McKay, and Charles**

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Child Pornography – Prohibitions and Penalties

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 232)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 548 – ~~**Senator James**~~ **Senators James, Charles, Folden, Henson, Love, McKay, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Custody – Determinations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 233)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 603 – **Senators Zucker, Feldman, Guzzone, Rosapepe, ~~and Waldstreicher~~ Waldstreicher, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, McCray, Salling, and Lewis Young**

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland, College Park Campus – TerpsEXCEED Program – Funding

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 234)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SPECIAL ORDERS

BILL STATUS: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT, AS AMENDED.

Senate Bill 444 – **Senator Smith**

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

Senator Smith moved to make the Bill a Special Order for February 25, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION BY SENATOR SHANEKA HENSON

In the Footprints of Black Annapolis

The history of the City of Annapolis is well documented as a seventeenth–century seaport trading in human cargo from Senegal, Benin, Ghana, Windward and Gold Coasts. Annapolis's relationship with the transatlantic slave trade was unveiled through the work of writer Alex Haley and further explored by local historian Janice Hayes Williams, who is my guest, joining us today. The grisly history of the slave trade here in Annapolis recently earned the city a designation from UNESCO as a "Site of Memory" in their project retracing the path of the slave trade.

However, the resistance, heritage and ultimate liberty of Africans brought to the shores of Annapolis is not the subject of my remarks today.

Today I would like to focus on their descendants. Those who populated the footprint of many of buildings, streets, spaces and places that we utilize today.

The 1870 census, taken after the civil war showed a 43% increase in the City's Black population, mostly concentrated between the borders of College Creek and the Annapolis city dock. An insular black community was formed by freed men and women and the generations that followed. In 1873 this community William Butler to the Annapolis City Council, making him the first Black person elected to public office in Maryland. The "Old 4th Ward" corridor was home to Black doctors and their practices, Black attorneys, teachers, entrepreneurs, and employees of the U.S. Naval Academy and St. John's College. Establishments such as Susie's Tea Room, the Dixie Hotel, and Wright's Hotel hosted world–class Black entertainers like renowned jazz singer Sarah Vaughn. The Stanton community school educated Black children and entrepreneurs like Wiley H. Bates made significant purchases along Clay, Washington, and Calvert Streets and leased and sold properties to other to young Black entrepreneurs who built churches, movie theaters, saloons, and general stores to serve the needs of the thriving Black community.

However, overtime, the cedar shingled row houses built by and for Black Annapolitans on Pinkney Street, Fleet Street, Cornhill Street, Clay Street and other familiar streets located in the City's center grew dilapidated overtime. In response, in 1937, the City of Annapolis, with permission from the Maryland General Assembly embarked on the City's urban renewal project. A survey conducted for the project revealed that 38% of housing in Annapolis was uninhabitable, and of that 86% of those living in the condemnable homes were Black.

The renewal project got busy responding to the blight by building new buildings to replace the old ones. However, many of them weren't homes. New county office buildings displaced Black families on South Street and Cathedral Street. Black families were displaced from Northwest Street and Calvert Street to accommodate the expansion of an access road connecting the statehouse and route 50. On Carroll Street, Calvert Street, Bladen Street and Northwest Street more Black families and businesses were displaced for construction of new state office buildings (that remain today).

When the "renewal" campaign ended in the mid–1970's 33 businesses and 237 families, nearly all Black had been removed from their homes and businesses in the City's center. By 1972 the value of homes built and renovated in the area had risen more than 97 percent.

However, few Black families were able to return to them, including my and Janice's paternal great grandfathers Lawrence Johnson and Edward Tyler's whose homes were lost forever in favor of a county owed parking garage.

In 1940, Annapolis formed the Annapolis Housing Authority and broke ground on Maryland's first public housing complex, which was only the second in the country, to house families displaced by new construction and blight. The public housing property, known as College Creek Terrace, was followed by another and another and another. Until, in the mid–70's the City of Annapolis boasted the highest per–capita public housing ratio in the state. Each community pushed Black Annapolitans further and further from the city's center eventually isolated many from resources and opportunities.

Today 85% of residents in Annapolis public housing identify as Black and many of them can trace their roots back to families whose homes and businesses were lost in the city's urban renewal projects. Today many of the amenities that have become synonymous with downtown Annapolis, including the spaces and places where we work, park, live, drive and dine during the legislative session stand in the footprint of homes and businesses that was the post–civil war community of a thriving Black Annapolis.

I'd like to thank historians and writers like Alex Haley, Jane McWilliams and Janice Hayes Williams for retelling and thereby preserving the foregone history of Black Annapolitans.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 235)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 10, 2025, Calendar Day, Friday, February 21, 2025, into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 10, 2025
Calendar Day: Friday, February 21, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:06 A.M.

Invocation from the prior session will serve as today's prayer.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

A quorum being present under Senate Rule 5A, the Senate is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 236)

The Journal of February 20, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 41

Senate Bill 1036 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses – Delivery

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FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–1904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 5

House Bill 22 – Delegate Valentine

AN ACT concerning

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a certain study examining certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and generally relating to State correctional facilities.

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–618
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 27 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees

FOR the purpose of 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; authorizing certain trustees to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a certain schedule of rates; and generally relating to the compensation of guardians of property and trustees of trusts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–218, 14.5–708, 15–511(3), 15–523, 15–524(a), and 15–526(b)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 33 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Service and Civic Innovation)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Service and Civic Innovation – Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; repealing the Executive Fellows Program; and generally relating to the Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 21–106(b)(5) and (8), 21–204(d)(6) and (7), 21–205, 21–206, 21–209, 21–301, and 21–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 21–201(a) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 21–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 39 – Delegates Fair, Bouchat, Feldmark, D. Jones, Kaufman, Lehman, Mireku–North, Pruski, Ruth, Stewart, ~~and Terrasa~~ Terrasa, Bartlett, Crutchfield, Cardin, Embry, Pasteur, Toles, Simmons, Phillips, Taylor, Simpson, Moon, Conaway, Williams, and Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – <u>Repeal of</u> Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus ~~– Repeal~~
<u>(Carlton R. Smith Act)</u>

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual; and generally relating to transfer of human immunodeficiency virus.

BY repealing
Article – Health – General
Section 18–601.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

<u>Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.</u>

House Bill 43 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Acquisition of Land

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 24–1302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

<u>Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.</u>

House Bill 100 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Pooling – Public Entity – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "public entity" to include a Resilience

Authority for purposes of insurance pooling; and generally relating to Resilience Authorities and insurance pooling.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 19–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 22–101(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 104 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Farms and Families Fund – Purpose and Use – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Farms and Families Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 1–101(a) and (g), 10–2001, and 10–2002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 10–2003 and 10–2004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 172 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

AN ACT concerning

Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program and Fund – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the projects eligible for funding under the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program; altering the applicants eligible to apply for funding for certain projects under the Program; altering requirements for projects to purchase or install license readers; repealing certain requirements for projects to purchase or install camera networks; repealing minimum and maximum grant amounts under the Program; expanding the authorized uses of the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund to include certain administrative and operating expenses of the Department of Housing and Community Development; and generally relating to the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program and Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–1301, 6–1304, and 6–1307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–1305 and 6–1306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 188 – Delegates Chisholm, Grammer, Hornberger, Schmidt, and Szeliga

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Scrutinized Entities – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an entity owned, operated, or controlled by the government of certain countries subject to an embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations from participating in any procurement with the State, a local government in the State, a public instrumentality in the State, or any governmental unit in the State; requiring the Board of Public Works to make certain determinations and maintain and publish a certain list of scrutinized entities; requiring a person to make a certain certification when making a bid or offer to provide goods and services, or when entering or renewing a procurement contract; authorizing certain remedies and penalties for making a false certification; providing for the preemption of any local ordinance, rule, or regulation that conflicts with this Act; and generally relating to scrutinized entities and procurement in the State.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 17–7A–01 through 17–7A–06 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7A. Procurement With Scrutinized Entities"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 209 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a duplicative provision of law requiring certain local government entities to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment; and generally relating to local cybersecurity preparedness and response.

BY repealing
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–406 and 3.5–407
to be Section 3.5–405 and 3.5–406, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 214 – Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Maryland Assistive Technology Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities to provide assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to

the Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Assistive Technology Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–114(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 7–1201 through 7–1205 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 12. Maryland Assistive Technology Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)206.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 221 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Information Technology – Maryland Digital Service – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Digital Service within the Department of Information Technology to support improved service delivery to Maryland residents and agency staff through user–centered design, software development, and product management best practices; and generally relating to the Maryland Digital Service.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–901 through 3.5–905 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Maryland Digital Service"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 235 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Information Technology – Cybersecurity Revisions

FOR the purpose of 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; altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies and a statewide cybersecurity strategy; and generally relating to State cybersecurity.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–104.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–104.1(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–2A–04 and 3.5–303(a)(1) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 241 – Delegate Simpson

AN ACT concerning

Marriage – Confidential Communication

FOR the purpose of clarifying that "spouse" includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; establishing that a certain spouse is competent to disclose a certain confidential communication in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse; and generally relating to confidential communications occurring during marriage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 243 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Adoption of an Adult

FOR the purpose of 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; authorizing a court to order, for good cause shown, certain investigations before ruling on certain adoption petitions involving a prospective adoptee who is an adult; establishing that parental consent to an adoption is not required if the prospective adoptee is an adult; and generally relating to the adoption of an adult.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–3B–13, 5–3B–15, 5–3B–16, and 5–3B–20
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 262 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

(By Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for certain purposes, including to communicate to the Maryland Agricultural Commission on certain matters relating to young farmers in the State; repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board; and generally relating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission and young farmers in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–201, 2–202, ~~and~~ 2–203(a) and (c), and 2–503(a)(1)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–503(a)(1)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1001 through 2–1005 and the subtitle "Subtitle 10. Young Farmers Advisory Board"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 265 – ~~**Delegate Bagnall**~~ **Delegates Bagnall, Alston, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Dental Services – Qualification for Maryland Dent–Care Program ~~and Study on Use of Dental Online Credentialing~~

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance Grants under the Maryland Dent–Care Program; ~~requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the use of online credentialing systems by dental insurance carriers;~~ and generally relating to dental services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–101(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–2404, 18–2405, and 18–2406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 272 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Administrator of Elections to submit certain information to the Secretary of Planning under certain circumstances; 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; repealing a provision authorizing the Secretary of Planning or staff member of the Department of Planning to access certain capital facilities planning information and to enter certain State–owned land under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision authorizing the Department of Planning to include certain funding in the Department's budget for the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission; repealing a provision requiring the Department of Planning to establish certain statewide classification standards; altering certain provisions requiring the Department of Planning to be a repository and clearinghouse for information relating to State–owned real property; repealing an

obsolete reference to the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission; repealing a requirement that each local jurisdiction file a certain report with the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission; and generally relating to the Department of Planning and State planning.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–303(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–507(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–306, 5–307, 5–503, and 5–7A–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–311, 5–407, and 5–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 277 – Delegates Ruth, Lehman, Charkoudian, Ebersole, Fair, Feldmark, Foley, Palakovich Carr, Stein, Terrasa, Vogel, Wims, Woods, Woorman, ~~and Wu~~ Wu, and Healey

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Water Bottle Filling Stations – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring that a water bottle filling station be installed in certain new

construction or as part of certain renovations beginning on a certain date, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and generally relating to water bottle filling stations.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–2701 through 9–2703 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 27. Water Bottle Filling Stations"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 279 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Municipalities – Annexation Resolutions – Submission to Department of Planning

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to municipal annexation resolutions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–414
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 284 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Electronic Transactions – Clarification of Fees Due

FOR the purpose of specifying that fees collected for electronic transactions for procurements are those due to the State and not fees due to a third party; and generally relating to electronic procurement transactions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–226
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 297 – ~~**Delegate Kerr**~~ **Delegates Kerr, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 31–107(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 31–107(b), (f)(1)(iv), and (g)(1) and 31–122
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 778 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021, as amended by Chapters 256 and 257 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 300 – ~~**Delegate Kerr**~~ **Delegates Kerr, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Grants and Contracts – Reimbursement of Indirect Costs

FOR the purpose of altering the rate at which certain nonprofit organizations receiving State–funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to study and report on certain grant or contract recipients; and generally relating to State–funded grants and contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 323 – Delegate Forbes

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Partnership and Marriage – Required Information

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain requirements for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with a register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number; and generally relating to domestic partnership and marriage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–214(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 2–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 347 – ~~Delegate Holmes~~ Delegates Holmes and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; and generally relating to the recordation of instruments affecting real property and land records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 1–101, 3–104(a), (d), and (e)(1), 3–105, 3–106, 3–108(a) through (d), 3–301 through 3–304, 3–403, 3–404, 7–105.5(c), and 8–402.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 3–108(e) and 7–105.5(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 363 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Common Ownership Communities – Candidate or Proposition Signs – Display Period

FOR the purpose of altering, under certain circumstances, the time period during which a common ownership community may restrict the display of candidate or proposition signs; and generally relating to limitations on the display of candidate and proposition signs in common ownership communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–23
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–111.2 and 11B–111.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 388 – Delegates Roberson and Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Drunk and Drugged Driving – Points Assessments

FOR the purpose of imposing certain points assessments for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations; and generally relating to points assessments for drunk and drugged driving violations.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–402(a)(47) and (48)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–902(h) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 443 – Delegates Taveras, Lehman, Pena–Melnyk, Roberson, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

Baby Food Labeling – Statement Regarding Toxic Heavy Metal Testing – Terminology

FOR the purpose of 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"; and generally relating to the labeling of baby food.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–330.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 463 – Delegates Edelson and Watson

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle Administration – 3–Hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program – Requirements

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a 3–hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program~~ altering the requirements of the 3–hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program established by the Motor Vehicle Administration for certain applicants for ~~and holders of~~ driver's licenses; and generally relating to the 3–hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–105(f)~~, 16–212,~~ and 16–212.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 565 – Delegate Hutchinson

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than first–class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first–class mail; and generally relating to renewal notices sent by the State Board of Pharmacy.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–308(a), 12–407(a), 12–6B–07(a), and 12–6C–06(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–308(b), 12–407(b), 12–6B–07(b), 12–6C–06(b)(1) through (3), and 12–6D–09
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 615 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying terminology in provisions relating to the proposed budget for a condominium and the appointment of a receiver for a homeowners association; and generally relating to condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109.2(d) and 11B–111.5(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 33

February 21, 2025

1.	Sen. Watson	Prince George's County Youth Empowerment Project	B&T
2.	Sen. Ellis	USBTA – Maryland Technology Center	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 237)

RECESS

At 11:09 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate recessed until 8:00 P.M. on Legislative Day, February 10, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, February 24, 2025.

AFTER RECESS
Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 10, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, February 24, 2025

At 8:18 P.M. the Senate resumed its session.

Prayer by Senator Anthony Muse.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 46 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 238)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Mautz be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 21, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 204 – Senator Jeff Waldstreicher:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Bethesda–Chevy Chase High School Girls Cross Country
in recognition of
winning the 2024 Class 4A Cross Country State Championship. We applaud your outstanding season and wish you many more. Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 239)

Senate Resolution No. 231 – Senator Shaneka Henson:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Quincy Wilson
in recognition of
being the youngest athlete to earn an Olympic gold medal
in the sport of track and field. Congratulations on showcasing
your exceptional talent while inspiring Olympic excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 240)

Senate Resolution No. 172 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Avani Durvasula
Eastern Middle School
in recognition of
receiving the Women's History Special Prize
at the 2024 National History Day competition, for your
performance on the Segregation of the Women's Suffrage movement.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 173 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Grace Guo
Poolesville High School
in recognition of
being selected to show your exhibit in the
National Museum of American History Student Showcase
and being selected as a category finalist at the
2024 National History Day competition.

The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 174 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Farah Hawks
Eastern Middle School
in recognition of
receiving the Women's History Special Prize
at the 2024 National History Day competition,
for your performance on the Segregation of the Women's Suffrage movement.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 175 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Satvik Jain
Burleigh Manor Middle School
in recognition of
being a finalist at the 2024 National History Day competition,
for your documentary on the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 176 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Hemant Sai Kantheti
Bonnie Branch Middle School
in recognition of
receiving the Outstanding State Entry award and
being selected as a finalist at the 2024 National History Day competition,
for his exhibit on Majorie Merriweather Post's Impact on Society.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 177 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Asher Lyons
Poolesville High School
in recognition of
being selected to show your exhibit in the
National Museum of American History Student Showcase and being
selected as a category finalist at the 2024 National History Day competition.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 178 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Quinn Roberts
Mount St. Joseph High School
in recognition of
receiving the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award and
being selected as a category finalist at the 2024 National History Day competition,
for your exhibit on the branding revolution in Minor League Baseball.

The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 179 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Jack Liam McGuinn
Mount St. Joseph High School
in recognition of
receiving the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award and being
selected as a category finalist at the 2024 National History Day competition,
for your exhibit on the branding revolution in Minor League Baseball.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 185 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Rebekah Mueller
Old Mill High School
in recognition of
receiving the Outstanding State Entry award and being selected
as a finalist at the National History Day 2024 competition, for your
documentary on the use of mustard gas both
for warfare and for life saving cancer treatments.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 186 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Timothy Mueller
Old Mill High School
in recognition of
receiving the Outstanding State Entry award and being selected as a
finalist at the National History Day 2024 competition, for
your documentary on the use of mustard gas both for
warfare and for life saving cancer treatments.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 187 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Liam A. Sullivan
Lindale Middle School
in recognition of
being selected as a finalist at the National History Day 2024 competition,
for your paper on the National Security Act of 1947.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 241)

Senate Resolution No. 188 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Erin Spahr
Urbana Middle School
in recognition of
receiving the 2024 Maryland History Day Middle School

Teacher of the Year Award.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 242)

Senate Resolution No. 189 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Stephanie E. Gomer
Poolesville High School
in recognition of
receiving the 2024 Maryland History Day High School
Teacher of the Year Award.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 243)

Senate Resolution No. 203 – Senator William C. Smith, Jr.:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Maryland Chapters
in recognition of
your continuous service, sisterhood, scholarship,
and advocacy throughout the State since your founding in 1913.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 244)

Senate Resolution No. 219 – Senator Antonio Hayes:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Maryland Chapters
in recognition of
114 years of honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor within Maryland and the surrounding areas.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on this memorable occasion and directs this resolution be presented on this 24th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 245)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 42

Senate Bill 1037 – Baltimore City Senators

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Sales Tax – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to impose, by law, a tax on retail sales in the City of Baltimore, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to authority for Baltimore City to impose a tax on retail sales in the City of Baltimore.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1302.5 and 11–104(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1303 and 11–102(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1038 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Multifamily Adjustment

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "adjusted actual income" under the State child support guidelines; providing for the calculation of a certain allowance required to be deducted from adjusted actual income under the child support guidelines; 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; altering the factors that the court may consider in determining whether the application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(c), 12–202(a), and 12–204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 6

House Bill 380 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Prohibition on Sale of Contraceptives and Contraceptive Devices by Vending Machine in School – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on and criminal penalty related to the sale of certain contraceptives and contraceptive devices by means of a vending machine or other automatic device at certain schools; and generally relating to the sale of contraceptives and contraceptive devices in school.

BY repealing
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 424 – Delegates Cullison ~~and White Holland~~, White Holland, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for ~~all~~ purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State 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; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; requiring the Board to confer with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program before establishing an upper payment limit that applies to the Program; prohibiting the Board from taking certain actions related to upper payment limits; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–01, 21–2C–13, and 21–2C–14
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–11(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–11(d) and 21–2C–16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1

Senate Bill 990 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Agricultural Equipment Warranties

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 998 – Senators M. Washington, Attar, Brooks, Sydnor, and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Natural Gas – Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (Ratepayer Protection Act)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Senate Bill 1000 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Sports Wagering Facilities – Request for Relocation

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

Senate Bill 1001 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Evidence – Protecting the Admissibility of Creative Expression (PACE Act)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Senate Bill 1005 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Acquisition of Land

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1006 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Commissioned Public Art – Artist Rights

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

Senate Bill 1008 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Small Business Guaranty Fund – Alterations

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1011 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund – Establishment

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings and the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

Senate Bill 1013 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1021 – Senators C. Jackson and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Cemeteries – Requirements for Sale or Transfer or Government Acquisition

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1022 – Senator C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Community Solar Energy Generating Systems – Subscription Eligibility

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Senate Bill 1023 – Senator C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Employment Discrimination – Fire and Rescue Public Safety Employees – Use of Medical Cannabis

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1024 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition – Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees
(Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Senate Bill 1025 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Voice and Visual Likeness – Digital Replication Rights
(Nurture Originals, Foster Art, and Keep Entertainment Safe Act – NO FAKES Act)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 1028 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Senate Bill 1029 – Senators Attar, McCray, Lam, Muse, and Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Interpretation of Wills – Extrinsic Evidence of Intent

(Granny's Law)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Senate Bill 1030 – Senators Attar and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County and Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Lighting on Privately Owned Vehicles

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Senate Bill 1031 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Child's Access to Firearms – Penalty (Ny'Kala Strawder Act)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 46 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 246)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 11, 2025, Calendar Day, Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 11, 2025
Calendar Day: Tuesday, February 25, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:32 A.M.

Prayer by Pastor Lloyd McGriff, Galilee Baptist Church, guest of Senator Charles.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 247)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Muse be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 24, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 230 – Senator Paul D. Corderman:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
North Hagerstown High School Girls Volleyball Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 Class 3A Volleyball State Championship.
We applaud your outstanding season and wish
you many more. Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 25th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 248)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 211 – Senator Katie Fry Hester:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Glenelg High School Girls Lacrosse Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 Class 2A Lacrosse State Championship.
We applaud your outstanding season and wish
you many more! Congratulations.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 25th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 249)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 229 – Senator Katie Fry Hester:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Glenelg High School Boys Lacrosse Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 Class 2A Lacrosse State Championship.
We applaud your outstanding season and wish
you many more. Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 25th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 250)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 205 – Senator Guy Guzzone:

Be it hereby known to all that

The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES)
in recognition of
the 100th anniversary of improving and preserving
Maryland's environment through a comprehensive
scientific program of research, education, and public service.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 25th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 251)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 302 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program – Alterations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 459 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Education and Health – Emergency Use Epinephrine – Alterations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 522 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

Home Builders – New Home Sales – Notice of Appliance Warranty Registration

SB0522/743129/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 522
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 3 and 4, strike "include in a contract" and substitute "provide at the time of closing"; strike line 12 in its entirety line and substitute "BY adding to"; and in line 14, strike "4.5–603" and substitute "4.5–606".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

"**4.5–606.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "APPLIANCE" INCLUDES A HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR–CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

(B) A REGISTRANT SHALL PROVIDE, AT THE TIME OF CLOSING FOR THE INITIAL SALE OF A NEW HOME, THE WARRANTY INFORMATION FOR EACH APPLIANCE IN THE NEW HOME THAT WAS REGISTERED BY THE REGISTRANT, INCLUDING:

(1) THE DATE THE REGISTRANT REGISTERED THE WARRANTY; AND

(2) THE TIME REMAINING UNDER THE WARRANTY.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 523 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

State Employees – Cancer Screening – Paid Leave

Senator Gile moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 26, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 578 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Home Improvement Guaranty Fund – Alterations

SB0578/393123/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 578
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 29, after "**CONTRACTOR**" insert "**, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO A CLAIMANT DOES NOT EXCEED $30,000**".

On page 3, in line 11, strike "under" and substitute "**COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 665 – The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act – Revisions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment:

Senate Bill 867 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Cyber Maryland Program – Revisions

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 52 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Revisions

SB0052/713023/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 52
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 17, strike "**15**" and substitute "**20**".

On page 4, in line 15, after "**PRECAUTIONS**" insert "**AND RELATED GUIDELINES IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD**".

On page 5, in lines 3, 22, and 31, in each instance, after "**EDUCATION**" insert "**OR ANOTHER ENTITY**".

On page 9, in line 8, after "**ENTITY;**" insert:

"**(2) AN EQUIVALENT NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC TESTING ENTITY**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD;";

and in line 9, strike "**(2)**" and substitute "**(3)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 67 – **Senators Simonaire and Jackson**

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

SB0067/733426/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 67
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike "or"; and in line 6, strike "and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits" and substitute ", or public profile".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in lines 19 and 23, in each instance, strike "**OR**"; in the same lines, in each instance, after "**REGISTRATION**" insert "**, OR PUBLIC PROFILE**"; and strike beginning with the first "**AND**" in line 19 down through "**SECTION**" in line 20.

On page 2, in lines 8 and 16, in each instance, strike "**OR**"; in lines 8 and 17, in each instance, after "**REGISTRATION**" insert "**, OR PUBLIC PROFILE**"; and strike beginning with "**RELEVANT**" in line 22 down through "**BENEFITS**" in line 23.

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 72 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

SB0072/543722/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 72
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "to" insert "prominently"; strike beginning with "list" in line 10 down through "requirements" in line 11 and substitute "statement that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of English proficiency under certain circumstances".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 12, after "**SHALL**" insert "**PROMINENTLY**"; strike beginning with "**LIST**" in line 12 down through "**REQUIREMENT**" in line 14 and substitute "**STATEMENT THAT AN APPLICANT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IF THE APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID, UNRESTRICTED LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION FROM ANOTHER STATE THAT REQUIRES EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 174 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

SB0174/933625/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 174
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 22, in line 3, strike "**THEREFOR**" and substitute "**THEREFORE**".

On page 25, in line 12, after "**WHETHER**" insert "**ADVERSE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST A LICENSEE. ADVERSE ACTION**".

On page 31, in line 27, after "**RULES**" insert "**AND BYLAWS**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 594 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

SB0594/963525/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 594
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike beginning with "that" in line 19 down through "of:" in line 20 and substitute a semicolon.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 3 through line 11 on page 4, inclusive.

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Smith moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 674 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over–the–Counter Birth Control

SB0674/763222/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 674
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 21, after "(1)" insert "health professional associations and other".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 684 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Health Equity Dashboard

SB0684/583324/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 684
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 12, strike "**AT LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS**" and substitute "**ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, AS DETERMINED BY DATA AVAILABILITY**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 547 – Senator James

AN ACT concerning

Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling – Establishment

SB0547/463121/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 547
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator James**" and substitute "**Senators James, Beidle, Ellis, Gile, Hayes, Hershey, C. Jackson, Kramer, Lam, Mautz, Ready, and A. Washington**".

On page 2, strike beginning with "the" in line 17 down through "(8)" in line 18; and in lines 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28, strike "(9)", "(10)", "(11)", "(12)", and "(13)", respectively, and substitute "(8)", "(9)", "(10)", "(11)", and "(12)", respectively.

On page 3, in lines 1, 4, 7, 10, and 12, strike "(14)", "(15)", "(16)", "(17)", and "(18)", respectively, and substitute "(13)", "(14)", "(15)", "(16)", and "(17)", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 37 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Electric Companies – Regional Transmission Organizations – Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)

SB0037/173324/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 37
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Hester**" and substitute "**Senators Hester, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Kagan, Simonaire, and M. Washington**"; and in line 6, after "any" insert "State".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 17 and 23, in each instance, strike "**AN**" and substitute "**A STATE**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 153 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and House Environment and Transportation Committee – Code References – Revisions

SB0153/393328/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 153
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "Committee;" insert "altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 12, in line 16, in each instance, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike "**TWO MEMBERS**"; and in line 20, strike "Two members" and substitute "**ONE MEMBER**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 172 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Trust – Board of Trustees – Membership

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 182 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program – Eligibility – Family Members of Veterans

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 246 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Trust – Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 258 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

Senator Ready moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 26, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 264 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Plant Disease Control – Nurseries – Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees

Senator Hershey moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 26, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 265 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Reservoir Augmentation Permit – Establishment

SB0265/333526/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 265
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 16, after "9–301" insert ", 9–303.2(o),"; and after line 18, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–303.2(b) and 9–320(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 3 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 8, insert:

"9–303.2.

(b) There is an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department.

(o) **(1)** On or before December 31, 2024, the Department shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

[(1)**]** **(I)** The status of the Pilot Program;

[(2)**]** **(II)** Whether the Pilot Program should be extended or made permanent; and

[(3)**]** **(III)** Any statutory or regulatory changes that the Department recommends to permanently authorize the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities, if appropriate.

(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2029, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.";

and in line 30, strike "**POTABLE REUSE**" and substitute "**RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION**".

On page 5, in line 6, strike "**A**" and substitute "**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**"; and after line 13, insert:

"**(3) A FEASIBILITY STUDY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PROJECT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM.**".

On page 6, in line 27, strike "**DESIGNATED**" and substitute "**DESIGNED**".

On page 7, after line 6, insert:

"**(L) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2035, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PROGRAM.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 296 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Public Access Ombudsman – Delegation of Powers

SB0296/533620/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 296
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 28, after "**SUBTITLE**" insert "**THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE STAFF MEMBER'S TRAINING AND EXPERTISE**"

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 2 – Senator Kagan

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 27 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance – Exploratory Committees

SB0027/703724/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 27
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 25 down through "**(D)**" in line 27; in lines 27 and 30, in each instance, strike "**(E)**" and substitute "**(D)**"; in line 30, after "**DISBURSEMENT**" insert "**:**

(1) ONLY FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO DETERMINING THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE'S VIABILITY FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE; AND

(2)";

and in line 32, strike "**(1)**" and substitute "**(I)**".

On page 4, in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, strike "**(2)**", "**(3)**", "**(4)**", "**(5)**", "**(6)**", and "**(7)**", respectively, and substitute "**(II)**", "**(III)**", "**(IV)**", "**(V)**", "**(VI)**", and "**(VII)**", respectively; in lines 9, 13, and 17, strike "**(F)**", "**(G)**", and "**(H)**", respectively, and substitute "**(E)**", "**(F)**", and "**(G)**", respectively; and in line 18, strike "**(E)**" and substitute "**(D)**".

On page 5, in line 16, strike "**(I)**" and substitute "**(H)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 252 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 257 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 259 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Local Boards of Elections – Election Plan Requirements

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment

reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 307 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Student Member Scholarship – Increase

SB0307/293929/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 307
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Simonaire**" and substitute "**Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 378 – Senator A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

State Library Agency – Family Literacy Pilot Program – Establishment

SB0378/753126/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 378
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator A. Washington**" and substitute "**Senators A. Washington, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman, Hester, Kagan, M. Washington, and Watson**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 451 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Adult Education – High School Diploma by Examination – Requirements and Study

SB0451/763226/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 451
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator King**" and substitute "**Senators King, Augustine, Brooks, Kagan, and M. Washington**"; in line 5, after the second "the" insert "same"; and in line 6, strike "of their choice".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, strike "**LANGUAGE OF THEIR CHOICE**" and substitute "**SAME LANGUAGE FROM THE ENGLISH– OR SPANISH–LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT**".

On page 3, in line 4, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 14

Senate Bill 24 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Annotated Code – Terminology – Clergy and Churches, Faith Institutions, and Places of Worship

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (2) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0024/793825/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 24

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 37, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–108.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in lines 26 and 27, strike "**FAITH INSTITUTION**," and substitute "**CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST, OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER**"; and in line 27, after "society" strike the comma.

On page 13, after line 21, insert:

"**Article – General Provisions**

1–108.1.

"FAITH INSTITUTION" MEANS ANY CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST, OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OR CONGREGATION OF ANY SECT, ORDER, OR DENOMINATION.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0024/353520/1
BY: Senator Kagan

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 24, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 5 of the bill, in line 27, strike the first "or" and substitute a comma; and in the same line, strike "of any sect, order".

In the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendments (SB0024/793825/1), in line 8 of Amendment No. 2, strike the third "**OR**" and substitute a comma; and in line 9, strike "**OF ANY SECT, ORDER**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 15

Senate Bill 42 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Interjurisdictional Watersheds – Flood Management

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Senator Folden moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for February 26, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 131 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets

SB0131/243820/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 131
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Simonaire**" and substitute "**Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 178 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated

SB0178/843125/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 178
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Simonaire**" and substitute "**Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 719 – Senator Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Property Tax – Emergency Services Tax

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 16

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT, AS AMENDED.

Senator Smith moved to make the Bill a Special Order for February 26, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 252)

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:05 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 12, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 12, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, February 26, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:09 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Justin Rhodes, Trinidad Baptist Church, guest of Senator Charles.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 253)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Jennings and Senator Smith be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 25, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 232 – Senator Antonio Hayes:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Coppin State University
in recognition of
your 125th Anniversary honoring Fanny Jackson Coppin's
legacy of academic excellence, empowerment, and community pride.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 26th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 254)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 207 – Senator Ron Watson:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
North Atlantic Region
in recognition of
your outstanding advocacy efforts and significant
contributions to the community, continuing the
mission to be of "Service to All Mankind".
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 26th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 255)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 7

House Bill 107 – Delegate Pruski

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Automatic Renewals

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to provide a consumer with notice before the date when the automatic renewal is scheduled to take effect; prohibiting a person who makes an automatic renewal offer from automatically charging a consumer's credit card unless certain conditions are met; establishing that compliance with certain regulations or a certain license shall be considered to be in compliance with this Act; establishing that a violation of this Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; and generally relating to automatic renewals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xliv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlvi) and 14–1328
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 208 – ~~**Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**~~ **Delegate Pruski**

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – False Advertising – Digital Goods

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from advertising or offering for sale a digital good using certain terminology ~~or alongside an option for a time–limited rental~~ unless a certain ~~acknowledgments are~~ acknowledgment is received from the purchaser ~~and~~ or a certain ~~statements are~~ statement is provided by the seller; establishing that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a certain ~~penalties~~ penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to the advertising and offering of digital goods for sale.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–2901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–2904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 233 – Delegates Vogel, Foley, Kaufman, Pasteur, Pena–Melnyk, Terrasa, Wims, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Mandatory Meetings on Religious or Political Matters – Employee Attendance and Participation (Maryland Worker Freedom Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting employers from taking certain actions against an employee or applicant for employment because the employee or applicant declines to attend or participate in employer–sponsored meetings during which the employer communicates the opinion of the employer regarding religious matters or political matters; and generally relating to employee attendance and participation in employer meetings on religious or political matters.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–718
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 385 – Delegates Lehman, Acevero, Allen, Bagnall, Foley, Guyton, Harris, Ivey, D. Jones, Kaufman, R. Lewis, J. Long, Pena–Melnyk, Phillips, Pruski, Schmidt, Stewart, Taveras, Taylor, Williams, Woods, Wu, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Automatic Tip Prompt Screen – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring certain businesses that use a point–of–sale system that automatically prompts a customer to leave a tip to disclose ~~to whom the tip will be allocated~~ that the tip is for employees and display a tip amount that is set at zero ~~by default;~~ or a "no–tip" option, subject to certain conditions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to make certain information available on the agencies' public websites; establishing that a violation of this Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; and generally relating to automatic tip prompt screen requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xliv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlvi) and 14–1328
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 482 – Delegate Harrison

AN ACT concerning

Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Predetermination Review Process

FOR the purpose of establishing a predetermination review process for occupational licenses and certificates in certain departments of State government; and generally relating to occupational licensing and certification.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 559 – Delegate T. Morgan

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain food establishments to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet

that otherwise meets certain requirements; and generally relating to food establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–325
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 575 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports of Attorney General – Frequency

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency of the reports required to be submitted by the Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating to reports of the Attorney General under the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2(g)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2(g)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 795 – Delegates Spiegel, Kaiser, Kaufman, Lehman, R. Lewis, Lopez, Palakovich Carr, Terrasa, and Toles

AN ACT concerning

Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program – Employee Certification and Awareness Materials

FOR the purpose of establishing requirements related to the certification of employment by public service employers under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, including requirements regarding determinations of whether employees

are full–time; requiring the Student Loan Ombudsman in the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to develop and disseminate information to increase awareness of and participation in the Program; and generally relating to employment certification for the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 2–104.1(a)(1) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 2–104.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–1801 through 3–1805 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 18. Certification of Public Service Employment Under the Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 825 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board – Membership – Alteration

FOR the purpose of adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 12–201(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 12–201(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 887 – Delegates Valderrama, Arentz, Fraser–Hidalgo, Howard, A. Johnson, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Accountants – ~~Reciprocal Licenses~~ Licensed Out–of–State Practice Privileges – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State; and generally relating to reciprocal licensure requirements for the practice of certified public accountancy.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–321
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 895 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

FOR the purpose of 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 the regulation of business, economic development,

insurance, and labor and employment to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; and generally relating to veterans and uniformed services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 1–101(a), 7–101(a), and 7–308(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 1–101(a–1) and 7–101(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 7–308(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 1–101(a), 2.5–105(b)(2), and 5–803(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 1–101(a–1), (j), and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 2.5–101, 2.5–103, 2.5–104, 2.5–105(a) and (b)(1), (3), and (4), 2.5–106(a) and (b), 5–803(a)(5), 12–302(a)(4)(ii)1., 15–204(b)(2), 19–207(a) and (b)(1), and 19–502 through 19–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–803(a)(4) and 19–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1201(a) and 14–1212.2(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1201(f–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1201(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1201(o) and 14–1212.2(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1001, 5–1002, 5–1003(1), and 5–1006(a) to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 10. Uniformed Services Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small Business No–Interest Loan Program"~~; and 6–301(e)~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Economic Development~~
~~Section 6–301(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 1–101(a) and 12–119(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 1–101(y)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 11–612.2(a), (b), and (c) and 12–119(b)(2)(iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–101.1, 1–101.2, 1–103.1, 1–114.1, 1–114.2, and 1–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 1–101(a), 1–203.1(a)(1) and (3)(i) and (ii), and 10–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 1–101(a–1) and (rr–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 1–203.1(a)(3)(iii)1., 8–404(a)(6), 10–101(o), 10–111, 10–116.1(f)(1), 10–408.1(b), 18–109(b)(8)(iii), 20–502(c), and 27–501(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 1–101(a), 8–1001(a), 8.3–101(a), 8.3–403(c)(1), and 11–503(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 1–101(a–1), (d–1), (d–2), and (f) and 8.3–101(a–1) and (g–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–708, 3–714, 3–803(b), 8–906, 8–1001(c)(1)(iii), 8.3–101(g) and (m), 8.3–302(4) and (5), 8.3–403(c)(2)(ii) and (vi)1., 8.3–701(a)(1)(iv) and (v), 8.3–702(d), and 11–503(b)(6) and (7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8.3–101(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)83. and 14–601(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 34

February 26, 2025

1.	Sen. McCray	Darley Park Community Preservation	B&T
2.	Sen. Smith	Public Works Facility Renovations – Phase II Design	B&T
3.	Sen. Ellis	WAC Hughes Lodge No 1053	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 256)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 15 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 533 – Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, ~~and Ready~~ Ready, Smith, Waldstreicher, James, West, McKay, ~~and~~ Muse, and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 257)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 16 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 23 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Boat Act – Auctioneers

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 258)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 50 – ~~**Senator Simonaire**~~ **Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Designation

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 259)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 73 – **Senators Simonaire, Ferguson, ~~and Jackson~~ M. Jackson, ~~Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Feldman, Gallion, Hester, Kagan, M. Washington, and Watson~~ Attar, Augustine, Bailey, Beidle, Benson, Brooks, Carozza, Charles, Corderman, Ellis, Feldman, Folden, Gallion, Gile, Guzzone, Hayes, Henson, Hershey, Hester, Hettleman, C. Jackson, James, Jennings, Kagan, King, Kramer, Lam, Lewis Young, Mautz, McCray, McKay, Muse, Ready, Rosapepe, Salling, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, A. Washington, M. Washington, Watson, West, and Zucker**

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program – Renaming

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 260)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 85 – **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**

AN ACT concerning

Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 261)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 88 – ~~**Senator Kagan**~~ **Senators Kagan, Augustine, Brooks, and Carozza**

EMERGENCY BILL

SECOND PRINTING

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – ~~State Administrator of Elections –~~ Municipal Elections – ~~Authority of State Administrator of Elections and Use of State Ballots~~ Administration

Senator Kagan moved to reconsider the vote by which **Senate Bill 88** was ordered printed for third reading and to place the bill back on second reading for the purpose of adding/removing amendments.

The motion was adopted.

STATUS OF BILL: BILL ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0088/523120/1
BY: Senator Kagan

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 88
(Bill as Printed for Third Reading)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "**Authority of State Administrator of Elections and Use of State Ballots**" and substitute "**Administration**"; in line 5, strike "municipalities" and substitute "municipal corporations"; in line 6, strike "municipality" and substitute "municipal corporation"; in line 7, strike "municipality's" and substitute "municipal corporation's"; in the same line, after "elections;" insert "authorizing the State Administrator to lease a voting system or other equipment used to administer an election to a municipal corporation for use in a municipal election; repealing the authority of a local board of elections to lease a voting system to a governmental or nongovernmental entity within the county;"; in line 8, strike "municipalities" and substitute "municipal corporations"; in line 19, after "2–103(e)" insert "and (f)"; and after line 21, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–105

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 17 and 18, in each instance, strike "**MUNICIPALITY**" and substitute "**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**"; in line 19, strike "**MUNICIPALITY'S**" and substitute "**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S**"; and after line 19, insert:

"**(F) (1) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR MAY LEASE A VOTING SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT USED TO ADMINISTER AN ELECTION TO A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FOR USE IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

(2) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL:

(I) DETERMINE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE; AND

(II) DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS OF THE LEASE TO THE FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15–103 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9–105.

[(a)**]** Acquisition of a voting system shall be by purchase, lease, or rental and shall be exempt from State, county, or municipal taxation.

[(b) (1) A local board may lease a voting system to any governmental or nongovernmental entity within the county.

(2) The local board shall determine the terms and conditions of the lease.

(3) The local board shall pay to the governing body of the county, within 30 days of receipt, the proceeds of the lease.**]**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senate Bill 103 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Boating Accidents – Reporting Requirement – Property Damage

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 262)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 164 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Terminology and Obsolete References – Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 263)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 194 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – State Leasing of Real Property

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 264)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 262 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Special Elections

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 265)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 3

Senate Bill 594 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0594/963525/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 594
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike beginning with "that" in line 19 down through "of:" in line 20 and substitute a semicolon.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 3 through line 11 on page 4, inclusive.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 17

Senate Bill 523 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

State Employees – Cancer Screening – Paid Leave

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 18

Senate Bill 258 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0258/743524/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 258
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses," and substitute "nonresident"; and in line 4, strike the comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "**$12**".

On page 3, in line 16, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "**$32**"; in line 18, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "**$16**".

On page 5, in line 18, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "**$20**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 17 Negative – 29 (See Roll Call No. 266)

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 19

Senate Bill 264 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Plant Disease Control – Nurseries – Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0264/313522/1
BY: Senator Hershey

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 264
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, after line 19, insert:

"**(G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:**

(1) THE NUMBER OF CURRENT LICENSEES;

(2) THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, DIVIDED BY COUNTY;

(3) INFORMATION ON THE DISEASES AND PESTS IDENTIFIED; AND

(4) THE NUMBER OF COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENTERED INTO.".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Augustine moved to make the Bill and Amendment a Special Order for February 28, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 20

Senate Bill 42 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Interjurisdictional Watersheds – Flood Management

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0042/713729/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 42
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in lines 17 and 18, strike "**AND FREDERICK COUNTY**".

The preceding amendment was read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 12 Negative – 30 (See Roll Call No. 267)

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 21

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT AS AMENDED.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0444/393020/1
BY: Senator Smith

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 444, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0444/943128/1), in line 4 of Amendment No. 1, after "requirements;" insert "requiring a law enforcement agency operating a gun buyback program to make reasonable efforts to determine whether a firearm is a crime firearm or has been reported lost or stolen before the firearm or its component parts may be destroyed;"; and in line 5, strike "5–904" and substitute "5–905".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the Judicial Proceedings Amendments, after line 17 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

"**A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A FIREARM AS PART OF A GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FIREARM IS A CRIME FIREARM OR HAS BEEN REPORTED AS LOST OR STOLEN BEFORE THE FIREARM OR ITS COMPONENT PARTS MAY BE DESTROYED AS REQUIRED UNDER § 5–902 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

5–905.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 268)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:06 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 13, 2025, Calendar Day, Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 13, 2025
Calendar Day: Thursday, February 27, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:13 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Derek Shackelford, Asbury United Methodist Church, guest of Senator Lewis Young.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 270)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Hester, Senator James, and Senator A. Washington be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 26, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 126 – Senator William C. Smith Jr.:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Sara Assadullah
in recognition of
your outstanding service at WorkSource Montgomery and
invaluable contributions to ensuring Afghan refugees
thrive with essential resources in Maryland.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 27th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 271)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 127 – Senator William C. Smith Jr.:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Ilhan Cagri
in recognition of
your outstanding service at the WorkSource Montgomery Job Fair
and efforts ensuring Afghan refugees thrive with
essential resources in Maryland.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 27th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 271)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 238 – Senator Cory V. McCray:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Herman Harried
in recognition of
coaching the McDonald's All–American Game,
the nation's premier showcase of high school basketball talent.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 27th day of February 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 272)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 59 – Senator Bryan W. Simonaire:

Be it hereby known to all that

The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Mike Singer
in recognition of
your capturing the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse
on video through your efforts working with the
Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay Shipwatchers on March 26, 2024.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 27th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 273)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 43

Senate Bill 1039 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 5 Breweries – On–Premises Consumption

FOR the purpose of increasing the percentage of beer not produced by the holder of a Class 5 brewery license that the license holder is permitted to sell for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; and generally relating to Class 5 breweries and on–site consumption.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 2–207(b) and (f)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 2–207(f)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 35

February 27, 2025

1.	Sen. Attar	Edmondson Homeownership Repair and Preservation Fund	B&T
2.	Sen. Folden	Kaplon Building Infrastructure	B&T
3.	Sen. Folden	Reservoir Retrofit Project	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

MOTION

Senator Lam moved that the Senate receive in Open Session the following Report for the Committee on Executive Nominations.

The motion was adopted.

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

February 27, 2025

Report No. 4

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 4
February 27, 2025

Commerce, Department of

1. Harry Coker, Jr. District 46

Secretary of the Department of Commerce; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Board of Trustees of

2. Bryan L. Holley District 40

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

3. Nilanjana Moulick District 12

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

4. Nicholas Charles Richardson District 43

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Correctional Training Commission

5. Monica L. Pena District 27

Member of the Correctional Training Commission; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Ethics Commission, State

6. Craig D. Roswell District 41

Member of the State Ethics Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Hate Crime Response and Prevention, Commission on

7. Allyson Abrams District 23

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

8. Jennifer Brown District 33

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

9. Ama S. Frimpong District 32

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

10. Michael Gray District 21

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

11. Vicki Jones District 34

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

12. Carissa Mattern District 34

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

13. Deborah Miller D.C.

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

14. Gabriel Moreno District 13

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

15. Sylvia Royster District 28

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

16. Adileh Sharieff District 19

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

17. Joraver Singh District 15

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

Juvenile Services Education Board

18. Amy Kay Lopez District 17

Member of the Juvenile Services Education Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors

19. Paige Hargett District 2

Member of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July I, 2025

Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission

20. Christopher William Frech Florida

Member of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term for the duration of the appointive body from January 15, 2024

Social Work Examiners, State Board of

21. Jamie Wilson District 8

Member of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

S–1. Alice Gwanthney Pinderhughes District 40

Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–2. Shirley Cheryl Walker District 28

Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Airport Zoning Appeals, Board of

S–3. Michelle Jacquelyn Marzullo District 8

Member of the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board

S–4. Victor Isailovic District 32

Member of the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission

S–5. Subha Chandar District 40

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

S–6. Eric Steven Kessler District 18

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

S–7. Clifford S. Mitchell District 46

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

Apprenticeship and Training Council

S–8. Stephanie Lopez Anderson District 33

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–9. Shaunta Janelle Chapple District 10

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Archaeology, Advisory Committee on

S–10. Alexandra Jones District 25

Member of the Advisory Committee on Archaeology; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–11. Cheryl Janifer LaRoche District 18

Member of the Advisory Committee on Archaeology; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Architects, State Board of

S–12. Kuo Pao Pao Lian District 11

Member of the State Board of Architects; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Board of Trustees of

S–13. Rosario Robinson District 15

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Boiler Rules, Board of

S–14. Ronald Warden District 37

Member of the Board of Boiler Rules; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission, Advisory Committee on the

S–15. Sandra Isabel Dorsey District 29

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–16. Justin Hall District 23

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–17. Courtney Jenkins District 10

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–18. Adrienne Maria Ray District 10

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–19. Lisa Y. Settles, Esq. District 42

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–20. Matthew Decker Trollinger District 28

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Community Health Resources Commission, Maryland

S–21. Sadiya Abdul Muqueeth District 8

Member of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Consumer Council

S–22. Ann Maria Flores District 3

Member of the Consumer Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024

Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Maryland Advisory Council for the

S–23. Cassidy Jane Brooks Flagg District 5

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–24. Cleveland L. Horton, II District 7

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–25. Daniel Koo District 3

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–26. John Serrano District 15

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–27. Lauren Whiteman District 9

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–28. Maia Williams District 13

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from October 1, 2025

Dental Examiners, State Board of

S–29. Alison Renee Signor District 4

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from June 1, 2025

S–30. Dana Aubert Truesdale District 32

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2023

S–31. Katherine R. Wise District 22

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from June 1, 2025

Electricians, State Board of

S–32. Walter David Irvin, Jr. District 1

Member of the State Board of Electricians; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Handgun Roster Board

S–33. Ivan J. Bates District 46

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

S–34. Cassandra Crifasi District 30

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

S–35. Alexander Richard Kohn District 13

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee

S–36. Paul D. Brylske District 7

Member of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

S–37. Francis Harold Taylor District 6

Member of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

Hate Crime Response and Prevention, Commission on

S–38. Lanlan Xu District 9

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

Heritage Areas Authority, Maryland

S–39. Nathan Brown District 4

Member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–40. Lawana Holland–Moore District 23

Member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Historical Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

S–41. Jeffrey Paul Buchheit District 7

Member of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–42. Karen Yee District 19

Member of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Indian Affairs, Commission on

S–43. Lawrence Alfred Dunmore, III District 42

Member of the Commission on Indian Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Infants and Toddlers, Interagency Coordinating Council for

S–44. Natalie Estelle District 10

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–45. Theresa Ryan Rivera District 7

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–46. Sarah Sherry District 9

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–47. Denise Tillery District 8

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Landscape Architects, Board of Examiners of

S–48. Christopher L. Schein District 30

Member of the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

S–49. Tica Torres District 45

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from October 1, 2025

Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board, Maryland

S–50. Mark T. Bedell District 30

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–51. Hussainatu Tengu Blake District 11

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–52. Frederick Douglas Taylor, Jr. District 41

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Long–Term Care Administrators, State Board of

S–53. Denise Hayman District 11

Member of the State Board of Long–term Care Administrators; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from April 22, 2025

Maryland 9–1–1 Board

S–54. Tawn Gregory District 1

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–55. Christopher William Meyer District 9

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–56. Shariff Thomas District 21

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors

S–57. Allison Nicole Banks District 46

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–58. Catherine Anne Bledsoe District 9

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–59. Terry V. Jackson District 34

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, State

S–60. Runako Allsopp District 15

Member of the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Police Training and Standards Commission, Maryland

S–61. Susan Camille Radcliffe District 37

Member of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years form June 1, 2025

Port Commission, Maryland

S–62. Karenthia Barber District 43

Member of the Maryland Port Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–63. Sandy Audlyn Roberts District 23

Member of the Maryland Port Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1,2025

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S–64. Cheryl L. Dyson District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Public Information Act Compliance Board, State

S–65. Samuel G. Encarnacion Montero District 34

Member of the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Real Estate Commission, State

S–66. Jacqueline Annette Alexander District 28

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Residential Boarding Education Programs, Board of Trustees of

S–67. Michelle Harris Bondima District 41

Member of the Board of Trustees of Residential Boarding Education Programs; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Tourism Development Board, Maryland

S–68. Tonya M. Fitzpatrick District 20

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–69. Melonie Johnson VA

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–70. Benjamin Seidel District 38

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–71. Albert Arunto Spence District 11

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

S–72. Parker Bratton District 46

Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Camp Safety; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Local Nominees

Please Note: Local Nominees are not required to appear before the Senate Executive Nominations Committee.

Calvert County Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors

L–1. David Lee Swann District 27

Member of the Calvert County Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from June 1, 2025

Frederick Community College Board of Trustees

L–2. Carmen Rosa Hernandez District 3

Member of the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Senator Lam moved to make the Report a Special Order for February 28, 2025.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 46 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 274)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 17 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 2 – Senator Kagan

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 2 (See Roll Call No. 275)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 24 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Annotated Code – Terminology – Clergy and Churches, Faith Institutions, and Places of Worship

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 276)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 27 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance – Exploratory Committees

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 277)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 37 – ~~Senator Hester~~ Senators Hester, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Kagan, Simonaire, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Electric Companies – Regional Transmission Organizations – Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 278)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 52 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 279)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 67 – **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 280)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 72 – **Senator Lam**

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 13 (See Roll Call No. 281)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 131 – ~~**Senator Simonaire**~~ **Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 282)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 153 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and House Environment and Transportation Committee – Code References – Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 283)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 172 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Trust – Board of Trustees – Membership

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 284)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 18 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 174 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 285)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 178 – ~~Senator Simonaire~~ Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Habitat for Humanity of the

Chesapeake, Incorporated

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 286)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 182 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program – Eligibility – Family Members of Veterans

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 287)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 246 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Trust – Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 288)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 252 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 289)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 257 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 36 Negative – 10 (See Roll Call No. 290)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 259 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Local Boards of Elections – Election Plan Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 291)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 265 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Reservoir Augmentation Permit – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 292)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 296 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Public Access Ombudsman – Delegation of Powers

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 293)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 302 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 294)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 19 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 307 – ~~Senator Simonaire~~ Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Student Member Scholarship – Increase

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 295)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 378 – ~~Senator A. Washington~~ Senators A. Washington, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman, Hester, Kagan, M. Washington, and Watson

AN ACT concerning

State Library Agency – Family Literacy Pilot Program – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 296)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 451 – ~~**Senator King**~~ **Senators King, Augustine, Brooks, Kagan, and M. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Adult Education – High School Diploma by Examination – Requirements and Study

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 297)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 459 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Education and Health – Emergency Use Epinephrine – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 298)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 522 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

Home Builders – New Home Sales – Notice of Appliance Warranty Registration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 299)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 547 – ~~**Senator James**~~ **Senators James, Beidle, Ellis, Gile, Hayes, Hershey, C. Jackson, Kramer, Lam, Mautz, Ready, and A. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 300)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 578 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Home Improvement Guaranty Fund – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 301)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 665 – The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act – Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 302)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 674 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over–the–Counter Birth Control

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 34 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 303)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 684 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Health Equity Dashboard

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 304)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 719 – Senator Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Property Tax – Emergency Services Tax

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 2 (See Roll Call No. 305)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 306)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION BY SENATOR CORY V. MCCRAY

Black History Month Tribute – Honoring Senator Verda Freeman Welcome

Colleagues,

Today, I rise to **honor a trailblazer whose portrait hangs in this very chamber—Senator Verda Freeman Welcome.**

She is **the only Black legislator whose image is represented here**, and that alone speaks volumes. But it is **not enough to see her face—we must understand her story.**

Her **achievements were groundbreaking**, but they didn't come easily. She fought against **racism, sexism, and powerful political machines** that wanted to keep her from power. Yet, **she persevered**.

And rather than just telling you her story, **I want to let her speak for herself**. I will be reading **excerpts from her memoir, *In My Lifetime***, so we can hear **her voice, her experiences, and her vision for the future**.

Early Life & Education

Born **Verda Mae Freeman in 1907** in **North Carolina**, she was the **third of sixteen children**, raised on a farm in **Freeman Town**, a **small, self–sufficient Black settlement**.

"I was born Verda Mae Freeman in 1907, the third of sixteen children of John Nuborn and Ella Theodocia Freeman. We were raised on a farm high in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina, in a small town of good soil and close–knit people. My family, the Freemans, was one of four families which made up a settlement in Uree, North Carolina, known unofficially as Freeman Town."

Despite limited opportunities, **education was her path forward**. Her **aunt and uncle, Florence and Elmer, made it possible** for her to **attend high school and eventually college**.

"My one regret is that Florence and Elmer died before I was able to return their kindness. They provided me with a chance to finish high school and make my dream of college come true. As graduation neared, Florence suggested that I go to Baltimore and try to get into Coppin State College. Back then, Coppin was a two–year teacher preparatory school known as Coppin Normal School. Since Blacks were not allowed to attend white colleges, Coppin and Morgan State University (then Morgan State College) were the only Baltimore schools where we could earn advanced degrees."

Education was her key to opportunity, but getting there was no easy feat. **When she arrived in Baltimore, she had to work multiple jobs just to afford tuition.**

"I was accepted at Coppin, and after graduating from Howard High School in 1930, I moved to Baltimore. Florence had found me a place to stay with another family of relatives, Doctor James White and his wife Mary. At first, I lived with them at their home at 848 Harlem Avenue. In exchange, I looked after the Whites' four children, and did housekeeping chores. I also began looking for a job in order to pay my tuition and support myself."

She **earned a degree from Coppin State Teachers College** in 1929, **a bachelor's degree in history from Morgan State College in 1939** and in **1935, she married Henry C. Welcome**, a **brilliant surgeon and educator**.

Career in Education & Activism

From **1934 to 1945, she taught in Baltimore City Schools**, where she experienced **the deep inequalities in education**.

"Before 1954, there were two separate school systems in Baltimore, based on race. The

average amount of money spent on Black students in Maryland was $48.01 per pupil, compared to $67.61 per pupil for whites. Our buildings looked worse and were more dangerous."

Even as she built **her career and family**, she remained **deeply involved in community activism**.

"I joined the National Council of Negro Women, serving as regional director of that body from 1948 to 1950. I joined the Deltas and the National Council of Negro Women for the same reason: they were really doing something about racism and prejudice in our community."

Her leadership extended to **community revitalization** in Baltimore's Harlem Park neighborhood.

"In 1946, I was elected president of the Northwest Improvement Association. When people say northwest these days, they refer to Northern Parkway or Upper Park Heights area of the city. Back then, Harlem Park and North Avenue area defined the old northwest. Our group was formed, in part, to help improve the Harlem Park area of West Baltimore, which in 1940 had one of the highest population densities in the city."

Baltimore's Black Political Movement

By the **1940s and 50s, Senator Welcome was a driving force in Baltimore's Black political movement**.

She was part of the **Colored Women's Democratic Club, organized by Victorine Adams**, which **mobilized Black voters and trained Black candidates.**

In **1958, she shattered barriers by becoming the first Black woman elected to the Maryland House of Delegates.**

Her campaign for office was **built from the ground up, mobilizing grassroots organizers, community activists, and civic leaders.**

"I am going to do it, I said, and that was that. I suppose there have been more auspicious beginnings of new careers. At the time, we both still had a lot to learn. But we moved fast to build a solid campaign for a House of Delegates seat."

Her **campaign headquarters at 1222 W. North Avenue became a hub for organizing.**

"We were able to attract good men and women such as David Glenn, who would eventually become the state's Human Relations Commission head; Sam Daniels, future executive of the Council on Equal Business Opportunity; and Emma Michael and Marguerite Harmon, two

hard–working community activists."

Women's organizations played a **crucial role in her success.**

"I also benefited from an effort on the part of an organization called Womanpower, Inc. The group's non–partisan goal was the election of the three Black women in the race—Dixon, Republican Bertha Winston, and me."

Fighting the Democratic Machine & Working with Republicans

For years, **Black politicians in Baltimore were controlled by James Pollack, the Democratic boss of the Fourth District**. Pollack **chose who would run, who would win, and who would be allowed to have influence**. But Welcome and others had **a different plan.**

"Our first breakthrough came in 1954. For years there had been talk of taking on Pollack, but what few candidates we had lacked money, support, and organization. But a shrewd plan was hatched a year earlier by Carl Murphy, publisher of the Afro–American Newspaper, and other old political hands. The strategy was simple. Since Pollack controlled the Democratic Party, why not field a strong Republican candidate?"

That **Republican candidate was Harry Cole.**

"Many of us committed ourselves immediately to his cause. He filed to run for the State Senate and easily won the Republican primary election. We began urging Blacks who hadn't registered to become Republicans, and worked tirelessly to get out the vote. We felt that if we won the district's Senate seat, that would be the first step to gaining political control of the district."

With **Harry Cole's victory, Black Baltimore had a new strategy**—work across party lines **to win real power.**

And it worked.

Verda Welcome would later use that same strategy to win her seat in the Maryland Senate.

Her Own Campaign for the Maryland Senate

Welcome's campaign was **a grassroots powerhouse**. She built a **diverse coalition**, bringing together **Democrats, Republicans, educators, and community activists.**

"I am going to do it, I said, and that was that. I suppose there have been more auspicious

beginnings of new careers. At the time, we both still had a lot to learn. But we moved fast to build a solid campaign for a House of Delegates seat."

She **worked with leaders like Carl Murphy, Harry Cole, Juanita Jackson Mitchell, and Victorine Adams** to mobilize support.

"I also benefited from an effort on the part of an organization called Womanpower, Inc. The group's non–partisan goal was the election of the three Black women in the race—Dixon, Republican Bertha Winston, and me."

Her victory **broke the final barrier**, making her the **first Black woman ever elected to the Maryland Senate in 1962—only the second in U.S. history.**

A Lasting Legacy

She didn't just **sit in this chamber—she led in this chamber.** Senator Welcome was a **legislative powerhouse**. She worked on **critical bills** that shaped **transportation, labor laws, education, and healthcare**.

"We worked like people possessed during my first four years in Annapolis. We created a mass transit system for Baltimore and started what would become the 32–mile Baltimore Beltway. My friends, Senators Mary Nock from Wicomico County and William James of Harford County, introduced a bill which enabled the State to build new two–year community colleges. We passed bills to regulate savings and loans institutions and Maryland's racetracks, and created a state board of health and mental hygiene."

But **Senator Welcome knew that the fight for justice was never won alone.**

She acknowledged Clarence Mitchell Jr., Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Victorine Adams, Carl Murphy, Homer Favor, Thurgood Marshall, Furman Templeton, and so many more—leaders whose commitment to justice paved the way for the progress we continue to build upon today.

"I cannot praise enough people like the Mitchells, the Dobsons, Homer Favor, Thurgood Marshall, Jim Clark, Royal Hart, David Glenn, Mildred Atkinson, Furman Templeton, Carl Murphy, and thousands who committed themselves to the successful struggle."

She **never forgot those who fought alongside her, and neither should we.**

Senator Welcome **lived long enough to see the city's first Black mayor, Clarence "Du" Burns, and the first elected Black mayor, Kurt Schmoke.**

"To Clarence 'Du' Burns went the honor of becoming our city's first Black mayor. In 1986, William Donald Schaefer ran for governor and won. After years of being a bridesmaid, Burns finally had his chance at the top spot. He was elected overwhelmingly by the City

Council to replace the former Mayor."

She reflected on what **Kurt Schmoke's election** meant for progress.

"In many ways, he symbolizes just how far we have come as a people. His achievements, such as becoming a sports star at City College, graduating from Yale, and becoming a Rhodes Scholar, are of course due to his hard work and intelligence. But men and women like Kurt inherited a world we had created, and I think it was a better world than the one in which we started out."

Closing

Senator Verda Freeman Welcome **was not just a witness to history—she shaped it.** Her **portrait in this chamber is not just a symbol of the past**—it is a **reminder of the work that remains**.

Her legacy is a **charge to us all**—to **fight for justice, to expand opportunity, and to never let barriers define our potential**.

She taught us that **history is not just something we honor—it is something we build upon**.

Let's **carry her spirit forward** with the same boldness, the same tenacity, and the same **commitment to progress**.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:11 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 14, 2025, Calendar Day, Friday, February 28, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 14, 2025
Calendar Day: Friday, February 28, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:13 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend, Doug Tanner, Faith & Political Institute, guest of Senator Kagan.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 307)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Henson and Senator Beidle be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 27, 2025, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 8

House Bill 11 – ~~**Delegate Sample–Hughes**~~ **Delegates Sample–Hughes, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Access to Nonparticipating Providers – Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier's provider panel; requiring that a certain referral procedure required to be established and implemented by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations require the carrier to provide certain assistance to a member in identifying and arranging coverage for a specialist or nonphysician specialist for treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder ~~services~~; prohibiting certain carriers from imposing ~~prior authorization~~

~~requirements for scheduling, reimbursing, or continuing an established treatment plan by certain nonparticipating providers~~ utilization review requirements other than what would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier's provider panel under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to establish certain reimbursement rates for nonparticipating providers;~~ and generally relating to access to nonparticipating providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–830(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–830(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 271 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 272 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 4

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 73 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – State Leasing of Real Property

FOR the purpose of increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property; altering the time frame and platform for advertising a need of the State to rent building space; and generally relating to the leasing of real property for State use.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–318(5) and 4–320
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–101(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 88 – **Delegate Cardin**

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Maryland Trust Decanting Act – Notification and Document Transmittal

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Maryland Trust Decanting Act.

BY adding to
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 14–602.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 131 – ~~**Delegate Stein**~~ **Delegates Stein, Guyton, and Ruth**

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Septic System Upgrade Program

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish performance–based funding levels for best available nitrogen removal technologies for on–site sewage disposal systems using a certain evaluation and ranking process; requiring the Department to make certain eligible funding levels available in a certain manner;~~ altering priorities for funding the repair or replacement of certain on–site sewage disposal systems; expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on–site sewage disposal systems and community sewerage systems; ~~exempting procurements by the Department of certain best available nitrogen removal technologies for on–site sewage disposal systems from certain provisions of the general procurement law;~~ and generally relating to on–site sewage disposal systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
Article – Environment

~~Section 9–1108.1 and 9–1605.2(h)(2) through (5)~~ Section 9–1605.2(a)(1) and (h)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section ~~9–1605.2(a)(1) and (h)(1)~~ 9–1605.2(h)(2) through (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~
~~Section 11–203(a)(1)(xviii) and (xix)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~
~~Section 11–203(a)(1)(xx)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~
~~Section 11–203(a)(2) and (3)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 133 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Notification of Constant Yield Tax Rate – ~~Repeal~~ Alteration

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year by requiring that the notice be sent by the Department to a taxing authority only on the request of the taxing authority; and generally relating to the constant yield tax rate.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Tax – Property~~

~~Section 2–205(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing~~
~~Article – Tax – Property~~
~~Section 2–205(e)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 2–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 136 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Sexual Assault Exam and Treatment Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of providing that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, rather than the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, is responsible for payment to a physician, qualified health care provider, and hospital for providing certain services to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse; and generally relating to reimbursement for sexual assault exams and treatments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–1007(b) and 11–1008(c)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 146 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Resignation of Trustee – Notice

FOR the purpose of authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust

Act on certain notice; and generally relating to the resignation of trustees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 14.5–705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 166 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Public Ethics Law – State Officials of and Candidates to be State Officials of the Judicial Branch – Conflicts of Interest and Financial Disclosure Statements

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, the Judicial Ethics Committee, or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure statements for candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available for public inspection the records and financial disclosure statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch; repealing a requirement that the Supreme Court of Maryland transmit copies of certain financial disclosure statements to the State Ethics Commission; and generally relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure statements for State officials of and candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–104, 5–606, and 5–610
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 179 – Delegates Toles, Grammer, Hartman, Kaufman, and Wu

AN ACT concerning

Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain county; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a certain period with an aggregate value exceeding a certain amount; providing that a conviction under this Act merges with a certain other conviction for sentencing purposes; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; and generally relating to organized retail theft.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–103(b) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–104.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 251 – Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Local Departments of Social Services – Audits

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency 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; and generally relating to audits of local departments of social services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 3–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 281 – Delegate Embry

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Admission of Out–of–Court Statements – Assault in the Second Degree

FOR the purpose of providing that under certain circumstances a certain statement made by a certain declarant is not excluded by the hearsay rule during the trial of a criminal case in which the defendant is charged with assault in the second degree; and generally relating to the admission of out–of–court statements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 298 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Higher Education Commission – Demographic Data Collection – Parental Status

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect certain data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education in the State; requiring public institutions of higher education to collect and report certain demographic data from students; and generally relating to public institutions of higher education and demographic data collection.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 11–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 322 – Delegate Wims

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – ~~State Administrator of Elections –~~ Municipal Elections – Administration

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with ~~municipalities~~ municipal corporations that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a ~~municipality~~ municipal corporation to support the administration of the ~~municipality's~~ municipal corporation's elections; authorizing the State Administrator to lease a voting system or other equipment used to administer an election to a municipal corporation for use in a municipal election; repealing the authority of a local board of elections to lease a voting system to a governmental or nongovernmental entity within the county; altering the deadline for municipal corporations to request that the State Board of Elections include on a ballot offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election and the certification that must be included in the request; and generally relating to the administration of municipal elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 2–103(e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.3(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.3(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 324 – Delegates Korman and Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Antibias Training for Members – Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member's term; and generally relating to antibias training for members of county boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–129
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 331 – ~~Delegate White Holland~~ Delegates White Holland, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Public Access Ombudsman – Delegation of Powers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate certain powers and duties to a staff member of the Office of the Public Access Ombudsman; and generally relating to the Public Access Ombudsman.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–1B–01 and 4–1B–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–1B–03
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 367 – **Delegates Martinez, Acevero, ~~and Young~~ Young, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

FOR the purpose of 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 for licensure, certification, or registration; requiring each health occupations board that requires evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration to prominently maintain on their website a ~~list of states that meet certain requirements~~ statement that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of English proficiency under certain circumstances; adding manners of acceptable proof of English proficiency for the State Board of Nursing; altering the conditions of licensure by endorsement for the State Board of Nursing; and generally relating to health occupations boards, English proficiency requirements, and licensure by endorsement.

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–230
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–302(e), 8–307, and 12–302(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 375 – **Delegates D. Jones, Addison, Allen, Boyce, Forbes, Ruth, ~~and Stewart~~ Stewart, Behler, Foley, Guyton, Healey, Holmes, Jacobs, Lehman, R. Lewis, J. Long, T. Morgan, Otto, Stein, Terrasa, and Ziegler**

AN ACT concerning

Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Authorizations and Requirements (Jay's Law)

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; 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 riding on an electric personal assistive mobility device; and generally relating to riding bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1103(b) and 21–1202(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 376 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Membership – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the membership, selection of the membership, and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; and generally relating to Maryland Cybersecurity Council membership.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2901(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2901(c) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – State Government
Section 9–2901(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–2901(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 397 – **Delegates D. Jones, Jacobs, T. Morgan, and Stewart**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation – Oyster Shucking House Loan Program

FOR the purpose of altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans up to a certain amount for certain seasonal full–time jobs; reducing the number of years that a person must have been a licensed seafood dealer in order to be eligible to receive financing under the loan program; and generally relating to loans provided by the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–519.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 412 – **Delegate Korman**

AN ACT concerning

Elections – Local Boards of Elections ~~and Boards of Canvassers~~ – Open Meeting Requirements
(Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)

FOR the purpose of establishing enhanced open meeting requirements for each local board of elections ~~and each local board of canvassers~~; and generally relating to open

meeting requirements for local boards of elections ~~and boards of canvassers~~.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 2–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Election Law~~
~~Section 11–301, 11–302(a), and 11–303(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 421 – Delegates S. Johnson, A. Johnson, Kerr, McComas, and Taveras

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – 9–1–1 Trust Fund – 9–8–8 Suicide Prevention Hotline

FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund for certain expenditures that support the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline; 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; and generally relating to the 9–1–1 Trust Fund and the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–308(a) and 1–309(a) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–308(b) and 1–309(c)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 423 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Maryland 9–1–1 Board and Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Regulatory Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to adopt regulations to implement and enforce certain responsibilities of the Board; authorizing the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the responsibilities of the Department; and generally relating to the regulatory authority of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–306 and 14–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 425 – Delegates T. Morgan, Addison, Beauchamp, Davis, Hartman, Hutchinson, Jacobs, and Otto

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Boat Act – Auctioneers

FOR the purpose of exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act; and generally relating to the State Boat Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–701(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 428 – Delegates Embry, Attar, Boafo, Boyce, Charkoudian, Fair, Feldmark, Forbes, Guzzone, Hutchinson, Kaufman, Palakovich Carr, Ruth,

Shetty, Simpson, Taveras, Taylor, Terrasa, ~~and Wims~~ Wims, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Medical Debt – Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens

FOR the purpose of establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; 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 generally relating to contract liens and medical debt.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 11–401 and 11–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 7–105.1(a)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 14–203.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 449 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Condominiums – Property Insurance Deductibles – Unit Owner Responsibility

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible under certain circumstances; providing that a contract for the resale of a condominium unit by a unit owner other than the developer is not enforceable unless it contains a written notice of the unit owner's responsibility for the amount of the deductible where damage or destruction originates from a unit; and generally relating to condominium unit owners' responsibility for the council of unit owners' insurance deductibles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–114(a) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–114(g) and 11–135(a)(6) and (b)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 455 – **Delegates Kaiser, Alston, Attar, Cardin, Charkoudian, Fennell, Foley, Kaufman, McComas, Palakovich Carr, Simmons, Spiegel, Taylor, Valderrama, Williams, Wims, ~~and Woorman~~ Woorman, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, and Woods**

AN ACT concerning

Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to State veterans' cemeteries and American braille tactile flags.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–906(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–906(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–906(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 473 – Delegate Harris

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3602(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3604(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 553 – Delegates Taveras, Boafo, Harrison, Holmes, Lehman, Terrasa, ~~and Vogel~~ Vogel, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Self–Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self–measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; ~~requiring the Program to develop and implement a certain education campaign;~~ and generally relating to self–measured blood pressure monitoring under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–101(h), (j), and (l) and 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxv) and 15–141.6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 586 – Delegate D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Election Judges – Compensation

FOR the purpose of 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; authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service–learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge; and generally relating to election judges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 603 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Earned Income Tax Credit – Notice of Eligibility – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide a certain notice to all employers in the State concerning the earned income tax credit; and generally relating to the State earned income tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–913
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 614 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Local Earned Income Tax Credit – Calculation – County Income Tax Rate

FOR the purpose of clarifying the county income tax rate used to calculate the local earned income tax credit that certain individuals may claim against the county income tax; and generally relating to the local earned income tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section ~~10–704(d)~~ 10–704(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 616 – Delegates Hutchinson, Adams, Sample–Hughes, and Schmidt

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements – Statute of Limitations and Prohibition

FOR the purpose of increasing 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; prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing landscaping or part of the grounds of a cemetery; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for and prosecution of the crime of destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(jj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–404(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–404(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 617 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Comptroller – Recording and Monitoring Telephone Calls – Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying which telephone calls the Comptroller of the State may record and monitor for certain purposes; and generally relating to the recording and monitoring of telephone calls by the Comptroller.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 619 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Sales Between Cannabis Businesses and Cannabis Nurseries – Exemption

FOR the purpose of expanding the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain cannabis sales to include sales between certain licensed cannabis businesses and registered cannabis nurseries; and generally relating to the sales and use tax on the sale of cannabis.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–245
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 646 – Delegates Taylor, Addison, Amprey, Conaway, Crutchfield, Holmes, McCaskill, Phillips, Ruff, Toles, Wells, White Holland, Wilkins, Williams, and Woods

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services – Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force

FOR the purpose of extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services; extending the termination date for the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 936 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(a)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 936 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(i) and 2

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 937 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(a)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 937 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(i) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 722 – **Delegate Rosenberg**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Report on Oversight of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs and Recovery Residences

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports on or before certain dates on the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences; and generally relating to the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 745 – ~~**Delegate Guyton**~~ **Delegates Guyton, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior Analysts – Licensure Applications

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a license to practice behavior analysis to qualified applicants within a certain amount of time; requiring the State Board to provide a certain e–mail notification regarding the status of an application for a license to practice behavior analysis; and generally relating to behavior analyst licensure applications submitted to the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 17–6A–13
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 755 – ~~**Delegate Foley**~~ **Delegates Foley, Boyce, Healey, Holmes, Lehman, Ruth, and Terrasa**

AN ACT concerning

Common Ownership Communities – Recreational Common Areas – Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

FOR the purpose of 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 shared recreational area; and generally relating to recreational common areas of cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations.

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–23.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11–108.2 and 11B–111.11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 780 – ~~**Delegate Kerr**~~ **Delegates Kerr, Boyce, Healey, Lehman, and Ziegler**

AN ACT concerning

Urban State Highways – Speed Limits – Exemptions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the maximum speed limit by a certain amount on certain urban State highways without an engineering and traffic ~~investigation;~~ investigation, subject to certain notice requirements; prohibiting the use of speed monitoring systems on certain urban State highways under certain circumstances; and generally relating to speed limits on urban State highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–630(a)(1) and (3) and 21–801.1(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation

Section 21–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 786 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary) and Delegates Arikan, Bouchat, Conaway, Crutchfield, Embry, Kaufman, Phillips, Taylor, Toles, Sample–Hughes, Schmidt, Simmons, Simpson, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

Appellate Court of Maryland – Sessions at Educational Institutions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Appellate Court of Maryland to hold sessions at certain secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Appellate Court of Maryland sessions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 787 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)

AN ACT concerning

Courts – State Reporter – Publication of Cases

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the State Reporter and the publication of cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 864 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial

Conference) and Delegates Crosby, M. Morgan, and T. Morgan

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Judgeships – Circuit Courts

FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit courts by adding one additional judgeship in St. Mary's County; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 869 – **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Cullison, Kerr, ~~and Rosenberg~~ Rosenberg, Alston, Bhandari, Chisholm, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of repealing the limitation on the period during which certain audio–only telephone conversations are included under the definition of "telehealth" for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to reimbursement and coverage of telehealth by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; repealing the limitation on the period during which the Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; repealing the prohibition on health care practitioners prescribing certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report regarding telehealth every certain number of years; and generally relating to the provision, coverage, and reimbursement of health care services delivered through telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–141.2(a)(7) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–108.6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–1003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–139(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–139(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 961 – Delegates Embry, Acevero, Boyce, Crutchfield, Kaufman, McComas, Pasteur, and Ruff

AN ACT concerning

Commissioned Public Art – Artist Rights and Registration of Art

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an entity from including in a contract for certain State public art a provision requiring artists to waive certain rights; prohibiting enforcement of a certain waiver in an existing contract; requiring certain State public art to be registered with the Maryland State Arts Council; and generally relating to artist rights and State public art.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–228
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 995 – ~~**Delegate Pena-Melnyk**~~ **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 22

Senate Bill 264 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Plant Disease Control – Nurseries – Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT (1) OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR BY SENATOR HERSHEY.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0264/313522/1
BY: Senator Hershey

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 264
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, after line 19, insert:

"**(G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT**

AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

(1) THE NUMBER OF CURRENT LICENSEES;

(2) THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, DIVIDED BY COUNTY;

(3) INFORMATION ON THE DISEASES AND PESTS IDENTIFIED; AND

(4) THE NUMBER OF COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENTERED INTO.".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 23

SENATE EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

February 27, 2025

Report No. 4

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 4
February 27, 2025

Commerce, Department of

1. Harry Coker, Jr. District 46

Secretary of the Department of Commerce; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Board of Trustees of

2. Bryan L. Holley District 40

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

3. Nilanjana Moulick District 12

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

4. Nicholas Charles Richardson District 43

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Correctional Training Commission

5. Monica L. Pena District 27

Member of the Correctional Training Commission; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Ethics Commission, State

6. Craig D. Roswell District 41

Member of the State Ethics Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Hate Crime Response and Prevention, Commission on

7. Allyson Abrams District 23

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

8. Jennifer Brown District 33

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

9. Ama S. Frimpong District 32

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

10. Michael Gray — District 21

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

11. Vicki Jones — District 34

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

12. Carissa Mattern — District 34

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

13. Deborah Miller — D.C.

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

14. Gabriel Moreno — District 13

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

15. Sylvia Royster — District 28

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 1 year ending December 31, 2025

16. Adileh Sharieff — District 19

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

17. Joraver Singh — District 15

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 3 years ending December 31, 2027

Juvenile Services Education Board

18. Amy Kay Lopez — District 17

Member of the Juvenile Services Education Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors

19. Paige Hargett District 2

Member of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) Board of Directors; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission

20. Christopher William Frech Florida

Member of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term for the duration of the appointive body from January 15, 2024

Social Work Examiners, State Board of

21. Jamie Wilson District 8

Member of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

S–1. Alice Gwanthney Pinderhughes District 40

Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–2. Shirley Cheryl Walker District 28

Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Airport Zoning Appeals, Board of

S–3. Michelle Jacquelyn Marzullo District 8

Member of the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board

S–4. Victor Isailovic District 32

Member of the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission

S–5. Subha Chandar District 40

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

S–6. Eric Steven Kessler District 18

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

S–7. Clifford S. Mitchell District 46

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

Apprenticeship and Training Council

S–8. Stephanie Lopez Anderson District 33

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–9. Shaunta Janelle Chapple District 10

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Archaeology, Advisory Committee on

S–10. Alexandra Jones District 25

Member of the Advisory Committee on Archaeology; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–11. Cheryl Janifer LaRoche District 18

Member of the Advisory Committee on Archaeology; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Architects, State Board of

S–12. Kuo Pao Pao Lian District 11

Member of the State Board of Architects; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Board of Trustees of

S–13. Rosario Robinson District 15

Member of the Board of Trustees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Boiler Rules, Board of

S–14. Ronald Warden District 37

Member of the Board of Boiler Rules; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission, Advisory Committee on the

S–15. Sandra Isabel Dorsey District 29

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–16. Justin Hall District 23

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–17. Courtney Jenkins District 10

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–18. Adrienne Maria Ray District 10

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–19. Lisa Y. Settles, Esq. District 42

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–20. Matthew Decker Trollinger District 28

Member of the Advisory Committee on the Budget of the State Workers' Compensation Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Community Health Resources Commission, Maryland

S–21. Sadiya Abdul Muqueeth District 8

Member of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Consumer Council

S–22. Ann Maria Flores District 3

Member of the Consumer Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024

Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Maryland Advisory Council for the

S–23. Cassidy Jane Brooks Flagg District 5

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–24. Cleveland L. Horton, II District 7

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–25. Daniel Koo District 3

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–26. John Serrano District 15

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–27. Lauren Whiteman District 9

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

S–28. Maia Williams District 13

Member of the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from October 1, 2025

Dental Examiners, State Board of

S–29. Alison Renee Signor District 4

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from June 1, 2025

S–30. Dana Aubert Truesdale District 32

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2023

S–31. Katherine R. Wise District 22

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from June 1, 2025

Electricians, State Board of

S–32. Walter David Irvin, Jr. District 1

Member of the State Board of Electricians; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Handgun Roster Board

S–33. Ivan J. Bates District 46

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

S–34. Cassandra Crifasi District 30

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

S–35. Alexander Richard Kohn District 13

Member of the Handgun Roster Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from December 8, 2024

Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee

S–36. Paul D. Brylske District 7

Member of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

S–37. Francis Harold Taylor District 6

Member of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

Hate Crime Response and Prevention, Commission on

S–38. Lanlan Xu District 9

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 4 years ending December 31, 2028

Heritage Areas Authority, Maryland

S–39. Nathan Brown District 4

Member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S–40. Lawana Holland–Moore District 23

Member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Historical Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

S–41. Jeffrey Paul Buchheit District 7

Member of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–42. Karen Yee District 19

Member of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Indian Affairs, Commission on

S–43. Lawrence Alfred Dunmore, III District 42

Member of the Commission on Indian Affairs; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Infants and Toddlers, Interagency Coordinating Council for

S–44. Natalie Estelle District 10

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–45. Theresa Ryan Rivera District 7

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–46. Sarah Sherry District 9

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–47. Denise Tillery District 8

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Landscape Architects, Board of Examiners of

S–48. Christopher L. Schein District 30

Member of the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

S–49. Tica Torres District 45

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from October 1, 2025

Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board, Maryland

S–50. Mark T. Bedell District 30

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–51. Hussainatu Tengu Blake District 11

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–52. Frederick Douglas Taylor, Jr. District 41

Member of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Long–Term Care Administrators, State Board of

S–53. Denise Hayman District 11

Member of the State Board of Long–Term Care Administrators; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from April 22, 2025

Maryland 9–1–1 Board

S–54. Tawn Gregory District 1

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–55. Christopher William Meyer District 9

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–56. Shariff Thomas District 21

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors

S–57. Allison Nicole Banks District 46

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–58. Catherine Anne Bledsoe District 9

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–59. Terry V. Jackson District 34

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, State

S–60. Runako Allsopp District 15

Member of the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Police Training and Standards Commission, Maryland

S–61. Susan Camille Radcliffe District 37

Member of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from June 1, 2025

Port Commission, Maryland

S–62. Karenthia Barber District 43

Member of the Maryland Port Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–63. Sandy Audlyn Roberts District 23

Member of the Maryland Port Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S–64. Cheryl L. Dyson District 4

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Public Information Act Compliance Board, State

S–65. Samuel G. Encarnacion Montero District 34

Member of the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Real Estate Commission, State

S–66. Jacqueline Annette Alexander District 28

Member of the State Real Estate Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Residential Boarding Education Programs, Board of Trustees of

S–67. Michelle Harris Bondima District 41

Member of the Board of Trustees of Residential Boarding Education Programs; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Tourism Development Board, Maryland

S–68. Tonya M. Fitzpatrick District 20

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–69. Melonie Johnson VA

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–70. Benjamin Seidel District 38

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–71. Albert Arunto Spence District 11

Member of the Maryland Tourism Development Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

S–72. Parker Bratton District 46

Member of the Advisory Council on Youth Camp Safety; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Local Nominees

Please Note: Local Nominees are not required to appear before the Senate Executive Nominations Committee.

Calvert County Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors

L–1. David Lee Swann District 27

Member of the Calvert County Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from June 1, 2025

Frederick Community College Board of Trustees

L–2. Carmen Rosa Hernandez District 3

Member of the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

The President of the Senate put the following question: "Will the Senate advise and consent to the above nominations of the Executive?"

The above nominations of the Executive were all confirmed by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 308)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 44

Senate Bill 1040 – Senator Hester

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Department of Budget and Management – Expedited Hiring Program (FEDERAL Jobs Act of 2025)

FOR the purpose of establishing the Expedited Hiring Program in the Department of Budget and Management; authorizing an appointing authority to recruit for certain

vacant positions in State government under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to contract with a certain entity for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the Expedited Hiring Program and the Department of Budget and Management.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 1–101(a), (b), (f), (j), (k), (m), and (p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 7–201.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 36

February 28, 2025

1.	Sen. Mautz	Mental Health Facility – Acquisition and Renovation	B&T
2.	Sen. Bailey	St. Mary's County Regional Airport Fuel Capacity Expansion	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 309)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 20 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 42 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Interjurisdictional Watersheds – Flood Management

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 310)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 88 – ~~**Senator Kagan**~~ **Senators Kagan, Augustine, Brooks, and Carozza**

SECOND PRINTING

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – ~~State Administrator of Elections –~~ Municipal Elections – ~~Authority of State Administrator of Elections and Use of State Ballots~~ Administration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 311)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 258 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 312)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 444 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Gun Buyback Programs – Destruction of Firearms

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 313)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 523 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

State Employees – Cancer Screening – Paid Leave

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 34 Negative – 11 (See Roll Call No. 314)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 594 – Senator Ellis

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 315)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 316)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:34 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Legislative Day February 15, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, March 3, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 15, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, March 3, 2025
8:00 P.M. Session

The Senate met at 8:04 P.M.

Prayer by Bishop Lisa Weah, New Bethlehem Baptist Church, guest of Senator Hayes.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 41 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 317)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Love be excused from today's session.

The Journal of February 28, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 242 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Victoria Grier
in recognition of
your selection as
Maryland Civic Education Coalition's Civic Leader of the Year.
Thank you for your dedication to your students.
Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 3rd day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 318)

Senate Resolution No. 243 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Angie de Guzman
in recognition of
your selection as
Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year.
Thank you for your dedication to your students.
Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 3rd day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 318)

Senate Resolution No. 244 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Ashley Curtin
in recognition of
our selection as
Social Studies Instructional Leader of the Year.
Thank you for your dedication to your students.
Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 3rd day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 318)

Senate Resolution No. 245 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Dawn Jester
in recognition of
your selection as
Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Thank you for your dedication to your students.
Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 3rd day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 318)

Senate Resolution No. 246 – Senator Pamela Beidle:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Mitchel Agate
in recognition of
your selection as
Promising New Social Studies Teacher of the Year.
Thank you for your dedication to your students.
Congratulations!
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 3rd day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 318)

INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 45

Senate Bill 1041 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Charter Counties – Application of County Tax Limitation on Public Safety Budget

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county council of a charter county, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, to set by simple majority vote a property tax rate that is higher than the property tax rate authorized under a county's charter or collect more property tax revenues than the revenues authorized under the county's charter for the purpose of funding the approved public safety budget of the county; and generally relating to property tax in charter counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 5–104(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 16–109.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1042 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Property Tax Credit for Grocery Stores – Alterations

FOR the purpose of requiring, instead of authorizing, the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on the personal property of certain grocery stores located in a healthy food priority area in the county; and generally relating to a property tax credit for grocery stores in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–318(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1043 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Transportation Trust Fund – Revenue and Distribution
(Maryland Mobility Act of 2025)

FOR the purpose of imposing a transportation trust fund surcharge on certain sales or uses in the State; providing that the annual budget request, submitted by the Secretary of Transportation, for the Maryland Transit Administration and the State Highway Administration may not exceed a certain amount; requiring that the Governor include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations for certain modal units of the Department of Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; altering the definition of "transportation facilities project" to include

projects included in the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to identify methods to use public–private partnerships and toll revenue to fund transportation improvements in the State; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to identify certain needs as part of a certain assessment; requiring the State Highway Administration to assess the ongoing, unconstrained needs of the Administration; and generally relating to financing transportation projects in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1303 and 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–104(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 2–103(a)(1), 4–101(a), 4–204, 4–205(a), and 4–312(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 2–103(a)(2), 4–101(h), 4–205(f) and (g), and 7–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 2–114, 4–205(f), 8–209, and 10–205(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 7–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 150 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021 and Chapters 11 and 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, as amended by Chapters 11 and 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session
Section 9

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 352 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, as amended by Chapters 11 and 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session
Section 9

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1044 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Education – Student Transportation – Alternative School Vehicles

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations concerning the use of alternative school vehicles; and generally relating to student transportation and the State Board of Education.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–811
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill 1045 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of "taxable price" and "taxable service" for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the sales and use tax to impose the tax on certain labor and services; specifying the rate of the sales and use tax for certain labor and services; and generally relating to the sales and use tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–101(a) and (l)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–101(c–12) and 11–104(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–101(c–12), (l)(3), and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 9

House Bill 6 – Delegates Fair and Pruski

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Assessments and Taxation and Department of General Services – Property Appraisal Aids – Geographic Images

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to prepare, install, and maintain certain property appraisal aids that consist of a database of certain geographic images; requiring the Department of General Services to procure for the State a certain uniform system that includes any tools or services needed to prepare, maintain, and install the appraisal aids; requiring each county and Baltimore City to reimburse the State for certain costs of the database of geographic images; requiring the Department to develop certain policies to protect the identity of certain individuals; and generally relating to property appraisal aids and records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 2–106(b) and (c) and 2–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 197 – ~~Delegate Pasteur~~ Delegates Pasteur, Atterbeary, Ebersole, Fair, Feldmark, Mireku–North, Palakovich Carr, Roberts, Wells, Wu, and Young

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Restorative Practices Schools – Comprehensive Plan

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan to implement requirements for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and generally relating to Restorative Practices Schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–306.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 325 – Delegates Wims, Lehman, Palakovich Carr, Pena–Melnyk, Simmons, Vogel, ~~and Wilkins~~ Wilkins, Atterbeary, Boyce, Ebersole, Fair, Feldmark, Mireku–North, Patterson, Roberts, Roberson, Wells, Wu, and Young

AN ACT concerning

Adult Education – High School Diploma by Examination – Requirements and Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in the same language; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to examination requirements for a high school diploma by examination.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–808(a), (b), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–808(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 872 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Property – Tenants' Right of First Refusal

FOR the purpose of 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 a residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property; and generally relating to tenants' right of first refusal to purchase residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–119(d)(1) through (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–119(h)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory Senate Bond Initiatives No. 37

March 3, 2025

1.	Sen. Jennings	Humane Society of Harford County – Shelter and Training Facility	B&T
2.	Sen. Henson	Hunt's Shore Beach – Climate and Community Resiliency Project	B&T

3.	Sen. Folden	Middletown Park Master Plan	B&T
4.	Sen. Folden	Middletown Utility Metering Improvement	B&T
5.	Sen. McCray	Vacant to Vibrant – East Baltimore	B&T

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 319)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 16, 2025, Calendar Day, Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 16, 2025
Calendar Day: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:15 A.M.

Prayer by Chaplain Washington Johnson II, Seventh Day Adventist Church, guest of Senator Beidle.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 40 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 320)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Benson be excused from today's session.

The Journal of March 3, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 249 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
The Maryland State Education Association
in recognition of
Read Across America Day.
Congratulations on the 27th Anniversary of the
Read Across America Program celebrating a nation of diverse readers.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 4th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 42 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 321)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Read and ordered journalized.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1 – FISCAL YEAR 2026

(See Exhibit E of Appendix III)

Read and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 788 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B–D–7 Licenses

SB0788/993929/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 788
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after the semicolon insert "extending for a certain amount of time an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class C license issued for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2026, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.";

and in line 26, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 800 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

SB0800/633927/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 800
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "district;" insert "authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school;"; and after line 18, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

"19–1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the

public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; **[**or**]**

(3) a temporary license**; OR**

(4) AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 802 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

SB0802/513623/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 802
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after "criteria;" insert "authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school;"; and after line 20, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

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(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; **[**or**]**

(3) a temporary license**; OR**

(4) A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 910 – Caroline County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Licenses

SB0910/483124/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 910
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before "**Multiple**" insert "**Special Event Venue License and**"; in line 3, strike "rural"; in line 4, strike "as a multiple event license"; in the same line, after "County;" insert "authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification;"; in line 6, after "beverages" insert "licenses"; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 13, inclusive; in line 21, strike "15–1309" and substitute "15–1004"; after line 23, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 15–1308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)";

in line 24, strike "and reenacting, with amendments,"; and in line 26, strike "15–1310" and substitute "15–1309".

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 11, strike "**15–1309.**" and substitute "**15–1004.**"; in lines 12 and 24, in each instance, strike "**RURAL**"; in line 15, strike "**VENUE THAT IS ZONED AS A RURAL**"; and in line 16, strike "**UNDER COUNTY LAW**".

On page 3, in line 1, strike "**RURAL**"; after line 5, insert:

"15–1308.

(a) Instead of issuing individual event licenses, the Board may issue a multiple event license for a particular class of license.

(b) The number of days for which a multiple event license may be used by a single applicant may not exceed 40 per calendar year.

(c) (1) A multiple event license shall be issued:

(i) for one premises only; and

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to the same applicant for all events for which the license is issued.

(2) The Board may:

(i) approve in writing a substitute applicant; and

(ii) before approving a substitute applicant, hold a hearing.

(d) A server who is certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program shall be on the premises for which a multiple event license is issued when alcoholic beverages are served.

(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

(I) ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND

(II) ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.

(2) (I) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

1. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

2. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD.

(III) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE– AND POST–INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(3) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF THE LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6–202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF $100; AND

(II) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

[(e)**] (F)** (1) The fee for a multiple event license is:

(i) $250 for not more than 10 events per year;

(ii) $500 for not more than 20 events per year;

(iii) $750 for not more than 30 events per year; and

(iv) $1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

(2) The Board may not issue a refund if the license holder holds fewer events during the calendar year than the number of events that the license holder is entitled to hold.";

strike line 6 in its entirety and substitute "**[**15–1309.**]**"; and in line 10, strike "**RURAL**".

On pages 3 and 4, strike the lines beginning with line 7 on page 3 through line 4 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 5, strike "3." and substitute "2.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 939 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

SB0939/333028/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 939
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the second "licenses" insert ", and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time"; in line 8, after "district;" insert "prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day;"; in line 16, strike "12–1311 and 12–1603(c)(17) and (18)" and substitute "12–1311, 12–1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12–2005(d)"; and in line 21, strike "(22)" and substitute "(21)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, after "**TO**" insert "**:**

(1)";

and in the same line, after "**LICENSE**" insert "**; OR**

(2) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON FOR THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR".

On page 4, in line 20, after "**ASSOCIATION;**" insert "**AND**"; and strike beginning with the first "**A**" in line 21 down through "**(22)**" in line 28.

On page 5, after line 4, insert:

"12–2005.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under § 12–1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

(iii) a Class B–BWL (H–M) license;

(iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

(v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

(vi) an arena license; **[**or**]**

(vii) a marketplace license**; OR**

(VIII) A CLASS M–F (MUNICIPAL FAMILY FUN CENTER) LICENSE.

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

(i) within an area bounded:

1. from the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Quantico Avenue, northwest on Reisterstown Road to the intersection with Wylie Avenue, northeast on Wylie Avenue to the intersection with Pimlico Road, northwest on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Dupont Avenue, east on Dupont Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Edgecombe Circle North, east on Edgecombe Circle North to the intersection with Finney Avenue, south on Finney Avenue to the intersection with Oakford Avenue, west on Oakford Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Loyola Northway, southwest on Loyola Northway to the intersection with Pimlico Road,

southeast on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Quantico Avenue, and southwest on Quantico Avenue to the intersection with Reisterstown Road; and

2. from the intersection of Millington Avenue with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on Millington Avenue to the intersection with Frederick Avenue, northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with West Pratt Street, east on West Pratt Street to the intersection with South Mount Street, south on South Mount Street to the intersection with Eagle Street, southwest on Eagle Street to the intersection with South Smallwood Street, northwest on South Smallwood Street to the intersection with Wilkens Avenue, and southwest on Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with Millington Avenue;

(ii) within the area of West North Avenue between the 1000 block of West North Avenue and the 3200 block of West North Avenue, inclusive; **[**and**]**

(iii) for a license holder within 250 yards in any direction of the area described in item (ii) of this paragraph**; AND**

(IV) WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FULTON AVENUE WITH NORTH AVENUE, NORTH ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTHEAST ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH DRUID HILL AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON DRUID HILL AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH MOSHER STREET, SOUTHWEST ON MOSHER STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH CAREY STREET, NORTH ON NORTH CAREY STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH AVENUE, AND WEST ON NORTH AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH FULTON AVENUE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 26 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Revisions
(Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)

SB0026/323129/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 26
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "purposes;" in line 6; in line 20, strike "2–104(b),"; in the same line, strike "5–202,"; and in the same line, strike "5–208,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 18, inclusive.

On page 3, strike beginning with "**(1)**" in line 22 down through "**(F)**" in line 28.

On page 4, in lines 1, 2, and 8, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 1, strike "**(G)**"; in line 2, strike "**(H) (1)**"; strike in their entirety lines 4 through 7, inclusive; in line 8, strike "**(I)**"; and in line 13, strike "**(J)**" and substitute "**(I)**".

On page 6, in line 23, strike the colon; strike in their entirety lines 24 and 25; and in line 26, strike "**2.**".

On page 7, in line 19, strike "**BY E–MAIL**"; in line 21, strike "**ASSISTANT**"; and in line 22, strike "**FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' SAFETY AND HEALTH**".

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 7 through line 10 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 12, strike "**(1)**"; strike beginning with the first "**THE**" in line 12 down through "**(3)**" in line 16 and substitute a comma; in lines 20 and 21, in each instance, strike "**ASSISTANT**"; and strike beginning with "**, SUBJECT**" in line 21 down through "**COMMISSIONER,**" in line 22.

On page 9, in lines 2, 3, and 27, in each instance, strike "**ASSISTANT**"; in line 10, strike the colon; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 20, inclusive; and in line 21, strike "**(V)**".

On pages 10 and 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 10 through line 31 on page 11, inclusive.

On page 12, in lines 16 and 17, in each instance, strike "**ASSISTANT**"; and strike beginning with "**OF**" in line 16 down through "**HEALTH**" in line 17.

On page 13, in line 25, strike "**BY E–MAIL**".

On page 15, in line 4, strike "**(I)**"; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 9, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 445 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program – Administration

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 474 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Adverse Decisions – Reporting and Examinations

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 474
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Reporting**" and substitute "**Notices, Reporting,**"; in line 3, after "of" insert "requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner;"; after line 8, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–10A–02(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

and in line 11, after "Section" insert "15–10A–02(f) and (i) and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

"15–10A–02.

(a) Each carrier shall establish an internal grievance process for its members.

(f) (1) For nonemergency cases, when a carrier renders an adverse decision, the carrier shall:

(i) inform the member, the member's representative, or the health care provider acting on behalf of the member of the adverse decision:

1. orally by telephone; or

2. with the affirmative consent of the member, the member's representative, or the health care provider acting on behalf of the member, by text, facsimile, e–mail, an online portal, or other expedited means; and

(ii) send, within 5 working days after the adverse decision has been made, a written notice to the member, the member's representative, and a health care

provider acting on behalf of the member that:

1. states in detail in clear, understandable language the specific factual bases for the carrier's decision and the reasoning used to determine that the health care service is not medically necessary and did not meet the carrier's criteria and standards used in conducting the utilization review;

2. provides the specific reference, language, or requirements from the criteria and standards, including any interpretive guidelines, on which the decision was based, and may not solely use:

A. generalized terms such as "experimental procedure not covered", "cosmetic procedure not covered", "service included under another procedure", or "not medically necessary"; or

B. language directing the member to review the additional coverage criteria in the member's policy or plan documents;

3. **[**states the name,**]** **INCLUDES A UNIQUE IDENTIFIER FOR AND THE** business address**[**,**]** and business telephone number of:

A. if the carrier is a health maintenance organization, the medical director or associate medical director, as appropriate, who made the decision; or

B. if the carrier is not a health maintenance organization, the designated employee or representative of the carrier who has responsibility for the carrier's internal grievance process and the physician who is required to make all adverse decisions as required in § 15–10B–07(a) of this title;

4. gives written details of the carrier's internal grievance process and procedures under this subtitle; and

5. includes the following information:

A. that the member, the member's representative, or a health care provider on behalf of the member has a right to file a complaint with the Commissioner within 4 months after receipt of a carrier's grievance decision;

B. that a complaint may be filed without first filing a

grievance if the member, the member's representative, or a health care provider filing a grievance on behalf of the member can demonstrate a compelling reason to do so as determined by the Commissioner;

C. the Commissioner's address, telephone number, and facsimile number;

D. a statement that the Health Advocacy Unit is available to assist the member or the member's representative in both mediating and filing a grievance under the carrier's internal grievance process; and

E. the address, telephone number, facsimile number, and electronic mail address of the Health Advocacy Unit.

(2) The business telephone number included in the notice as required under paragraph (1)(ii)3 of this subsection must be a dedicated number for adverse decisions and may not be the general customer call number for the carrier.

(i) (1) For nonemergency cases, when a carrier renders a grievance decision, the carrier shall:

(i) document the grievance decision in writing after the carrier has provided oral communication of the decision to the member, the member's representative, or the health care provider acting on behalf of the member; and

(ii) send, within 5 working days after the grievance decision has been made, a written notice to the member, the member's representative, and a health care provider acting on behalf of the member that:

1. states in detail in clear, understandable language the specific factual bases for the carrier's decision and the reasoning used to determine that the health care service is not medically necessary and did not meet the carrier's criteria and standards used in conducting utilization review;

2. provides the specific reference, language, or requirements from the criteria and standards, including any interpretive guidelines used by the carrier, on which the grievance decision was based;

3. **[**states the name,**]** **INCLUDES A UNIQUE IDENTIFIER**

FOR AND THE business address**[**,**]** and business telephone number of:

A. if the carrier is a health maintenance organization, the medical director or associate medical director, as appropriate, who made the grievance decision; or

B. if the carrier is not a health maintenance organization, the designated employee or representative of the carrier who has responsibility for the carrier's internal grievance process and the designated employee or representative's title and clinical specialty; and

4. includes the following information:

A. that the member or the member's representative has a right to file a complaint with the Commissioner within 4 months after receipt of a carrier's grievance decision;

B. the Commissioner's address, telephone number, and facsimile number;

C. a statement that the Health Advocacy Unit is available to assist the member or the member's representative in filing a complaint with the Commissioner; and

D. the address, telephone number, facsimile number, and electronic mail address of the Health Advocacy Unit.

(2) The business telephone number included in the notice as required under paragraph (1)(ii)3 of this subsection must be a dedicated number for grievance decisions and may not be the general customer call number for the carrier.

(3) To satisfy the requirements of this subsection, a carrier may not use solely in the written notice sent under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) generalized terms such as "experimental procedure not covered", "cosmetic procedure not covered", "service included under another procedure", or "not medically necessary"; or

(ii) language directing the member to review the additional coverage

criteria in the member's policy or plan documents.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 30, strike "**AND**"; and in line 31, after "**INCREASE**" insert "**; AND**

(III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CARRIER'S EFFORTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO DETERMINE THE REASON FOR THE INCREASE".

The preceding 3 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 576 – Senators Lam, Rosapepe, Kramer, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Mandatory Meetings on Religious or Political Matters – Employee Attendance and Participation (Maryland Worker Freedom Act)

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 785 – Senator Ready

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Unpaid Parental Leave – Definition of Employer

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 373 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department – Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Processes

SB0373/143829/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 373
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 21, after "**(VIII)**" insert "**1.**"; in the same line, strike "**THE**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE**"; and after line 22, insert:

"**2. A DECISION OF AN ARBITRATOR UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH RELATED TO WAGES IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET.**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 734 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 754 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Financing – Small Business Truth in Lending Act

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 10

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 17 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans' Organizations

SB0017/103229/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 17
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Simonaire**" and substitute "**Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 636 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Permits

SB0636/693427/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 636
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Folden**" and substitute "**Frederick County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 738 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License – Alterations

SB0738/243520/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 738
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Folden**" and substitute "**Frederick County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 744 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Notice

SB0744/683720/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 744
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Gallion**" and substitute "**Harford County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 745 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License – Record–Keeping Requirements

SB0745/703224/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 745
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Gallion**" and substitute "**Harford County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 746 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Licenses – Golf Simulator Facilities

SB0746/313029/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 746
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Gallion**" and substitute "**Harford County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11
CONSENT NO. 1

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

BILL NO.	REPORT	SPONSOR	CONTENT
FAVORABLE			
SB 284	FAV	Sen. McCray	Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Operation Violations – Civil Penalties
SB 304	FAV	Sen. McCray	Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

BILL NO.	REPORT	SPONSOR	CONTENT
SB 662	FAV	Sen. Ferguson	Baltimore City – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses
SB 731	FAV	Charles County Senators	Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations
SB 798	FAV	Wicomico County Senators	Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To–Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To–Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License
SB 839	FAV	Dorchester County Senators	Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License
SB 869	FAV	Sen. Mautz	Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees

Favorable report adopted on all of the preceding bills.

The preceding bills were read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12
CONSENT NO. 2

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

BILL NO.	REPORT	SPONSOR	CONTENT
FAVORABLE			
SB 503	FAV	Washington County Senators (Jointly Considered FIN/EEE)	Washington County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership

BILL NO.	REPORT	SPONSOR	CONTENT
SB 568	FAV	Anne Arundel County Senators	Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Part–Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation
SB 670	FAV	Frederick County Senators	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License
SB 826	FAV	Sen. McKay	Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025
SB 888	FAV	Sen. Henson	Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – License and Permit Distance Requirements

Favorable report adopted on all of the preceding bills.

The preceding bills were read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 267 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 269 – Senator Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 276 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Educational Equality for Service Members Act

SB0276/863320/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 276
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 21, strike "18–501(b)(2)(iii)," and substitute "18–501(b)(2)(iii);"; and in line 22, strike ", 18–604(a), (c), and (d)," and substitute "and 18–604(a), (c), and (d) to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 6. Scholarships for Uniformed Services and Public Safety Personnel and Their Dependents and the Dependents of Certain School Employees";".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 16, strike "certificate" and substitute "**LICENSE**".

On page 4, in lines 3 and 6, in each instance, strike "**CERTIFICATE**" and substitute "**LICENSE**"; in lines 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 21, 26, and 29, in each instance, strike "certification" and substitute "**LICENSURE**"; and in lines 18 and 22, in each instance, strike "certificate" and substitute "**LICENSE**".

On page 9, in line 25, strike the first bracket; and strike beginning with the "of" in line 25 down through "**VETERAN**" in line 26.

On page 10, in line 16, strike the set of brackets; and in line 22, strike "described in subsection (a) of this section".

On page 11, strike beginning with the bracket in line 4 down through "reserves," in line 5; in line 6, strike "military"; and in the same line, strike the bracket.

On page 12, after line 16, insert:

"Subtitle 6. Scholarships for **[**Military**]** **UNIFORMED SERVICES** and Public Safety Personnel and Their Dependents and the Dependents of Certain School Employees.".

On page 16, after line 10, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 12, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 16 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 17.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 511 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Plan Requirements
(Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Act)

SB0511/143429/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 511
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike beginning with the comma in line 10 down through "**OPTIONS**" in line 11.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 597 – Senators Corderman and McKay

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program – Eligible Institutions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 602 – Senators Brooks, Kramer, and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Special Education Service Delivery Models – Publication Requirement

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 923 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – High School Sports Officiating Services – Procurement Requirements

SB0923/283227/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 923
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Gile**" and substitute "**Senators Gile, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Hester, Kagan, and M. Washington**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 117 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Septic System Upgrade Program

SB0117/613121/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 117
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 3 down through "manner;" in line 7; strike beginning with "exempting" in line 9 down through "law;" in line 12; in line 13, strike "with" and substitute "without"; strike line 15 in its entirety and substitute

"Section 9–1605.2(a)(1) and (h)(1)"; in line 18, strike "without" and substitute "with"; and in line 20, strike "9–1605.2(a)(1) and (h)(1)" and substitute "9–1605.2(h)(2) through (5)".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 10 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 2 through line 16 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 4, strike beginning with "**THE**" in line 1 down through "**THIRD**" in line 2 and substitute "**A MARYLAND CHESAPEAKE BAY 8–DIGIT WATERSHED THAT HAS A RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS FOR TOTAL NITROGEN REDUCTION OF 9.24 OR HIGHER BASED ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED MODEL, THIRD TO FAILING SYSTEMS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE 500–YEAR FLOODPLAIN, AND FOURTH**".

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 7 through line 12 on page 8, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 239 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment – Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 244 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Information Technology – Cybersecurity Revisions

SB0244/743220/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 244
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 6, after line 7, insert:

"**(F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ON:**

(I) THE STATE'S EXPENDITURE ON CYBERSECURITY RELATIVE TO OVERALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPENDING FOR THE PRIOR 3 YEARS; AND

(II) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT, PURPOSE, AND TIMING OF FUNDING TO IMPROVE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS.

(2) IN A YEAR WITH A NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR, THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD FRIDAY OF JANUARY.".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 261 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Public Accountancy – Sunset Extension and Report

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 275 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Modernization of Military Laws Act

SB0275/523524/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 275
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 18, after "1–101(b–1)" insert "and (tt–1)".

On page 2, in line 16, strike "9–906(a)(5) and (f)," and substitute "9–906, 9–907,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

"**(TT–1) "UNIFORMED SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**";

and strike in their entirety lines 19 and 20.

On page 4, after line 18, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 20, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 24 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 25.

On page 5, in line 1, after "(a)" insert "**(1)**"; in the same line, strike beginning with the comma through "means" and substitute "**THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS";

in lines 1 and 2, strike "armed forces of the United States" and substitute "**UNIFORMED SERVICES**"; in line 3, strike "military"; strike beginning with "(1)" in line 4 down through "(3)" in line 6 and substitute "**(I) A RESERVE COMPONENT;**

(II)";

in line 7, strike "(4)" and substitute "**(III)**"; in line 8, strike beginning with the bracket through "**HAS**" and substitute "**.**

(3) "RESERVE COMPONENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(4) "VETERAN" HAS";

in lines 11, 12, and 14, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in lines 11 and 12, in each instance, strike "**A**".

On page 7, in line 3, strike the bracket; and in line 4, strike "of the United States**]**".

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 7

through line 10 on page 8, inclusive, and substitute:

"9–906.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) **IN THIS SECTION AND IN § 9–907 OF THIS SUBTITLE, "ELIGIBLE DECEDENT" MEANS:**

(I) A VETERAN;

(II) A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER; OR

(III) AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT.

(3) "Eligible dependent" means:

(i) a child who meets the requirements stated in 38 C.F.R. § 38.620(e); **[**or**]**

(ii) a parent who meets the requirements stated in 38 C.F.R. § 38.620(i)**; OR**

(III) A PARENT OR CHILD RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION OF A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER.

[(3)**] (4)** "Eligible spouse" means**:**

(I) a spouse who meets the requirements stated in 38 C.F.R. § 38.620(e)**; OR**

(II) A SPOUSE OF A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER.

(5) "QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER" MEANS A RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBER WHO DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BURIAL AT A NATIONAL VETERANS' CEMETERY BUT SERVED OTHER THAN DISHONORABLY AND COMPLETED THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF SERVICE.

[(4)**] (6)** "State veterans' cemetery" means a cemetery that the Department establishes under this section.

[(5) In this section and in § 9–907 of this subtitle, "veteran" means an individual who:

(i) served other than dishonorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States; or

(ii) served other than dishonorably as a member of the State militia ordered into active service of the United States by order of the President and was killed in the line of duty.

(6)**] (7)** "Washington Cemetery" means the Civil War cemetery grounds authorized by Chapter 213 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1870.

(b) The Department may establish one or more cemeteries in the State for the burial of **[**veterans and their eligible spouse or dependents**]** **ELIGIBLE DECEDENTS** as authorized by the Secretary.

(c) The Department may accept land, on behalf of the State or a political subdivision of the State, or otherwise acquire land for a State veterans' cemetery, if the Department has the approval of:

(1) the governing body of the county where the State veterans' cemetery is to be located;

(2) the delegation in the General Assembly for the county where the State veterans' cemetery is to be located; and

(3) the Board of Public Works.

(d) (1) The Department shall maintain and supervise each State veterans' cemetery.

(2) The Washington Cemetery shall be under the supervision of the Department.

(e) The Department shall provide a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, without

charge, to a veteran **OR A VETERAN'S ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT** who meets the requirements of this section.

(f) To qualify for a plot in a State veterans' cemetery:

(1) the **[**applicant**]** **ELIGIBLE DECEDENT** must be**:**

(I) a veteran who meets the requirements for burial at a national veterans' cemetery**;**

(II) **A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER;** or

(III) an eligible spouse or dependent **[**of a veteran**]** who meets the requirements of this subsection; and

(2) if a **[**veteran, the veteran**]** **QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER, THE QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER** must also have been a resident of the State:

(i) when the **[**veteran**]** **QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER** entered the **[**armed forces**]** **RESERVE COMPONENT**;

(ii) when the **[**veteran**]** **QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER** died; or

(iii) for 2 years, unless, for a reason that the Department finds compelling, the Department waives the time period.

(g) To obtain a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, an applicant shall submit to the Department an application on the form that the Department provides.

(h) (1) In a plot that is allotted to a veteran **OR A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER**, the Department shall bury:

(i) the veteran **OR QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER**; and

(ii) any member of the immediate family who is an eligible spouse or dependent **[**of the veteran**]** if the family member can be buried in a space above or below the veteran **OR QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER** or in the next available plot.

(2) With each plot, the Department shall provide a grave liner at no cost for the veteran or **THE VETERAN'S** eligible spouse or dependent.

(i) **(1) [**The**]** **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE** Department **[**shall bury the**]** **MAY NOT CHARGE A** veteran or **A VETERAN'S** eligible spouse or dependent **[**without charge**]** **FOR BURIAL**.

(2) IF THE INDIVIDUAL BEING BURIED IS A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER OR A QUALIFIED RESERVE MEMBER'S ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AT THE TIME OF BURIAL A FEE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL PLOT ALLOWANCE ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION.

9–907.

The Department shall keep a registry of the graves of **[**veterans and family members of veterans**]** **ELIGIBLE DECEDENTS** who are buried in the State veterans' cemeteries.".

On page 8, in line 15, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "armed forces" and substitute "**UNIFORMED SERVICES**"; in line 22, strike the bracket; in line 24, strike "of the United States"; and in line 25, strike the bracket.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 722 – Senators Henson and Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Ecological Restoration

SB0722/993023/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 722
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Environment** –" insert "**Definition of**"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 5 down through "restoration;" in line 8; and in line 11, strike "and 1–1002".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 12, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 110 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Priority of Claims on an Estate – Unpaid Child Support

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 126 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Resignation of Trustee – Notice

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 135 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Fiduciaries – Attorney–Client Privilege

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 152 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes Relating to Animals – Conviction and Sentencing

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 274 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Child Victims – Testimony in Child Abuse Cases

SB0274/143521/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 274
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Love**" and substitute "**Senators Love, Smith, Waldstreicher, Sydnor, West, Muse, Folden, James, McKay, and**

Charles".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 25, after "(1)" insert "**IF THE CHILD VICTIM TESTIFIES BY CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, THE TESTIMONY SHALL BE GIVEN WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE IN A SETTING THAT THE COURT FINDS WILL REASONABLY MITIGATE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE CHILD VICTIM WILL SUFFER EMOTIONAL DISTRESS.**

(2)".

On page 3, in lines 1 and 6 strike "(2)" and "(4)", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**" and "**(5)**", respectively; in line 3, strike "(3)" and substitute "**(4) (I)**"; and after line 5 insert:

"**(II) THE DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT SHALL HAVE A MEANS OF PRIVATELY COMMUNICATING ORALLY AND IN REAL–TIME WITH THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT WHO IS IN THE ROOM WHERE THE CHILD VICTIM IS TESTIFYING.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 421 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements – Statute of Limitations and Prohibition

SB0421/763527/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 421
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike "landscaping or".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 24, strike "**LANDSCAPING OR**" and substitute "**ANY OTHER**"; in line 26, strike "**, LANDSCAPING**"; and in line 27, strike the third comma and substitute "**OR OTHER PART OF THE GROUNDS OF THE CEMETERY**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 7 – Senator Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response
(See Someone, Save Someone Act)

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 618 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability

SB0618/183121/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 618
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Smith**" and substitute "**Senators Smith, Charles, Folden, M. Jackson, James, Love, McKay, Muse, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 3, insert:

"**(Eric's ID Law)**".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 10, after "notation;" insert "requiring the Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant's nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances;"; in line 11, strike "to" and substitute "in a"; and in the same line, strike "entities" and substitute "manner under certain circumstances".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 27, strike "**AND**"; and in line 28, after "**(4)**" insert "**DELETE ANY RECORD OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION ON REQUEST BY THE INDIVIDUAL AT ANY TIME; AND**

(5)".

On page 4, in line 13, after "**ARTICLE**" insert "**AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION**"; in the same line, after "**DISCLOSE**" insert "**FOR ANY USE WITHOUT A COURT ORDER**"; in the same line, strike "**INDICATION**" and substitute "**:**

(I) INDICATION";

strike beginning with "**FOR**" in line 15 down through "**ADMINISTRATION**" in line 17; after line 17, insert:

"**(II) REQUEST TO REMOVE AN INDICATION OF A NONAPPARENT**

DISABILITY FROM A LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT; OR";

and in line 21, after "**(F)**" insert "**THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (E)(3) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO:**

(1) A COURT;

(2) A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY;

(3) A DRIVER LICENSING AUTHORITY;

(4) THE APPLICANT;

(5) THE APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY;

(6) ANY THIRD PARTY DESIGNATED BY THE APPLICANT; OR

(7) THE CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION.

(G)".

The preceding 4 amendments were read only.

Senator Smith moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 811 – Senator James

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services – Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force

SB0811/533722/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 811
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator James**" and substitute "**Senators James, Smith, and West**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 5 and 17, in each instance, strike "**OCTOBER**" and substitute "**DECEMBER**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 322)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 21 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 264 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Plant Disease Control – Nurseries – Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 32 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 323)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 324)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:24 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 17, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 17, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, March 5, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:15 A.M.

Prayer by Chaplain David Stadler, Legislative Prayer Caucus, guest of Senator Gallion.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 325)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Bailey and Senator M. Washington be excused from today's session.

The Journal of March 4, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 265 – Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Queen Anne's County High School
Girl's Varsity Soccer Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 2A Maryland Public Secondary Schools
Athletic Association State Championship.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 5th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 326)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 266 – Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Queen Anne's County High School
Girl's Wrestling Team
in recognition of
winning the 2024 2A Maryland Public Secondary Schools
Athletic Association State Championship.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 5th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 327)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 10

House Bill 249 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Property – Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty; and generally relating to the enforcement of local laws and ordinances that limit the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–126
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 4

Senate Bill 618 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (4) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0618/183121/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 618
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Smith**" and substitute "**Senators Smith, Charles, Folden, M. Jackson, James, Love, McKay, Muse, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 3, insert:

"**(Eric's ID Law)**".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 10, after "notation;" insert "requiring the Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant's nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances;"; in line 11, strike "to" and substitute "in a"; and in the same line, strike "entities" and substitute "manner under certain circumstances".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 27, strike "**AND**"; and in line 28, after "**(4)**" insert "**DELETE ANY RECORD OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NONAPPARENT DISABILITY NOTATION ON REQUEST BY THE INDIVIDUAL AT ANY TIME; AND**

(5)".

On page 4, in line 13, after "**ARTICLE**" insert "**AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION**"; in the same line, after "**DISCLOSE**" insert "**FOR ANY USE WITHOUT A COURT ORDER**"; in the same line, strike "**INDICATION**" and substitute "**:**

(I) INDICATION";

strike beginning with "**FOR**" in line 15 down through "**ADMINISTRATION**" in line 17; after line 17, insert:

"**(II) REQUEST TO REMOVE AN INDICATION OF A NONAPPARENT DISABILITY FROM A LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR A MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMIT; OR**";

and in line 21, after "**(F)**" insert "**THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (E)(3) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO:**

(1) A COURT;

(2) A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY;

(3) A DRIVER LICENSING AUTHORITY;

(4) THE APPLICANT;

(5) THE APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY;

(6) ANY THIRD PARTY DESIGNATED BY THE APPLICANT; OR

(7) THE CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION.

(G)".

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0618/633924/1

BY: Senator Smith

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 618, AS AMENDED

On page 1 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0618/183121/1), in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, after "**Charles,**" insert "**Ferguson,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0618/583928/1
BY: Senator Salling

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 618, AS AMENDED

On page 1 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0618/183121/1), in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, after "**Muse,**" insert "**Salling,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 328)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:36 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 18, 2025, Calendar Day, Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 18, 2025
Calendar Day: Thursday, March 6, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:10 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Will "Ed" Green, Silver Spring United Methodist Church, guest of Senator Waldstreicher.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 329)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Ellis and Senator Folden be excused from today's session.

The Journal of March 5, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 267 – Senator Nick Charles:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
2nd District, Corridor 1
in recognition of
100 Ques in Annapolis Day and for your commitment to service, advocacy,
and community empowerment through brotherhood.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 6th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 330)

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE
APPOINTMENTS

March 4, 2025

The Honorable William Ferguson
President of the Senate
H–107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, §13 of the Constitution of Maryland, I am pleased to submit the following appointment nominations for confirmation by the Maryland State Senate. These individuals bring exceptional knowledge and ability to the offices for which they have been nominated. I am confident they will provide the strength of experience and leadership to instill confidence among all of our citizens, and ensure we succeed in our commitment to leave no Marylander behind.

I look forward to your favorable approval of these nominees. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Wes Moore
Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO STATEWIDE BOARDS
REQUIRING STATE SENATE CONFIRMATION
2025 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Administrative Hearings, Office of & State Advisory Council on	
Reena Kirit Shah 1515 Larkspur Court Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 Calvert/27	Appointment Maryland State Bar Association Representative Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2024
African American History and Culture, Commission on	
Chrissy Michelle Thorton 246 Pidco Road Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 Baltimore County/10	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Mark Gregory Glaze 8309 Governor Thomas Lane Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 Howard/9	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners	
Charley Sung 7821 Crystal Brook Way Hanover, Maryland 21076 Anne Arundel/32	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from May 2, 2025
Arts Council, Maryland State	
Tonya Rena Miller 1410 Walnut Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21209 Baltimore County/11	Reappointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Blind, Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the	
The Honorable Stephanie Smith 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Anne Arundel/30	Reappointment Maryland House of Delegates Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Boiler Rules, Board of	
Zoe Baynard 7009 Beulah Road Hurlock, Maryland 21643 Dorchester/37	Appointment Mfg/Assembler Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025
Calvert County Board of License Commissioners	
Dean M. Holland 245 Hope Lane Huntington, Maryland 20639 Calvert/27	Reappointment Member Term of 2 years from June 5, 2025
Carroll County Board of Elections	
Gina Maria Miller 405 Heath Drive Sykesville, Maryland 21784 Carroll/5	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from June 5, 2023
Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program Board	
Andrew Stephen Freeman 21401 Clarksburg Road Boyds, Maryland 20841 Montgomery/15	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Correctional Standards, Commission on	

Gary Pattman 1430 Lawrence Street Apt. 310 Baltimore, Maryland 21230 Baltimore City/46	Appointment State Correctional Personnel Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023
Luke Dixon 1 Oak Street Ridgely, Maryland 21660 Caroline/38	Appointment Local Correctional Personnel Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023
Dental Examiners, State Board of	
Dr. Chiyo Anaite Gomez Aile 12513 Over Ridge Road Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/15	Reappointment Dentist Member Term of 4 years from June 1, 2025
Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) Board of Directors, Maryland	
James Anthony Soltesz 8608 White Post Court Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/16	Appointment Industrial Expertise Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Jessica Fitzwater 1304 Willow Oak Drive Frederick, Maryland 21701 Frederick/3	Appointment Local Government Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022
Education, State Board of	
Dr. James Bell Jr. 8678 Brenton Drive Easton, Maryland 21601 Talbot/37	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Electricians, State Board of	
Amadou Magazi 3314 Sharp Road Glenwood, Maryland 21738 Howard/9	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024
Engineers, State Board of Stationary	
Joshua Gregory 17125 Black Rock Road Germantown, Maryland 20874 Montgomery/15	Appointment Stationary Engineer Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Environmental Service, Maryland	

Odessa Phillips 9303 Hilltop Court Laurel, Maryland 20708 Prince George's/21	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Ethics Commission, State	
James Neal Robey Jr. 6150 Shadywood Road Unit 402 Elkridge, Maryland 21075 Howard/12	Reappointment Senate President's Nominee Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2022
Frederick Community College Board of Trustees	
Jan Gardner 6102 Fieldcrest Drive Frederick, Maryland 21701 Frederick/3	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2022
Garrett College Board of Trustees	
George Clayton Edwards 23 North Pennsylvania Avenue P.O. Box 658 Grantsville, Maryland 21536 Garrett/1	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Hart–Miller Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee	
Captain Chimere L. Murrill 1800 S. Hanover Street Apt. 212 Baltimore, Maryland 21230 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Pleasure Boating Representative Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Katherine Elizabeth Bryant 2115 Riverview Road Essex, Maryland 21221 Baltimore County/6	Appointment 6th Legislative District Citizen Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Health Care Commission, Maryland	
Arin Foreman 10208 New Forest Court Ellicott City, Maryland 21042 Howard/9	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Dr. Yewande Oladeinde 1813 Regiment Way Frederick, Maryland 21702 Frederick/3	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Heritage Areas Authority, Maryland	

Chief Donna Dail Abbott 212 E Appleby Avenue Cambridge, Maryland 21613 Dorchester/37	Appointment Senate President's Nominee Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2022
Nicholas Alexander Redding 28 Fulton Avenue Walkersville, Maryland 21793 Frederick/4	Reappointment Senate President's Nominee Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Howard Community College Board of Trustees	
Alicia Vanessa Altimirano 6629 Dovecotte Drive Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/12	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2023
Herbert Russell Frisby Jr. 11501 Manorstone Lane Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/	Appointment & Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2019 and a term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Michele Kay Douglas 3440 Rollingview Court Ellicott City, Maryland 21042 Howard/9	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2022
Stacey Ullrich 8103 Wood Point Place Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 Howard/9	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024
Infants and Toddlers, Interagency Coordinating Council for	
Karen Ruth Beasley 5109 Aldershot Drive Lanham, Maryland 20706 Prince George's/24	Appointment Member Term of 3 years from July 1, 2025
Judicial Disabilities, Commission on	
Dr. Alphonsus Chukwudi Korie Sr. 5 Greens Landing Court Randallstown, Maryland 21133 Baltimore County/10	Appointment Public Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2024
Gerard Young 8013 Wingate Drive Glenn Dale, Maryland 20769 Prince George's/24	Appointment Public Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2024
Land Surveyors, State Board for Professional	

Ramón Octavio Labrador 6220 Painted Yellow Gate Columbia, Maryland 21045 Howard/13	Appointment Land Surveyor Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Medical System Corporation Board of Directors, University of Maryland	
George M. Hazel 14216 Dunwood Valley Drive Germantown, Maryland 20874 Montgomery/23	Appointment Hospital Affiliate Member Term of 5 years from June 2, 2025
Steven Sibel 12304 Cleghorn Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 Baltimore County/11	Appointment USM Regent Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from June 6, 2022
Physicians, State Board of	
Dr. Dallas Alexander Lea II 3224 Farmington Drive Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 Montgomery/18	Appointment Physician Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Plumbing, State Board of	
Megan Klepsig 4827 Conowingo Road Darlington, Maryland 21034 Harford/35	Appointment Northern Maryland Plumber Member Term of 3 years from May 1, 2025
Police Training and Standards Commission, Maryland	
Colin Fraser 3642 Duckhorn Way Anne Arundel, Maryland 20724 Anne Arundel/32	Appointment Citizen Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Procurement Improvement Council	
Barbara Ashe 13301 Glen Mill Road Suite 1800 Rockville, Maryland 20850 Montgomery/15	Appointment Social Service Provider Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Lisa Michelle Ellis 4018 Night Heron Court Apt. D Waldorf, Maryland 20603 Charles/28	Appointment Minority Women Business Representative Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Professional Engineers, State Board for	

Kathryn O'Connor Gunkel 1329 Wildwood Beach Road Essex, Maryland 21221 Baltimore County/6	Appointment Chemical Engineer Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2023
Public Defender, Board of Trustees of the Office of the	
Jason Downs 11060 Iron Crown Court Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/12	Appointment At Large Member Term of 3 years from June 1, 2025
Public Employees Relations Board	
Richard A. Steyer 3610 Thornapple Street Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 Montgomery/18	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025
Public Service Commission	
Odogwu O. Linton 902 Vanderwood Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/44	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2021
Ryan Charles McLean 18 Franklin Tree Court Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Baltimore County/10	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation Board, Maryland	
Jeffrey Kahn Nussbaum 4716 Essex Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 Montgomery/16	Appointment Public Relations and Communications Expertise Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Shelonda Dyan Stokes 414 Light Street Unit 3112 Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Non–Profit Organization Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024
Racing Commission, State	
Nicole Earle 2817 Quantico Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215 Baltimore City/40	Appointment & Reappointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2021 and a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors, State Commission Of	

Eddie Hawkins Jr. 2208 Mount Holly Street Baltimore, Maryland 21216 Baltimore City/41	Appointment Consumer Member Remainder of a term of 3 years from January 1, 2024
Real Estate Commission, State	
Joseph Brandon Wilson 617 Bayshore Drive #49 Ocean City, Maryland 21842 Worcester/38	Appointment Eastern Shore Member Term of 4 years from June 1, 2025
Social Work Examiners, State Board of	
Kevin Daniels 4915 Lasalle Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21206 Baltimore City/45	Appointment Social Work Education LCSW Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
St. Mary's City Commission, Historic	
Kyle Preston Harmon 10622 Glass Tumbler Path Columbia, Maryland 21044 Howard/12	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Board of Trustees of	
Judith Marie Fillius 46322 Greens Rest Way Great Mills, Maryland 20634 St. Mary's/29	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from June 1, 2025
Raymond John Wernecke 23902 Old Chaptico Wharf Lane Chaptico, Maryland 20621 St. Mary's/29	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from June 1, 2025
Steny Hoyer 40740 Parlett Morgan Road Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659 St. Mary's/29	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from June 1, 2025
Stadium Authority, Maryland	
Adam Evan Kane 4609 Broken Lute Way Ellicott City, Maryland 21042 Howard/9	Appointment Member Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024
Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) Board of Directors, Maryland	

Patrice King Brickman 9001 Durham Drive Potomac, Maryland 20854 Montgomery/16	Appointment Venture Capital Financing Representative Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
University System of Maryland Board of Regents	
Michele I. Speaks 801 Key Highway Unit #131 Baltimore, Maryland 21230 Baltimore City/46	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Sherri Nadine Blount 2334 Ashboro Drive Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 Montgomery/18	Appointment Member Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025
Wicomico County Liquor Control Board	
Jason Arrington 5112 Sharps Point Road Salisbury, Maryland 21801 Wicomico/37	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Sophia Oberton 710 Roger Street Salisbury, Maryland 21804 Wicomico/37	Appointment Member Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025
Women, Maryland Commission for	
Brenda Brown Rever 10100 Washingtonian Boulevard Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878 Montgomery/17	Appointment Member Term of 4 years from July 1, 2025
Wor–Wic Community College Board of Trustees	
Anna Giles Newton 10244 S. Piney Point Bishopville, Maryland 21813 Worcester/38	Reappointment Member Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025

The message from the Executive, being of an Executive nature, was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 331)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 22 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 7 – Senator M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response
(See Someone, Save Someone Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 332)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 17 – ~~Senator Simonaire~~ Senators Simonaire, Gile, Henson, Lam, and Rosapepe

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans' Organizations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 333)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 26 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Revisions
(Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 334)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 110 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Priority of Claims on an Estate – Unpaid Child Support

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 335)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 117 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Septic System Upgrade Program

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 336)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 126 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Resignation of Trustee – Notice

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 337)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 135 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Fiduciaries – Attorney–Client Privilege

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 338)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 152 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes Relating to Animals – Conviction and Sentencing

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 339)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 239 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 340)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 244 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Information Technology – Cybersecurity Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 341)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 23 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 261 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Public Accountancy – Sunset Extension and Report

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 342)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 267 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 343)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 269 – Senator M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 344)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 274 – ~~Senator Love~~ Senators Love, Smith, Waldstreicher, Sydnor, West, Muse, Folden, James, McKay, and Charles

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Child Victims – Testimony in Child Abuse Cases

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 345)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 275 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Modernization of Military Laws Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 346)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 276 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Educational Equality for Service Members Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 347)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 373 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department – Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Processes

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 348)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 421 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements – Statute of Limitations and Prohibition

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 349)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 445 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program – Administration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 350)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 474 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Adverse Decisions – ~~Reporting~~ Notices, Reporting, and Examinations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 351)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 24 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)
CONSENT NO. 1

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
SB 284	Sen. McCray	Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Operation Violations – Civil Penalties	FIN
SB 304	Sen. McCray	Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses	FIN

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
SB 662	Sen. Ferguson	Baltimore City – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses	FIN
SB 731	Charles County Senators	Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations	FIN
SB 798	Wicomico County Senators	Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To–Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To–Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License	FIN
SB 839	Dorchester County Senators	Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License	FIN
SB 869	Sen. Mautz	Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees	FIN

By Order,
Nicole M. Xander, Secretary

All of the above listed bills on the Third Reading Consent Calendar were read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 352)

The Bills were then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 25 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 511 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Plan Requirements
(Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 353)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 576 – Senators Lam, Rosapepe, Kramer, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Mandatory Meetings on Religious or Political Matters – Employee Attendance and Participation (Maryland Worker Freedom Act)

Senator Ready moved to make the Bill a Special Order for March 10, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill 597 – Senators Corderman and McKay

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program – Eligible Institutions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 354)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 602 – Senators Brooks, Kramer, and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Special Education Service Delivery Models – Publication Requirement

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 355)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 636 – ~~Senator Folden~~ Frederick County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Permits

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 356)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 722 – Senators Henson and Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Definition of Ecological Restoration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 357)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 734 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 358)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 738 – ~~Senator Folden~~ Frederick County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 359)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 744 – ~~Senator Gallion~~ Harford County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Notice

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 43 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 360)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 745 – ~~**Senator Gallion**~~ **Harford County Senators**

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License – Record–Keeping Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 361)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 26 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 746 – ~~**Senator Gallion**~~ **Harford County Senators**

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Licenses – Golf Simulator Facilities

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 362)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 754 – **Senator Kramer**

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Financing – Small Business Truth in Lending Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 363)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 785 – Senator Ready

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Unpaid Parental Leave – Definition of Employer

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 364)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 788 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B–D–7 Licenses

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 365)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 800 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 366)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 802 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor

License

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 367)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 811 – ~~**Senator James**~~ **Senators James, Smith, and West**

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services – Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 368)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 910 – **Caroline County Senators**

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 369)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 923 – ~~**Senator Gile**~~ **Senators Gile, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Hester, Kagan, and M. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – High School Sports Officiating Services – Procurement Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 370)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 939 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 371)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 27 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)
CONSENT NO. 2

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
SB 503	Washington County Senators	Washington County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership	FIN & EEE
SB 568	Anne Arundel County Senators	Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Part–Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation	FIN
SB 670	Frederick County Senators	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License	FIN
SB 826	Sen. McKay	Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025	FIN
SB 888	Sen. Henson	Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – License and Permit Distance Requirements	FIN

By Order,
Nicole M. Xander, Secretary

All of the above listed bills on the Third Reading Consent Calendar were read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 372)

The Bills were then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 28 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 618 – ~~**Senator Smith**~~ **Senators Smith, Charles, Ferguson, Folden, M. Jackson, James, Love, McKay, Muse, Salling, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability
(Eric's ID Law)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 373)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2

Senator Hettleman, Chair, for the Committee on Rules recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings:

Senate Bill 992 – **Senators West and Waldstreicher**

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Revisions

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Senator Hettleman, Chair, for the Committee on Rules recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill 1026 – **Senator Beidle**

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Consumer Credit – Application of Licensing Requirements
(Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hettleman, Chair, for the Committee on Rules recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill 1036 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses – Delivery

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The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hettleman, Chair, for the Committee on Rules recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill 1039 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 5 Breweries – On–Premises Consumption

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hettleman, Chair, for the Committee on Rules recommended the following Bill be re–referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation:

Senate Bill 1045 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations

The Bill was re–referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator McKay moved to suspend Rules 32(a) and 32(b) to comply with the Constitutional

requirements in order to introduce a Bill, and two–thirds of the Senators elected voting in the affirmative, the requirements were complied with by yeas and nays.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill 1046 – Senators McKay and Smith

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers – Body–Worn Digital Recording Devices

FOR the purpose of authorizing the interception of certain oral communications by a correctional officer with a body–worn digital recording device under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; requiring the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to develop and publish a certain policy relating to the use of body–worn digital recording devices by a correctional officer; and generally relating to the interception of oral communications by a correctional officer.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–402(c)(11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 8–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Senate Rules.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH REMARKS BY SENATOR HETTLEMAN

March is Women's History Month, so I wanted to take a moment to highlight the contributions of former Senator Paula Hollinger, whose dedication to public service, health policy, and women's leadership has left a lasting impact on Maryland and beyond.

Hollinger served in the Maryland General Assembly for 28 years. She was first elected as a delegate in 1979, representing Baltimore County, and later became a Maryland state senator in 1986, representing District 11 until 2007. During her tenure, she chaired the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, becoming the **only woman** to lead one of the four standing senate committees at that time.

Hollinger was instrumental in shaping policies related to education, health, and environmental affairs with a particular emphasis on health, given that she was a nurse. Her leadership in these areas earned her recognition and awards, such as the Outstanding Service Award from the Maryland Psychological Association in 2000 and the Public Policy Maker of the Year from the Washington Psychiatric Society in 2005, among **many** others.

She also served on the Boards of many organizations including the SEED School, the Transplant Resource Center, and the Sheppard Pratt Foundation.

Hollinger's legislative service came to end upon her decision to run for Congress from the then 3rd congressional district. After her legislative service, Hollinger continued her commitment to public health by serving as the associate director for health workforce at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene until her retirement in 2015.

Paula Hollinger's career exemplifies the impact of women's leadership in politics and public service. As a trailblazer in the Maryland General Assembly, she not only advanced critical legislation but also paved the way for future generations of women in government.

Her dedication to public health, education, and environmental issues highlights the multifaceted roles women play in shaping policy and advocating for community well–being.

On a personal level, she was a role model and mentor to me as I ran for office. In addition, I was pleased to be the first woman elected to the House from District 11, following in the footsteps of Sen. Hollinger, nearly 30 years after her election there.

As we celebrate Women's History Month throughout March, let us continue honor leaders like Paula Hollinger, whose legacy continues to inspire and empower future generations to break barriers and create lasting change.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 374)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 A.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on

Legislative Day February 19, 2025, Calendar Day, Friday, March 7, 2025, in memory of Eugene Johnson, Sr. into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 19, 2025
Calendar Day: Friday, March 7, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:01 A.M.

Invocation from prior session will serve as today's prayer.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

A quorum being present under Senate Rule 5A, the Senate is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 375)

The Journal of March 6, 2025, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 11

House Bill 1 – Delegates Ebersole, Bagnall, Boyce, Cardin, Crosby, Fair, Feldmark, Forbes, Hill, Lehman, Pasteur, Pruski, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, Toles, Wims, Wu, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Allen, Behler, Foley, Healey, and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response
(See Someone, Save Someone Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a certain training program for certain transportation–sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring certain transportation sector employers to certify that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring certain transportation sector employers to establish procedures for reporting suspected human trafficking to certain entities and to implement a certain human trafficking prevention policy;

prohibiting certain employers or employees from being held civilly or criminally liable for reporting or responding to in good faith a suspected incident of human trafficking; requiring the Department to require frequent public service announcements with safety information for trafficking victims at certain locations; and generally relating to human trafficking awareness, training, and response.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 2–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 12 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Sale and Distribution – Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a certain violation; providing that the display or offering of tetrahydrocannabinol for sale is prima facie evidence of selling tetrahydrocannabinol; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; and generally relating to the sale and distribution of tetrahydrocannabinol and related offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 1–313 and 6–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–1102(a) through (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–1104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 56 – ~~**Delegate Charkoudian**~~ **Delegates Charkoudian, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – State Department of Education – ~~Control Authority –~~ Local Food Purchasing Program

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ requiring the State Department of Education ~~to engage in or control procurements of certain local food; altering the list of units exempt from the authority of the Board of Public Works to control procurement to include the Department for the purpose of master contracting; altering the list of units that are defined as designated procurement units to include the Department with respect to master contracts related to local food~~, in coordination with the Department of General Services and the Department of Agriculture, to establish a program to procure certain local food for local school systems from certain providers under certain circumstances; altering a certain percentage price preference adopted by the Board of Public Works by regulation; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations relating to limiting responses for certain procurements; and generally relating to the State Department of Education and State procurement.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–136
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section ~~12–101(a), 12–107(b)(4) and (5), 13–101(b), and 13–113(a)~~ 12–107(b)(2)(ix), 14–407, and 14–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~

~~Section 12–107(b)(6)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section ~~13–101(a) and (c) and~~ 14–701(a) through (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 123 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Correctional Training Commission – Membership

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain parole and probation employee; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 8–204(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 189 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Drunk Driving – Commercial Driver's Licenses – Disqualification From Driving

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify any individual from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a certain period of time if the individual drives or attempts to drive any vehicle with a certain alcohol concentration in the person's blood or breath; and generally relating to disqualification from driving commercial motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 16–812(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–812(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 219 – ~~**Delegate Addison**~~ **Delegates Addison, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Healey, Holmes, Lehman, R. Lewis, J. Long, T. Morgan, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler**

AN ACT concerning

~~**Baltimore City**~~ **Vehicle Laws – Out–of–State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing Baltimore City to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State who fails to register the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration and display valid registration plates issued by the Administration within a certain time period~~ establishing a certain process for bringing vehicles owned by State residents that are improperly registered in another state into compliance with the Maryland Vehicle Law; and generally relating to ~~towing, removal, and impounding of~~ improperly registered out–of–state vehicles ~~in Baltimore City~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a) and (c)(7) and 26–301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 26–301(b–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 236 – ~~**Delegate Valentine**~~ **Delegates Valentine, Crutchfield, Cardin, Tomlinson, Schmidt, Simmons, Phillips, Arikan, Simpson, Grammer, Sample–Hughes, Conaway, Kaufman, and Williams**

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders and Criminal Harassment – Intentional Visual Surveillance

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing a certain person to petition for a peace order against another person whom the petitioner alleges has conducted intentional visual surveillance of areas of the petitioner's residence where the petitioner has a reasonable expectation of privacy;~~ expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order; altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain intentional visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and generally relating to peace orders and visual surveillance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1501(a) and (i) and 3–1503(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section ~~3–1503(a)(1) and~~ 3–1505(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 268 – **~~Delegate Charkoudian~~ Delegates Charkoudian, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies

FOR the purpose of 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; 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 a certain amount; altering the monthly payment amount for an income–based payment plan for medical debt; increasing the number of days before interest payments on medical debt may be assessed; increasing the number of days before a hospital is authorized to commence civil action against a patient to collect a debt; and generally relating to hospital financial assistance and collection of debts policies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–101 and 5–1201(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–201(a) and (e) and 19–301(a) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–214.1 and 19–214.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 292 – ~~**Delegate Holmes**~~ **Delegates Holmes, Roberts, Hartman, Allen, Boyce, and Foley**

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association include certain funds;~~ requiring that certain funds for the reserve account of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association be deposited

by a certain day each fiscal year; extending the amount of time after an initial reserve study that a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association has to obtain a certain recommended reserve funding level; authorizing a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to reasonably deviate from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination by the governing body; 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 review the reserves and the most recent reserve study or updated reserve study annually ~~for accuracy~~ to determine whether there is adequate funding in accordance with a certain funding plan; altering the definition of "reserve study" to provide that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association may determine a minimum cost of repair or replacement for components, subject to certain restrictions; 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; altering a certain provision of law relating to component costs and the application of certain reserve study requirements to a homeowners association; and generally relating to the funding of reserve accounts, reserve studies, and annual budgets of cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–26.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109.2(b) and 11B–112.2(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section ~~11–109.2(b) and (c)~~ 11–109.2(c), 11–109.4, ~~11B–112.2(c) and (d)~~ 11B–112.2(d), and 11B–112.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 295 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Governing Bodies and Annual Meetings

FOR the purpose of requiring that unit owners or lot owners have an opportunity to comment during certain meetings convened by the board of directors, the developer, or the declarant of a condominium or a homeowners association; requiring the developer of a condominium to appoint certain persons to the board of directors for the council of unit owners and to establish a board of directors if no board of directors has been established; requiring a declarant to appoint certain persons to the governing body of a homeowners association and to establish a governing body of the homeowners association if no governing body has been established; ~~requiring a developer or a declarant to deliver certain notices regarding a certain bond;~~ requiring a council of unit owners and a homeowners association to maintain certain books and records; making certain provisions of law applicable to the accounts of a condominium or a homeowners association; and generally relating to the governing bodies of condominium councils of unit owners and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–108(c)(1), 11–109(a) and (c), 11–109.4(c)(2), 11–116, 11B–106.1, 11B–111, 11B–111.6(d), and 11B–112(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109(b), 11–114.1(d), 11–132, and 11B–101(a), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 315 – ~~**Delegate Cardin**~~ **Delegates Cardin and Conaway**

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland to examine and analyze the efficiency, uniformity, and quality of fiduciary adjudication in Maryland and make recommendations; requiring the orphans' courts, circuit courts, registers of wills, and Administrative Office of the Courts to comply with certain requests of the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 334 – Delegates Kerr, Crutchfield, Davis, Fair, Feldmark, Foley, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Lehman, J. Lewis, J. Long, Martinez, Roberts, Ruth, Shetty, Simpson, Smith, Terrasa, Watson, White Holland, Woods, Woorman, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Bagnall, Bhandari, Kaiser, Lopez, Rosenberg, and Taveras

AN ACT concerning

~~Universal~~ Workgroup on Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – ~~Program~~ Establishment ~~and Insurance Coverage~~

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns residing in the State; requiring community leads and the Department to collect and report on certain data related to the program; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; and generally relating to universal newborn nurse home visiting services~~ establishing the Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services.

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Health – General~~
~~Section 13–5501 and 13–5502 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 55. Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program"~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Insurance~~
~~Section 15–861~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 344 – Delegates Stein and Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service – Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service ~~by replacing the State Treasurer with the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee~~; providing that certain provisions of law

relating to terms of members of the Board do not apply to the Secretary of Planning, certain legislative members, and the Executive Director; and generally relating to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 406 – Delegates Guzzone, Hill, Shetty, White Holland, ~~and Woods~~ Woods, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Appointment of Hearing Aid Dispenser Members ~~and Quorum~~

FOR the purpose of altering the appointment process for licensed ~~audiologist,~~ hearing aid dispenser~~, and music therapist~~ members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists; ~~altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board;~~ and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 2–202(a)(1) and ~~(2)(i), (v), and (vi)~~ (2)(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section ~~2–202(a)(5), (6), and (8) and 2–204(a)~~ 2–202(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 427 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Public Accountancy – Emeritus Status

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the State Board of Public Accountancy and emeritus status.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–311(a), 2–314, 2–601, and 2–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–313.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 431 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Consumer Contracts – Limitations Periods

FOR the purpose of establishing that any provision of a consumer contract that sets a shorter period of time to bring an action on or under the contract than otherwise required under State law at the time the contract is issued or delivered is void; providing that a violation of this Act is considered a violation of the Consumer Protection Act; and generally relating to consumer contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xliv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xlvi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 262, 454, 455, 460, 461, 463, and 962 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–428
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 436 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Feldmark, Hutchinson, Kaufman, Kerr, Rosenberg, Ruff, Stein, ~~and Taveras~~ Taveras, and Addison

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows – ~~Repeal of~~ Time Limitation

FOR the purpose of repealing the 2–year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows ~~on certain vehicles~~ for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions; and generally relating to enhanced tinted windows.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22–406(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 437 – ~~Delegate Crutchfield~~ Delegates Crutchfield, Schmidt, Simmons, Phillips, Arikan, Taylor, Simpson, Grammer, Sample–Hughes, Conaway, and Kaufman

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent – ~~Private Place~~ Modifications

FOR the purpose of 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; altering the prohibition against conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent; and generally relating to the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 442 – Delegates Simpson, Acevero, Bouchat, Fair, Kerr, Miller, and Tomlinson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Victims and Witnesses – Out of Court Statement of Child to Forensic Interviewer

FOR the purpose of expanding a certain evidentiary rule to render admissible an out of court statement made by a child victim or witness to a certain forensic interviewer subject to certain requirements; and generally relating to out of court statements by child victims and witnesses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 445 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and generally relating to public safety answering points.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–302(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 446 – Delegates T. Morgan, Addison, Beauchamp, Ciliberti, Davis, Foley, Hartman, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Otto, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Behler, Boyce, J. Long, and Ruth

AN ACT concerning

~~**Commercial Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License – Prohibited Regulations**~~
Natural Resources – Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting certain regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting the holder of a commercial blue and flathead catfish finfish trotline license from fishing in a certain part of the Chesapeake Bay; and generally relating to the commercial blue and flathead catfish finfish trotline license~~ establishing the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program to curb the spread of the invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and generally relating to the establishment of the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Natural Resources~~
~~Section 4–701.2~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 489 – ~~Delegate Stewart~~ Delegates Stewart, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Holmes, Lehman, R. Lewis, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Labor – Study on Building Code Requirements for Single–Staircase Buildings

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study and make recommendations regarding building code requirements for single–staircase buildings; and generally relating to building code requirements for single–staircase buildings.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 507 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

State Contracts – Prohibited Provisions

FOR the purpose of clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions pertaining to limitations of liability for damage to certain property; clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions limiting the recovery of costs related to the use of replacement contractors under certain circumstances; and generally relating to prohibited provisions in State contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 508 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement Preferences – Blind Industries and Services of Maryland – Packaging and Repackaging

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to procurement preferences and Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 14–103(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 528 – ~~**Delegates Stein, Allen, Cardin, and Pasteur**~~ **Baltimore County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Vehicle Laws – Private Roadways in Residential ~~Subdivisions and~~ Communities

FOR the purpose of 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 ~~certain residential areas~~ a certain residential community in Baltimore County; authorizing, for a certain period of time, a police officer to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in ~~certain residential areas~~ a certain residential community in Baltimore County; and generally relating to complying with and enforcing the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–205(c) and 21–101.1(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 604 – **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) and Delegates Cardin, Simmons, Phillips, Moon, Conaway, Kaufman, and Williams**

AN ACT concerning

~~**Vulnerable and Senior Adults – Theft of Property by Caregiver, Family Member, or Household Member – Prohibition**~~
Criminal Law – Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable and Senior Adults

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a ~~caregiver, family member, or household member from knowingly and willfully obtaining the property of an individual the caregiver, family member, or household member knows or reasonably should know is a vulnerable or senior adult with the intent to deprive the vulnerable or senior adult of the property; making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act;~~

~~authorizing the Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit in the Office of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Division of Securities in the Office of the Attorney General to bring certain civil actions for a violation of this Act; establishing that certain requirements for the administrative release of eligible incarcerated individuals apply to certain individuals convicted for a violation of this Act; establishing the exclusive original jurisdiction of the District Court for a case charging an adult with a violation of this Act; authorizing a State's Attorney to file a certain petition to freeze assets of a defendant charged with a violation of this Act; establishing that a person convicted under this Act is disqualified from inheriting, taking, enjoying, receiving, or otherwise benefiting from the estate, insurance proceeds, or property of the victim~~ person who is a caregiver to or a family member or household member of an individual from knowingly and willfully obtaining the property of the individual with intent to deprive the individual of the individual's property under certain circumstances; and generally relating to vulnerable and senior adults.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Commercial Law~~
~~Section 13–204(a)(15), 13–301(14)(xxiv), and 14–4303~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Corporations and Associations~~
~~Section 11–209~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Correctional Services~~
~~Section 7–301.1(a)(1)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Correctional Services~~
~~Section 7–301.1(a)(3)(ii)2.~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~
~~Section 4–301(b)(18)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Criminal Law~~
~~Section 7–104.1~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section ~~7–108~~ 8–801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Criminal Procedure~~
~~Section 4–206(b) and (d)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Estates and Trusts~~
~~Section 11–111(a) and (d)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 609 – Delegates Taylor, Holmes, Acevero, Addison, Boafo, Conaway, Crutchfield, Fennell, Harris, Lehman, Martinez, McCaskill, Pasteur, Phillips, Roberson, Roberts, Ruff, Sample–Hughes, Simpson, Solomon, Taveras, Toles, Turner, Valderrama, Wells, White Holland, Wilkins, Williams, Wims, and Woods

AN ACT concerning

Legislative Scholarship Programs – Eligibility and Use – Real Estate Appraisal Program

FOR the purpose of exempting certain applicants for a senatorial scholarship from certain examination requirements; authorizing certain uses of senatorial and Delegate scholarships for applicants who plan to complete the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria of the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Program; and generally relating to the legislative scholarship programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–402, 18–405, 18–501, 18–503, and 18–506
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 678 – Delegates Spiegel, Acevero, Bartlett, Boyce, Charkoudian, Crutchfield, Fair, Foley, Kaiser, Kaufman, McComas, Pasteur, Roberson, Roberts, Rogers, Sample–Hughes, Wolek, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library – Funding and Budget Submission

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 23–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 698 – Delegates Allen, Arentz, Bhandari, Boyce, Ebersole, Forbes, Guyton, D. Jones, R. Lewis, Lopez, Nawrocki, Stein, Szeliga, ~~and~~ White Holland, Ruth, and Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Development Impact Fees, Surcharges, and Excise Taxes – Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring county governments to make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount and use of county development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes; and generally relating to county reporting of development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 20–125
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 704 – Delegates Wivell, Baker, Schindler, and Valentine

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program – Eligible Institutions

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include certain students attending a certain institution in the State; and generally relating to the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–2601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 707 – Delegates Wilkins, Taylor, Acevero, Addison, Allen, Boafo, Charkoudian, Conaway, Crutchfield, Feldmark, Foley, Guyton, Holmes, D. Jones, Kaiser, J. Long, Martinez, Mireku–North, Moon, T. Morgan, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Patterson, Pena–Melnyk, Phillips, Queen, Roberson, Roberts, Ruff, Simmons, Simpson, Spiegel, Taveras, Toles, Williams, Woods, ~~and Woorman~~ Woorman, Fennell, Behler, Boyce, Healey, Lehman, R. Lewis, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain applications 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 the license, identification card, or moped operator's permit of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability includes a certain notation; requiring the Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant's nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to establish certain public outreach efforts on the availability of the notation; prohibiting the Administration from disclosing certain information ~~to~~ in a certain ~~entities~~ manner under certain circumstances about an

applicant that indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability; and generally relating to nonapparent disability notations on licenses, identification cards, and moped operator's permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–128 and 11–135
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 12–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 720 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Repeal of Somers Cove Marina Commission and Improvement Fund and Alteration of Operations

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law relating to the Somers Cove Marina Commission, the Somers Cove Marina Improvement Fund, and the operation of Somers Cove Marina; authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to execute certain leases, procure and execute certain contracts, ~~and~~ employ certain staff, and assess certain fees; requiring the Secretary to set the compensation for certain employees under certain circumstances; establishing the Somers Cove Marina Advisory Commission to advise the Secretary on certain matters relating to the Somers Cove Marina; requiring certain revenue received by the Department of Natural Resources to be deposited into the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund; altering the uses of the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund to be credited to that Fund; and generally relating to Somers Cove Marina.

BY repealing
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–908.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–908.1 and 5–908.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–909
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)206.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 820 – **Delegates Hill, Pena–Melnyk, Kaiser, Kaufman, J. Lewis, J. Long, Ruff, ~~and Young~~ Young, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Utilization Review – Use of Artificial Intelligence

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to utilization review and artificial intelligence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance

Section 15–10A–06
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–10B–05.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 857 – Delegates Hornberger, Arentz, Arikan, Beauchamp, Chisholm, Grammer, Griffith, Hutchinson, Jacobs, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Otto, Pippy, Schmidt, Szeliga, ~~and Valentine~~ Valentine, Allen, Behler, Boyce, J. Long, Stewart, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Pursuing Wounded Deer After Legal Hunting Hours and Using a Light – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue and kill the deer after legal hunting hours subject to certain restrictions and with the use of a light; and generally relating to deer hunting.

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–428
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 894 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, Arikan, Ghrist, Hutchinson, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Otto, Schmidt, Szeliga, Valentine, ~~and Wivell~~ Wivell, Behler, Boyce, and Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Endangered and Threatened Species – Incidental Taking – Bats

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for certain species of bats if an applicant submits a certain plan and the Secretary makes certain findings; and generally relating to the establishment of

an incidental taking permit for certain species of bats.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–2A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–2A–05.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–2A–05.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 929 – **Delegates Simpson, Bouchat, Crutchfield, Fair, Tomlinson, and Williams**

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent

FOR the purpose of specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual; and generally relating to permanent protective orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4–506(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 936 – **Delegates Shetty, Forbes, D. Jones, Kaufman, J. Lewis, McCaskill, Smith, Solomon, ~~and Watson~~ Watson, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Coverage – Required Notice

FOR the purpose of requiring that a carrier provide ~~the~~ notice by certain electronic means, in addition to written notice, of cancellation or nonrenewal of a small group market health benefit plan ~~by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by electronic means~~ and include information regarding additional health benefit coverage options in the notice; and generally relating to cancellation and nonrenewal of health benefit plans in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1212(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1212(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 938 – Delegates Stein, Bhandari, Cardin, Forbes, Guyton, Hill, J. Lewis, ~~and Ruff~~ Ruff, Bagnall, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Continuing Care Providers – Governing Bodies – Membership

FOR the purpose of requiring the appointment of an alternate subscriber member to the governing body of a continuing care provider; providing for the duties of the alternate subscriber member; and generally relating to the membership of governing bodies of continuing care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–427
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 939 – **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Acevero, Bagnall, Cullison, ~~and Terrasa~~ Terrasa, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over–the–Counter Birth Control

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to establish the Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over–the–Counter Birth Control to study access to over–the–counter birth control; and generally relating to coverage of over–the–counter birth control.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 943 – **Delegate Toles**

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning – Prohibitions and Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or fraudulent burning that results in the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter; and generally relating to crimes of malicious or fraudulent burning.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 6–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 968 – **Delegate A. Johnson**

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

FOR the purpose of altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of "storage warehouse" to exclude a self–service storage facility; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of storage warehouses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 17–1201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 17–1202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 972 – Delegate A. Johnson

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements – Alterations

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Real Estate Commission and continuing education requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–101(a), (d), and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–315
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 979 – Delegates A. Johnson, S. Johnson, Lopez, McCaskill, Stein, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Self–Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien – Notice Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain operator of a certain self–service storage facility to notify a certain occupant in a certain manner before conducting a sale of the occupant's personal property stored in certain leased space at the self–service storage facility; and generally relating to enforcement of liens on personal property stored in self–service storage facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 18–504(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 18–504(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1010 – **Delegate A. Jones**

AN ACT concerning

African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund – Noncapital Grants and Donations

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose of the African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund to provide funding for certain noncapital grants; requiring certain noncapital grants to be made using certain money received by the Fund; authorizing the Fund to receive certain funding; and generally relating to the African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–330
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 1020 – **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Credit Reporting – Medical Debt

(Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from including certain medical debt information in a consumer report; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information included in a consumer report when making a creditworthiness determination; prohibiting certain entities from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; requiring certain entities to include a certain provision in contracts entered into with a collection entity regarding medical debt and establishing a contract that does not contain the provision is void and unenforceable; and generally relating to credit reporting and medical debt.

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–214.2(a)(1) and (e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section ~~19–214.2(f)~~ 19–214.2(b), (e)(4), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 24–2501 and 24–2502 be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 25. Medical Debt Reporting"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1080 – Delegate Griffith

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Local Personnel – Leave With Pay

FOR the purpose of 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 may be entitled to disaster service

leave with pay under certain circumstances; authorizing certain governmental units to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave; authorizing a governmental unit of a county or a municipality to provide certain leave with pay under certain circumstances; and generally relating to disaster service leave and leave with pay for employees of counties and municipalities in the State.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–207 and 1–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1116 – Delegate Healey

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons

FOR the purpose of renaming and transferring the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children to be the State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons; and generally relating to the State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, and transferring
Article – Family Law
Section 9–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
to be
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 1344 – Delegates D. Jones, Bagnall, Bartlett, Behler, Foley, Forbes, Guzzone, Palakovich Carr, Solomon, Taylor, Toles, White Holland, and Wolek

AN ACT concerning

Department of General Services – Assessment of State–Owned Facilities – Child Care Centers

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to conduct an assessment

of certain facilities owned by the State for a certain purpose; and generally relating to State–owned facilities and child care centers.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 3 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 376)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:03 A.M. on motion of Senator Ellis the Senate adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Legislative Day February 20, 2025, Calendar Day, Monday, March 10, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 20, 2025
Calendar Day: Monday, March 10, 2025
8:00 P.M. Session

The Senate met at 8:09 P.M.

Prayer by Reverend Howard Travers, "Nu Lyfe" Church, guest of Senator Mautz.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 377)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Folden, Senator Love, and Senator Simonaire be excused from today's session.

The Journal of March 7, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 285 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Jessica Stevens
Gymnastics – Individual Trampoline
in recognition of
competing at the 2024 Summer Olympics.
We commend your hard work and dedication while
representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 286 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Lawrence Sapp
Para Swimming
in recognition of
competing at the 2024 Paralympic Games.
We commend your hard work and dedication while
representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 287 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Noah Hanssen
Wheelchair Fencing
in recognition of
competing at the 2024 Paralympics Games.
We commend your hard work and dedication while
representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 288 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Tatyana McFadden
T–54 Track and Field
in recognition of
earning a silver and bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympics Games. We commend your

hard work and dedication while representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 289 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Zach Shattuck
Para Swimming
in recognition of
earning a silver medal at the 2024 Paralympic Games.
We commend your hard work and dedication while
representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 291 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Helen Maroulis
Wrestling
in recognition of
earning a bronze medal at the 2024 Summer Olympics.
We commend your hard work and dedication while
representing your State and Country.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 378)

Senate Resolution No. 275 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
The Women of the 6888th Central Post Directory Battalion
in recognition of
your groundbreaking service, unwavering dedication, resilience, and significant contribution to military history
and postal operations.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 379)

Senate Resolution No. 276 – The President and All Members:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Laurie Schwartz
in recognition of
your 50 years of dedicated service to the betterment of Baltimore including 20 years of exemplary leadership with Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 10th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 380)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 12

House Bill 468 – Delegates Alston, Bagnall, Martinez, ~~and Pena-Melnyk~~ Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Bhandari, Chisholm, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, Woorman, Valentine, Cardin, Toles, Schmidt, Simmons, Phillips, Arikan, Conaway, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

Petitions for Emergency Evaluation
(Arnaud and Magruder Memorial Act)

FOR the purpose of specifying that a petition for emergency evaluation is effective for a certain period of time; authorizing a court, on a certain motion and for good cause shown, to extend a petition for a certain period of time; requiring a court to include the date the petition expires on the petition; authorizing peace officers to use reasonable and necessary force when executing a petition; and generally relating to petitions for emergency evaluation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 10–623 and 10–624(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 514 – ~~**Delegate Hill**~~ **Delegates Hill, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the practice of chiropractic in the State related to Board membership, licensure of chiropractors, the discipline of chiropractors, and the denial of licenses to applicants; authorizing the Board to inspect chiropractor offices under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to require a licensee or applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Chiropractic Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 3–101, 3–202(a) and (b), 3–205, 3–301(d), 3–302(c) and (d), 3–303(a), 3–304(c), 3–305.1, 3–311, 3–313(29) and (30), and 3–314(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health Occupations
Section 3–302(e), 3–304(d) and (e), and 3–402
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 3–304(d) through (g), 3–313(31) through (33), and 3–318
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 729 – ~~**Delegate Rosenberg**~~ **Delegates Rosenberg, Pena–Melnyk, Chisholm, Cullison, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

FOR the purpose of altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund; and generally relating to the Opioid Restitution Fund and the Overdose Response Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3101(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3103(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–331(a) through (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–331(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 756 – ~~**Delegate J. Long**~~ **Delegates J. Long, Conaway, Kaufman, Phillips, and Schmidt**

AN ACT concerning

Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person – Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings

FOR the purpose of authorizing a ~~petitioner~~ party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to request a stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; requiring a certain party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to provide certain notice to a court granting a stay and to parties to a civil action or proceeding; establishing that a stay granted by a court may be in effect only for a certain period of time; requiring a court to lift a stay of certain civil actions under certain circumstances; requiring, to effectuate service of process for certain civil actions against an alleged disabled person, the temporary or permanent guardian of the property of the disabled person to be served; and generally relating to petitions for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person.

BY adding to
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–223
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 848 – **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Cullison, Kerr, ~~and Rosenberg~~ Rosenberg, Bhandari, Chisholm, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Reilly, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Adverse Decisions – ~~Reporting~~ Notices, Reporting, and Examinations

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner; requiring that certain information submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner by carriers be aggregated by zip code; requiring certain carriers to provide certain information to the ~~Maryland~~

~~Insurance~~ Commissioner on adverse decisions on types of services that have grown by ~~more than~~ certain percentages or more over certain periods of time; authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of a certain examination; and generally relating to health insurance and adverse decisions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–10A–02(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–10A–02(f) and (i), 15–10A–06, and 15–10B–05(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–10B–05(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 24

Senate Bill 576 – Senators Lam, Rosapepe, Kramer, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Mandatory Meetings on Religious or Political Matters – Employee Attendance and Participation (Maryland Worker Freedom Act)

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON THIRD READING FOR FINAL PASSAGE.

Senator Beidle moved the Bill be recommitted.

The motion was adopted.

The Bill was recommitted to the Finance Committee.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 381)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 21, 2025, Calendar Day, Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 21, 2025
Calendar Day: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:17 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Ali K.C. Bell, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation, guest of Senator Waldstreicher.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 47 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 382)

The Journal of March 10, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 277 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Master Sergeant Benjamin C. Koloff
in recognition of
earning Senior Non–Commissioned Officer of the Year,
exemplifying the Air Force core values and
the highest standards of excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 383)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 279 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Captain Alexis Eyo
in recognition of
earning Company Grade Officer of the Year,
exemplifying the Air Force core values and
the highest standards of excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 383)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 280 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Master Sergeant Robin L. Primmer
in recognition of
earning First Sergeant of the Year, exemplifying
the Air Force core values and the highest standards of excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 383)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 282 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Airman First Class Brandon T. Diefenbach

in recognition of
earning Airman of the Year, exemplifying the
Air Force core values and the highest standards of excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 383)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 277 – Senator Benjamin Brooks:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Staff Sergeant Derek M. Herbert
in recognition of
earning Non–Commissioned Officer of the Year,
exemplifying the Air Force core values and
the highest standards of excellence.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 11th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 383)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 49 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Automatic Renewals

SB0049/583720/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 49
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after "card" insert "unless certain conditions are met"; and in line 10, after "regulations" insert "or a certain license".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "**AT**" in line 17 down through "**MONTH**" in line 18.

On page 3, in lines 14 and 15, strike "**SIMPLE, COST–EFFECTIVE, AND WIDELY AVAILABLE**" and substitute "**COST–EFFECTIVE, TIMELY, AND EASY–TO–USE**"; in line 27, strike "**AND**" and substitute a comma; in line 30, strike "**INCLUDING**" and substitute "**AND INCLUDE**"; in line 31, strike "**LOCATED**" and substitute "**PLACED**"; and in the same line, after "**BUTTON**" insert "**TO INITIATE THE CANCELLATION PROCESS,**".

On page 4, in line 1, strike "**BY AN**" and substitute "**AN**"; in line 6, strike "**TOLL–FREE**"; in line 12, strike the comma; after line 17, insert:

"**(IV) 1. IF A CONSUMER HAS AN ACCOUNT WITH A BUSINESS, THE BUSINESS MAY REQUIRE THE CONSUMER TO ENTER ACCOUNT INFORMATION OR OTHERWISE AUTHENTICATE THE ACCOUNT ONLINE BEFORE ONLINE TERMINATION OF THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE.**

2. IF A CONSUMER IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ENTER ACCOUNT INFORMATION OR OTHERWISE AUTHENTICATE THE CONSUMER'S ACCOUNT ONLINE BEFORE ONLINE TERMINATION OF THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE, THE CONSUMER MAY NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM AUTHENTICATING THE CONSUMER'S ACCOUNT OR TERMINATING THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE USING ANOTHER METHOD THAT THE BUSINESS PROVIDES IN A CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS MANNER.";

and in line 20, after "**TRIAL**" insert "**LASTING MORE THAN 14 DAYS**".

On page 5, in line 8, after "**TRIAL**" insert "**LASTING MORE THAN 14 DAYS**"; in line 17, after "**OFFER**" insert "**WITH AN INITIAL DEFINITE TERM OF MORE THAN 1 MONTH**"; in line 18, after "**UNLESS**" insert "**:**

(1)";

in the same line, strike "**CLEAR**" and substitute "**CLEAR**"; in line 19, after "**PROVIDED**" insert "**TO THE CONSUMER; AND**

(2) THE CONSUMER PROVIDES CONSENT TO THE AUTOMATIC CHARGE OF THE CONSUMER'S CREDIT CARD";

in line 22, after "**PERSON**" insert "**OR THAT IS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE**"; in line 24, after "**TO**" insert "**:**

(1)";

in the same line, strike "**ANY**" and substitute "**ANY**"; in line 26, after "**ADMINISTRATION**" insert "**; OR**

(2) A SERVICE REGULATED BY:

(I) THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

(II) THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; OR

(III) THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION";

in line 31, strike "**§ 13–408**" and substitute "**§§ 13–408 AND 13–411**"; after line 31, insert:

"**(H) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW.**";

in line 33, strike "October" and substitute "June"; and in the same line, strike "2025" and substitute "2026".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 305 – Senators Beidle and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions and Activities – Virtual Currency Kiosks – Registration and Regulation

SB0305/703124/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 305
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 17, strike "12–1207" and substitute "12–1209".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 8 insert:

"**(B) "EXPERIENCED USER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS NOT A NEW USER.**

(C) "NEW USER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS TRANSACTING WITH A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATOR:

(1) FOR THE FIRST TIME; OR

(2) ANYTIME IN THE 72 HOURS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PERSON'S FIRST TRANSACTION WITH THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATOR.";

and in line 9, strike "**(B)**" and substitute "**(D)**".

On page 3, in lines 6, 11, and 13, strike "**(C)**", "**(D)**", and "**(E)**", respectively, and substitute "**(E)**", "**(F)**", and "**(G)**", respectively.

On page 4, in line 28, strike "**AND**".

On page 5, in line 2, after "**LOCATIONS**" insert "**; AND**

(5) REGULATIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY A KIOSK AS A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK";

strike beginning with "**MORE**" in line 7 down through "**CREDIT**" in line 10 and substitute "**AN AMOUNT OF CASH, INCLUDING VALUE DOWNLOADED THROUGH PREPAID ACCESS, AS DEFINED IN § 12–401 OF THIS TITLE, OR THE EQUIVALENT IN CREDIT THAT EXCEEDS:**

(1) FOR A NEW USER, $2,000; OR

(2) FOR AN EXPERIENCED USER, $10,500";

in line 11, strike "**MAY**" and substitute "**:**

(1) MAY";

in lines 13 and 14, strike "**(1)**" and "**(2)**", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively; in line 15, after "**TRANSACTION**" insert "**; AND**

(2) SHALL REFUND ANY FEE IMPOSED ON A TRANSACTION THAT IS VERIFIED AS FRAUDULENT IN A MANNER ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER THROUGH REGULATION";

and after line 25, insert:

"**(D) AT THE END OF A VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION, THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATOR SHALL DISPENSE OR DISPLAY A RECEIPT THAT INCLUDES:**

(1) THE TYPE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY SOLD OR PURCHASED;

(2) THE VALUE OF THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY SOLD OR PURCHASED, INCLUDING THE REQUISITE EXCHANGE RATE FOR THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY;

(3) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE TRANSACTION;

(4) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK;

(5) THE TOLL–FREE NUMBER FOR CUSTOMER SUPPORT; AND

(6) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER REQUIRES THROUGH REGULATION.".

On page 6, in line 16, strike "**ARE**" and substitute "**MAY**"; in the same line, after "**NOT**" insert "**BE**"; in line 23, after "**OPERATION**" insert "**;**

(5) THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATES FOR EACH TYPE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD OR PURCHASED AT THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK";

in line 24, strike "**(5)**" and substitute "**(6)**"; after line 29, insert:

"**(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME THAT EACH DISCLOSURE MUST REMAIN ON THE SCREEN BEFORE ADVANCING.**";

and after line 30, insert:

"**A VIRTUAL CURRENCY OPERATOR SHALL MAINTAIN LIVE CUSTOMER SUPPORT THAT, AT A MINIMUM, IS:**

(1) REACHABLE BY TELEPHONE AT A TOLL–FREE NUMBER; AND

(2) AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M.

12–1207.

A VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK OPERATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK:

(1) OPERATES SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY SERVICES; AND

(2) DOES NOT OPERATE AS AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE AS DEFINED UNDER § 1–401 OF THIS ARTICLE.

12–1208.".

On page 7, strike line 12 in its entirety and substitute:

"**12–1209.**";

and in line 13, strike "**MAY**" and substitute "**SHALL**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 357 – Senators Gile and Feldman

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

SB0357/443427/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 357
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Feldman**" and substitute "**, Feldman, and Hester**"; in line 2, strike "**for Upper Payment Limits**" and substitute "**and Stakeholder Council Membership**"; in line 4, after "of" insert "altering the membership of the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council;"; in line 5, strike "all"; and in line 10, after "Board;" insert "requiring the Board to confer with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program before establishing an upper payment limit that applies to the Program;"; in line 14, after "21–2C–01," insert "21–2C–04,"; in line 19, after "Section" insert

"21–2C–09(c) and"; and after line 21, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–09(d) and (e) and 21–2C–16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 10, insert:

"21–2C–04.

(a) There is a Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council.

(b) The purpose of the Stakeholder Council is to provide stakeholder input to assist the Board in making decisions as required under this subtitle.

(c) (1) The Stakeholder Council consists of **[**26**]** members appointed in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint:

(i) One representative of generic drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of nonprofit insurance carriers;

(iii) One representative of a statewide health care advocacy coalition;

(iv) One representative of a statewide advocacy organization for seniors;

(v) One representative of a statewide organization for diverse communities;

(vi) One representative of a labor union;

(vii) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RARE DISEASE COMMUNITY;**

(VIII) One health services researcher specializing in prescription drugs; and

[(viii)**]** **(IX)** One public member at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

(i) One representative of brand name drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of physicians;

(iii) One representative of nurses;

(iv) One representative of hospitals;

(v) One representative of dentists;

(vi) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF ONCOLOGISTS;**

(VII) One representative of managed care organizations;

[(vii)**]** **(VIII)** One representative of the Department of Budget and Management;

[(viii)**]** **(IX)** One clinical researcher; and

[(ix)**]** **(X)** One public member at the discretion of the President of the Senate.

(4) The Governor shall appoint:

(i) One representative of brand name drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of generic drug corporations;

(iii) One representative of biotechnology companies;

(iv) One representative of for–profit health insurance carriers;

(v) One representative of employers;

(vi) One representative of pharmacy benefits managers;

(vii) One representative of pharmacists;

(viii) One pharmacologist; **[**and**]**

(ix) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PATIENT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION; AND**

(X) One public member at the discretion of the Governor.

(5) Collectively, the members of the Stakeholder Council shall have knowledge of the following:

(i) The pharmaceutical business model;

(ii) Supply chain business models;

(iii) The practice of medicine or clinical training;

(iv) Consumer or patient perspectives;

(v) Health care costs trends and drivers;

(vi) Clinical and health services research; or

(vii) The State's health care marketplace.

(6) To the extent practicable and consistent with federal and State law, the membership of the Stakeholder Council shall reflect the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the State.

(7) From among the membership of the Stakeholder Council, the Board chair shall appoint two members to be cochairs of the Stakeholder Council.

(d) (1) The term of a member is 3 years.

(2) The initial members of the Stakeholder Council shall serve staggered terms as required by the terms provided for members on October 1, 2019.

(e) A member of the Stakeholder Council:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Stakeholder Council; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21–2C–09.

(c) On or before December 31, 2020, and each December 31 thereafter, the Board shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, a report that includes:

(1) Price trends for prescription drug products;

(2) The number of prescription drug products that were subject to Board review and the results of the review; and

(3) Any recommendations the Board may have on further legislation needed to make prescription drug products more affordable in the State.

(D) IF THE BOARD SETS A NEW UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN THE FIRST REPORT THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 1 YEAR INFORMATION ON THE EFFECTS OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, BASED ON AVAILABLE TIMELY DATA, FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(1) PATIENT OUT–OF–POCKET COSTS INCLUDING WHETHER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASES OR DECREASES IN WHAT PATIENTS PAY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCTS;

(2) PATIENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASES OR DECREASES IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FOR PATIENTS;

(3) PHARMACIES OPERATING IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF RETAIL AND INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES;

(4) PATIENT HEALTH INSURANCE FORMULARIES, INCLUDING WHETHER THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT REMAINED ON FORMULARIES;

(5) PROVIDER–ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, INCLUDING WHETHER PROVIDERS WERE ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT AT A RATE TO ACCOUNT FOR ACQUISITION COSTS AND WHETHER THERE WAS AN IMPACT ON PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT;

(6) PATIENT ACCESS TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

(I) WHETHER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SHORTAGES OR OTHER SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS OCCURRED AFTER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT TOOK EFFECT;

(II) WHETHER FORMULARY PLACEMENT OR PLAN DESIGN CHANGES MADE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER LIMIT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PATIENTS TO ACCESS, INCLUDING IF INSURANCE PLANS PREFERRED A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT WITHOUT AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT OVER A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT;

(III) WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY OF SPECIALTY OR RARE DISEASE MEDICATIONS FROM OUT–OF–STATE PHARMACIES TO PROVIDERS, PHARMACIES, OR PATIENTS WAS IMPACTED;

(IV) WHETHER PATIENTS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PATIENTS WHO ARE WOMEN, PATIENTS WITH A RARE DISEASE, OR PATIENTS IN

RURAL AREAS EXPERIENCED DISPROPORTIONATE ACCESS CHALLENGES; AND

(V) WHETHER COST DIFFERENCES AS A RESULT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT AFFECTED PATIENTS, PHARMACIES, OR PROVIDERS AND, IF THE COST DIFFERENCE RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN COSTS, WHO WAS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR BEARING THE INCREASED COST;

(7) COVERED ENTITY PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROVIDERS AND THEIR CONTRACTED PHARMACIES; AND

(8) THE BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT, AND JOB GROWTH.

(E) (1) THE BOARD MAY REQUEST INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION FROM AN AFFECTED ENTITY.

(2) THE ENTITY FROM WHICH INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.";

and in line 29, after "**DRUGS**" insert "**;**

(4) FOR AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON A DRUG THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A DRUG FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION, THE IMPACT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON PATIENTS WITH RARE DISEASES".

On page 4, in line 1, strike "**(4)**" and substitute "**(5)**".

On page 6, in line 21, strike "**ALL**".

On page 7, in lines 4 and 18, in each instance, strike "**ALL**"; after line 12, insert:

"**(3) BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT THAT APPLIES TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE BOARD SHALL CONFER**

WITH THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT BY ASSESSING WHETHER THE PROPOSED UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT WILL:

(I) CONFLICT WITH THE MEDICAID DRUG REBATES PROGRAM, THE COVERED OUTPATIENT DRUG RULE (CMS–2345–FC), OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AS APPLICABLE; AND

(II) REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUDGET.";

in line 17, after "**(C)**" insert "**(1)**"; in the same line, strike "**IF**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**"; after line 20, insert:

"**(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO:**

(I) PAYOR REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER MEDICARE PART C AND D PLANS;

(II) PURCHASES UNDER THE FEDERAL 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM; AND

(III) PURCHASES AND PAYOR REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW INCLUDING:

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;

3. THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE;

4. THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD;

5. TRICARE;

6. THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN; AND

7. ANY OTHER EXCLUSIVE FEDERAL PROGRAM AS

APPLICABLE.";

and in line 30, strike "September 31" and substitute "September 30".

On page 8, in line 2, strike "December 31" and substitute "September 30".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Salling moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 571 – Anne Arundel County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Class A (Off–Sale) and Class D (Off–Sale) Licenses – Population Ratio Quota

SB0571/533820/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 571
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 15, strike "4,000" and substitute "**3,500**"; in line 19, strike "**4,000**" and substitute "**3,500**"; in line 22, strike the second "**OR**"; in line 23, after "**DISTRICT**" insert "**; OR**

(3) TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN ON–SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT UNDER § 2–207 OF THIS ARTICLE BY AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE";

in line 25, after "**BY**" insert "**:**

(1)";

and in the same line, after "**CENSUS**" insert "**; OR**

(2) ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING".

On page 3, in line 5, after the period insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 652 – Senator Jennings

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Local Personnel – Leave With Pay

SB0652/433626/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 652
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first "of" insert "establishing that governmental units may provide disaster service leave with pay to certain employees;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, after "**(B)**" insert "**SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (E) OF THIS SECTION, EACH GOVERNMENTAL UNIT MAY PROVIDE DISASTER SERVICE LEAVE WITH PAY TO EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.**

(C)".

On page 2, in lines 18 and 21, strike "**(C)**" and "**(D)**", respectively, and substitute "**(D)**" and "**(E)**", respectively; in line 23, strike "**(B)**" and substitute "**(C)**"; and in lines 23

and 29, in each instance, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(D)**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 844 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Self–Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien – Notice Requirements

SB0844/893623/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 844
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Hershey**" and substitute "**Senators Hershey and Lam**".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Hester moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 227 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Payment From Uninsured Employers' Fund – Revisions

SB0227/143223/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 227
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "of" insert "authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission to offset or credit against an award certain benefits paid by the Uninsured Employers' Fund; requiring the Fund to begin paying compensation in accordance with certain provisions of law;"; in lines 4 and 5, strike "Uninsured Employers'"; in line 14, after "Section" insert "9–610.1, 9–727, and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 19, insert:

"9–610.1.

The Workers' Compensation Commission may order an offset or credit against an award for permanent partial disability benefits for:

(1) any vocational rehabilitation benefits previously provided to a covered employee; **[**or**]**

(2) any temporary total disability benefits previously paid to a covered employee**; OR**

(3) ANY BENEFITS PAID BY THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND THAT WERE ALSO PAID BY THE EMPLOYER.

9–727.

(A) The employer or its insurer shall begin paying compensation to the covered employee within 15 days after the later of the date:

(1) an award is made; or

(2) payment of an award is due.

(B) THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND SHALL BEGIN PAYING COMPENSATION TO THE COVERED EMPLOYEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–1002 OF THIS TITLE.".

On page 3, in line 7, strike "**ACTUAL**".

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 29, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 277 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Health Equality for Service Members Act

SB0277/513528/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 277
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 26, strike "7–314(g),"; in the same line, after "7–410(a)(2)(i)," insert "8–316(a)(3), 8–6A–10(a)(3),"; and in line 27, after "8–6B–18(a)(7)," insert "8–6C–20(a)(3), 8–6D–10(a)(3),".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 9, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 11, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 15 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 16.

On page 12, in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in line 22, strike "armed forces of the United States" and substitute "**UNIFORMED SERVICES**".

On page 18, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 7, inclusive; and after line 13, insert:

"8–316.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8–317 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or grant a license, including a license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee if the applicant or licensee:

(3) Is disciplined by a licensing**[**, military,**]** or disciplinary authority **[**in this State or in any other state or country or**] OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY,** convicted or disciplined by a court **[**in this State or in any other state or country**] OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

8–6A–10.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8–317 of this title and § 8–6A–10.1 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a certificate or grant a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, to any applicant, reprimand any certificate holder, place any certificate holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the certificate of a certificate holder, if the applicant or certificate holder:

(3) Is disciplined by a licensing**[**, military,**]** or disciplinary authority **[**in this State or in any other state or country or**] OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY,** convicted or disciplined by a court **[**in this State or in any other state or country**] OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;";

in line 21, strike "Veterans Administration" and substitute "**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**"; and after line 22, insert:

"8–6C–20.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8–317 of this title, the Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, place a licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(3) Is disciplined by a licensing**[**, military,**]** or disciplinary authority **[**in the State or in any other state or country or is**]** **OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY,** convicted or disciplined by a court **[**in the State or in any other state or country**]** **OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

8–6D–10.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8–317 of this title, the Board may deny a license or grant a license, including a license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee if the applicant or licensee:

(3) Is disciplined by a licensing**[**, military,**]** or disciplinary authority **[**in this State or in any other state or country or is**]** **OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY,** convicted or disciplined by a court **[**in this State or in any other state or country**]** **OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 306 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services – Reimbursements

SB0306/423027/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 306
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "services" insert "under certain circumstances"; and in the same line, after "indexes;" insert "requiring the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board to conduct a certain study;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, strike "**THE**" and substitute "**NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE**"; in line 7, after "**SUBTITLE**" insert "**PROVIDED BY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A PHARMACY PERMIT UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE**"; in line 11, after "**INCLUDE**" insert "**:**

1.";

in the same line, after "**FEES**" insert "**; AND**

2. ANY OTHER PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION";

after line 11, insert:

"**(III) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN INSURANCE CARRIER OR EMPLOYER FROM CONTRACTING WITH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER, A NETWORK OF PHARMACIES, OR DISPENSING PROVIDERS:**

1. FOR REIMBURSEMENT RATES DIFFERENT THAN THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION; OR

2. TO USE A PRICING INDEX OR INDEXES DIFFERENT THAN THOSE SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.";

after line 20, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board:

(1) shall conduct a study on prescription drug affordability challenges related to workers' compensation claims that includes:

(i) an overview of prescription drug prescribing and billing practices and trends that are specialized to the workers' compensation market;

(ii) research into specific prescribing, billing, and dispensing practices, including:

1. prescribing high cost formulations and compounded formulations of commonly available drugs;

2. billing and dispensing from entities that do not bill or provide services in the health insurance market; and

3. billing practices using billing codes without standardized pricing metrics; and

(iii) making recommendations, if applicable, for policies to address identified affordability challenges; and

(2) may require, subject to applicable federal and State laws, entities that pay, prescribe, bill, and dispense prescription drugs under workers' compensation claims to report information to the Board as necessary to complete the study.

(b) On or before March 1, 2026, the Prescription Drug Affordability Board shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the

House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.";

in line 21, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 22, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Jennings moved to make the Bill and Amendments a Special Order for March 12, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 589 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard

SB0589/723422/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 589
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "public;" insert "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;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 15, strike "**THE**" and substitute "**IF THERE IS A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE USE OF OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT FUNDS BY THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY, THE**"; strike beginning with "**INFORMATION**" in line 15 down through "**FUND**" in line 17 and substitute "**A LINK TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE**"; in line 18, after "**(1)**" insert "**THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT:**

(I) COMPLIES WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN AN OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT; AND

(II) SHARES THE DATA IN THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER AN OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE ENTITY.

(2)";

in line 22, strike "**(2)**" and substitute "**(3)**"; in line 23, strike "**(1)**" and substitute "**(2)**"; and in line 25, strike "**(3)**" and substitute "**(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPLOAD OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF AN OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT.**

(5)".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 695 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Uninsured Employers' Fund Board – Membership and Reserves

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 830 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Claims Application Form – Authorization for Release of Information

SB0830/933322/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 830
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 10, after "9–709(a)" insert ", 9–710(b), and 9–711(a)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, after line 21, insert:

"9–710.

(b) (1) If a covered employee dies from an accidental personal injury, the dependents of the covered employee or an individual on their behalf shall, within 18 months after the date of death, file with the Commission:

(i) a claim application form;

(ii) proof of death;

(iii) certificates of any physician who attended the covered employee; and

(iv) any other proof that the Commission may require by regulation.

(2) (i) A claim application form filed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include an authorization by the claimant for the release, to the claimant's attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND,** the covered employee's employer, and the insurer of the covered employee's employer, or an agent of the claimant's attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND,** the covered employee's employer, or the insurer of the covered employee's employer, of medical **AND FINANCIAL** information that **[**is**]** **MAY BE** relevant to:

1. the member of the body that was injured, as indicated on

the claim application form; and

2. the description of how the accidental personal injury occurred, as indicated on the claim application form.

(ii) An authorization under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

1. includes the release of information relating to the history, findings, office and patient charts, files, examination and progress notes, **[**and**]** physical evidence**, AND ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FILED BY THE CLAIMANT**;

2. INCLUDES THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSION;

[2.**]** **3.** is effective for 1 year from the date the claim is filed; and

[3.**]** **4.** does not restrict the redisclosure of medical information or written material relating to the authorization to a medical manager, health care professional, or certified rehabilitation practitioner.

9–711.

(a) (1) If a covered employee suffers a disablement or death as a result of an occupational disease, the covered employee or the dependents of the covered employee shall file a claim application form with the Commission within 2 years, or in the case of pulmonary dust disease within 3 years, after the date:

(i) of disablement or death; or

(ii) when the covered employee or the dependents of the covered employee first had actual knowledge that the disablement was caused by the employment.

(2) (i) A claim application form filed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include an authorization by the claimant for the release, to the claimant's attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND,** the claimant's or covered employee's employer, and the insurer of the claimant's or covered employee's employer, or an agent of the claimant's attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND,** the claimant's or covered

employee's employer, or the insurer of the claimant's or covered employee's employer, of medical **AND FINANCIAL** information that **[**is**]** **MAY BE** relevant to:

1. the member of the body that was injured, as indicated on the claim application form; and

2. the description of how the occupational disease occurred, as indicated on the claim application form.

(ii) An authorization under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

1. includes the release of information relating to the history, findings, office and patient charts, files, examination and progress notes, **[**and**]** physical evidence**, AND ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FILED BY THE CLAIMANT**;

2. INCLUDES THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSION;

[2.**]** **3.** is effective for 1 year from the date the claim is filed; and

[3.**]** **4.** does not restrict the redisclosure of medical information or written material relating to the authorization to a medical manager, health care professional, or certified rehabilitation practitioner.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 60 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing

SB0060/293425/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 60
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "for" in line 6 down through "factors" in line 7 and substitute "in accordance with certain guidelines".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 3, after "**TESTING**" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENT GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY THAT EXPAND THE SCOPE OF PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF CONSUMERS**"; and strike beginning with "**FOR**" in line 3 down through "**DISEASE**" in line 8.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 229 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fee Assessment – Repeal of Sunset

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 379 – Senators M. Washington, Benson, Lam, and Brooks

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Social Work Examiners – Membership and Examination

Requirements

SB0379/133321/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 379
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute "**Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure – Extension and Duties**"; strike beginning with "repealing" in line 4 down through "Examiners" in line 6 and substitute "extending the termination date of the Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure; altering the duties of the Workgroup"; in line 6, strike "the regulation of social workers" and substitute "the Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure"; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 16, inclusive; and after line 16, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 228 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 2 and 3".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

"**Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2023**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Workgroup on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates who is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Chair of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, or the Chair's designee;

(6) the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, or the Chair's designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, or the Executive Director's designee;

(8) the Director of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, or the Director's designee;

(9) one social worker who is deaf or hard of hearing and is familiar with the licensing process for deaf and hard of hearing social workers, designated by the Maryland Association of the Deaf;

(10) one representative of the NAACP Maryland State Conference, designated by the President of the NAACP Maryland State Conference;

(11) one representative of the Baltimore Legacy Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers, designated by the Baltimore Legacy Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers;

(12) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, designated by the Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;

(13) one member from the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, designated by the President of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work;

(14) two representatives of the Association of Social Work Boards, designated by the President of the Association of Social Work Boards; and

(15) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) three Deans of Social Work from accredited social work master's programs serving the State, one of which shall be from a historically Black college or university;

(ii) three representatives from nongovernmental social service organizations that primarily work to support Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore; and

(iii) two individuals who received a master's degree in social work within the immediately preceding 10 years and who have been negatively impacted by the examination requirement for licensure under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) To complete its work as required under this section, the Workgroup may:

(1) establish subgroups; or

(2) contract with an entity with expertise in analyzing assessment bias.

(g) The Workgroup shall:

(1) determine:

(i) whether to continue to use examinations developed by the Association of Social Work Boards as a requirement for a bachelor social worker license or a master social worker license;

(ii) whether to establish a temporary license for applicants for a

bachelor social worker license or a master social worker license who, except for passing an examination required under Title 19, Subtitle 3 of the Health Occupations Article, meet the education and experience requirements for a license to practice bachelor social work or master social work under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article;

(iii) how supervision may be provided to bachelor social worker licensees and master social worker licensees at no cost to the licensees;

(iv) if the Workgroup determines under item (i) of this item that the examinations developed by the Association of Social Work Boards should not be used or under item (ii) of this item that temporary licenses should be established, whether additional experience or education requirements are necessary;

(v) a timeline for phasing in any determinations made under item (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this item; and

(vi) an outline and timeline for conducting the study required in subsection (h) of this section; and

(2) (i) on or before September 1, 2023, submit a preliminary report of the findings and recommendations required under item (1)(i) through (iv) of this subsection to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article; and

(ii) on or before December 1, 2023, submit an interim report of the findings and recommendations required under item (1)(i) through (iv) of this subsection and the outlines and timelines required under item (1)(v) and (vi) of this subsection to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(h) The Workgroup shall:

(1) examine each type of license established under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article by:

(i) conducting a bias analysis of the qualifications for each type of license;

(ii) determining whether each type of license is necessary;

(iii) identifying alternatives to examination requirements that may be used to assess an applicant's qualifications for each type of license;

(iv) considering examination testing options, including the development of a State–based competency examination, minimum requirements for a national examination to be approved for State applicants, utilization of ranges of examination scores, and other policies to ensure a bias–free examination;

(v) identifying barriers in addition to the examination that present challenges to licensure in the State; and

(vi) identifying the circumstances under which unlicensed individuals work in State and federal government positions as social workers; and

(2) on or before December 1, 2024, report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on its:

(i) findings under item (1) of this subsection; and

(ii) recommendations to eliminate bias and make the process for licensing social workers in the State more fair, diverse, and efficient.

(I) THE WORKGROUP SHALL:

(1) EXAMINE:

(I) ALTERATIONS MADE TO THE EXAMINATION DEVELOPED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS AND IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING IN 2026, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF:

1. THREE–OPTION MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS;

2. A MODULARIZED EXAM FORMAT ALLOWING TEST TAKERS TO RETAKE ONLY CONTENT AREAS ON WHICH THE TEST TAKER DID NOT ACHIEVE A PASSING SCORE;

(II) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS ALLOWING FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEST TAKERS, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEST TAKERS:

1. WITH A DISABILITY OR HEALTH CONDITION; OR

2. WHO USE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE; AND

(III) THE PROVISION OF TEST–TAKER AND EDUCATOR EXAM PREPARATION MATERIALS BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS; AND

(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

(I) ITS FINDINGS UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO USE EXAMINATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR A BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE OR A MASTER SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective through June 30, **[**2025**]** **2027**, and, at the end of June 30, **[**2025**]** **2027**, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 29 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 31, strike "October" and substitute "June".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 981 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies

SB0981/573125/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 981
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Hershey**" and substitute "**Senators Hershey, Beidle, Gile, Hayes, C. Jackson, Kramer, Lam, Mautz, Ready, and A. Washington**"; in line 3, after the first "of" insert "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;"; and after line 13, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–101 and 5–1201(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–201(a) and (e) and 19–301(a) and (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, after line 20, insert:

"**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5–101.

A civil action at law shall be filed within three years from the date it accrues unless another provision of the Code provides a different period of time within which an action shall be commenced.

5–102.

(a) An action on one of the following specialties shall be filed within 12 years after the cause of action accrues, or within 12 years from the date of the death of the last to die of the principal debtor or creditor, whichever is sooner:

(1) Promissory note or other instrument under seal;

(2) Bond except a public officer's bond;

(3) Judgment;

(4) Recognizance;

(5) Contract under seal; or

(6) Any other specialty.

(b) A payment of principal or interest on a specialty suspends the operation of this section as to the specialty for three years after the date of payment.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) A specialty taken for the use of the State; **[**or**]**

(2) A deed of trust, mortgage, or promissory note that has been signed under seal and secures or is secured by owner–occupied residential property, as defined in § 7–105.1 of the Real Property Article**; OR**

(3) A CONTRACT, INCLUDING A CONTRACT UNDER SEAL, OR A PROMISSORY NOTE OR OTHER INSTRUMENT UNDER SEAL THAT IS:

(I) RELATED TO AN OBLIGATION OF A CONSUMER TO PAY CONSUMER DEBT, AS DEFINED IN § 5–1201 OF THIS TITLE, THAT ARISES FROM HOSPITAL SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 19–201 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE; AND

(II) BETWEEN A CONSUMER AND A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19–301 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

5–1201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) "Consumer debt" means a secured or an unsecured debt that:

(1) Is for money owed or alleged to be owed; and

(2) Arises from a consumer transaction.";

and after line 21, insert:

"19–201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) (1) "Hospital services" means:

(i) Inpatient hospital services as enumerated in Medicare Regulation 42 C.F.R. § 409.10, as amended;

(ii) Emergency services, including services provided at a freestanding medical facility licensed under Subtitle 3A of this title;

(iii) Outpatient services provided at a hospital;

(iv) Outpatient services, as specified by the Commission in regulation, provided at a freestanding medical facility licensed under Subtitle 3A of this title that has received:

1. A certificate of need under § 19–120(o)(1) of this title; or

2. An exemption from obtaining a certificate of need under § 19–120(o)(3) of this title; and

(v) Identified physician services for which a facility has Commission–approved rates on June 30, 1985.

(2) "Hospital services" includes a hospital outpatient service:

(i) Of a hospital that, on or before June 1, 2015, is under a merged asset hospital system;

(ii) That is designated as a part of another hospital under the same merged asset hospital system to make it possible for the hospital outpatient service to participate in the 340B Program under the federal Public Health Service Act; and

(iii) That complies with all federal requirements for the 340B Program and applicable provisions of 42 C.F.R. § 413.65.

(3) "Hospital services" does not include:

(i) Outpatient renal dialysis services; or

(ii) Outpatient services provided at a limited service hospital as defined in § 19–301 of this title, except for emergency services.".

On page 20, after line 8, insert:

"19–301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(f) "Hospital" means an institution that:

(1) Has a group of at least 5 physicians who are organized as a medical staff for the institution;

(2) Maintains facilities to provide, under the supervision of the medical staff, diagnostic and treatment services for 2 or more unrelated individuals; and

(3) Admits or retains the individuals for overnight care.".

On page 6, strike beginning with "**THE**" in line 14 down through "**BILL**" in line 22 and substitute "**THE HOSPITAL SHALL OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION ENSURING THAT THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THE PATIENT'S RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE BEFORE DISCHARGING THE PATIENT.**

2. IF A PATIENT CHOOSES NOT TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE PATIENT'S DOCUMENTED ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHALL INDICATE THAT THE PATIENT IS NOT APPLYING ON THE DAY OF THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT BUT MAY APPLY WITHIN 240 DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PATIENT'S RECEIPT OF THE INITIAL HOSPITAL BILL".

On page 12, in line 25, strike "**OR A PROFESSIONAL FEE**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 279 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

SB0279/783629/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 279
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 3, strike "; and 6–301(e)"; and strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 14, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 10, inclusive.

On page 16, after line 19, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 21, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 25 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 26.

On page 22, in line 10, after "States." insert a closing bracket; in line 11, strike beginning with "(3)" through "means" and substitute "**, "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS**"; strike beginning with the first "of" in line 11 down through "States" in line 12 and substitute "**, AS DEFINED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**"; strike beginning with "(i)" in line 14 down through "military reserves;" in line 15 and substitute:

"**(1) A RESERVE COMPONENT;**";

in line 16, strike "(iii)" and substitute "**(2)**"; in line 17, strike "(iv)" and substitute "**(3)**"; strike beginning with the bracket in line 18 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 19; in lines 21, 22, 24, and 25, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in lines 21 and 22, strike "**A**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 544 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

Senator Ellis moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for March 12, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 641 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hearing Aids

SB0641/383525/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 641
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike "minors and"; in line 6, strike "prescribed" and substitute "ordered"; and in line 11, strike "15–838 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 17 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 1, after "are" insert "**:**

(1)";

in the same line, after "audiologist" insert a semicolon; and in line 2, after "**OR**" insert:

"**(2)** **ORDERED, FITTED, AND DISPENSED BY**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 776 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

SB0776/223820/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 776
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, strike line 18 in its entirety; and in lines 19 and 21, strike "(5)" and "(6)", respectively, and substitute "(4)" and "(5)", respectively.

On page 2, in lines 1 and 3, strike "(7)" and "(8)", respectively, and substitute "(6)" and "(7)", respectively; in line 4, strike "and"; after line 4, insert:

"(8) the Director of the Health Education and Advocacy Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, or the Director's designee; and";

strike beginning with "President" in line 5 down through "House" in line 6 and substitute "Governor"; in line 10, after "hospitals" insert ", with one representative from a large hospital system and one representative from a community hospital"; in line 13, strike "and"; in line 14, after "organization" insert ";

(ix) one physician;

(x) one representative of MedChi; and

(xi) one representative of a federally qualified health center";

in line 17, strike the first comma; and in the same line, strike "and in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association,".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 374 – Senators Beidle, Gile, Kramer, Lam, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters – Required Coverage
(James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

SB0374/193920/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 374
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Health Insurance**" and substitute "**Counties**"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 5 down through "firefighters;" in line 10; in line 11, strike "and municipalities"; strike beginning with "comply" in line 12 down through "Act" in line 14 and substitute "provide to firefighters employed by the county coverage for preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a certain annual examination or applying for a certain grant; prohibiting counties from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the coverage; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a certain study"; in line 15, strike "health insurance" and substitute "counties"; strike in their

entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive; and in line 24, strike "1–207" and substitute "9–114".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 8 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 9 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 11, strike "**1–207.**" and substitute "**9–114.**

(A) (1)";

in line 12, strike "**A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY**" and substitute "**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY**"; and strike beginning with "**ENSURE**" in line 13 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 14 and substitute "**PROVIDE TO EACH FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY COVERAGE FOR PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS.**

(2) A COUNTY SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENT ON COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) A COUNTY MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY:

(1) PROVIDING A NO–COST ANNUAL EXAMINATION TO FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY THAT INCLUDES PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR FIREFIGHTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS; OR

(2) APPLYING FOR A GRANT UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 40 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE TO PAY FOR INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING A MULTICANCER EARLY DETECTION BLOOD TEST.

(C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGES THAT ARE GREATER THAN OR MORE FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED OR AN ENROLLEE THAN THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION".

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 3 through line 12 on page 4.

On page 4, strike beginning with "this" in line 13 down through "2026" in line 15 and substitute ":

(a) Each county subject to § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall collect for calendar years 2026 and 2027 the following data:

(1) the number of firefighters eligible for the coverage required under § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(2) the number of firefighters provided preventive cancer screenings;

(3) the number of preventive cancer screenings that resulted in a cancer diagnosis; and

(4) the cost to provide preventive cancer screenings, including:

(i) the average cost of providing preventive cancer screenings to a firefighter; and

(ii) the total cost for providing preventive cancer screenings to firefighters.

(b) On or before June 1, 2027, and June 1, 2028, each county subject to § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall report to the Maryland Health Care Commission the data collected under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) (1) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

(i) study the impact of expanding the preventive cancer screenings coverage required under § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1

of this Act, to the commercial insurance market; and

(ii) on or before December 1, 2028, report the results of the study to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(2) In completing the study required under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall consider the data reported under subsection (b) of this section".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 773 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Health Benefit Plans – Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements

SB0773/633223/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 773
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 7 down through "for" in line 9 and substitute "providing that the calculation requirement does not apply to enrollees in"; strike beginning with "after" in line 9 down through "requirement" in line 10; and in line 12, after "information;" insert "requiring third parties that pay certain financial assistance to provide certain notification to an enrollee and prohibiting the third parties from conditioning the assistance on the enrollee taking certain actions;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 1, strike "**(I)**"; strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 1 down through "**STATE**" in line 4 and substitute "**:**

(I) AN INSURER;

(II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE";

strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive; and in line 30, strike "**PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**" and substitute "**PARAGRAPH (2)**".

On page 4, in line 3, strike "**IF THE APPLICATION OF THE**" and substitute "**THE**"; strike beginning with "**WOULD**" in line 4 down through "**CODE**" in line 9 and substitute "**DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENT OF A HIGH–DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN IF AN ENROLLEE IS COVERED UNDER A HIGH–DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN UNDER 26 U.S.C. § 223**";

strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive; after line 19, insert:

"**(E) A THIRD PARTY THAT PAYS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ANY AMOUNT, OR PORTION OF THE AMOUNT, OF ANY APPLICABLE COST–SHARING OR OTHER OUT–OF–POCKET EXPENSE ON BEHALF OF AN ENROLLEE FOR A COVERED PRESCRIPTION DRUG:**

(1) SHALL NOTIFY THE ENROLLEE WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND THE DURATION FOR WHICH IT IS AVAILABLE; AND

(2) MAY NOT CONDITION THE ASSISTANCE ON ENROLLMENT IN A SPECIFIC HEALTH PLAN OR TYPE OF HEALTH PLAN, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL LAW.";

in line 20, strike "**(E)**" and substitute "**(F)**"; in line 26, strike "**PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**" and substitute "**PARAGRAPH (2)**"; and in line 31, strike "**IF THE APPLICATION OF THE**" and substitute "**THE**".

On pages 4 and 5, strike beginning with "**WOULD**" in line 32 on page 4 down through "**CODE**" in line 2 on page 5 and substitute "**DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENT OF A HIGH–DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN IF AN ENROLLEE IS COVERED UNDER A HIGH–DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN UNDER 26 U.S.C. § 223**".

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 7, inclusive; and after line 12, insert:

"**(D) A THIRD PARTY THAT PAYS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ANY AMOUNT, OR PORTION OF THE AMOUNT, OF ANY APPLICABLE COST–SHARING OR OTHER OUT–OF–POCKET EXPENSE ON BEHALF OF AN ENROLLEE FOR A COVERED PRESCRIPTION DRUG:**

(1) SHALL NOTIFY THE ENROLLEE WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND THE DURATION FOR WHICH IT IS AVAILABLE; AND

(2) MAY NOT CONDITION THE ASSISTANCE ON ENROLLMENT IN A SPECIFIC HEALTH PLAN OR TYPE OF HEALTH PLAN, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL LAW.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 902 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Access to Nonparticipating Providers – Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

SB0902/253123/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 902
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "of" insert "a"; in line 11, strike "services"; strike beginning with "prior" in line 11 down through "providers" in line 13 and substitute "utilization review requirements other than what would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier's provider panel under certain circumstances"; and strike beginning with "requiring" in line 13 down through "providers;" in line 15.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, after "(i)" insert "**1.**"; in the same line, strike "**OR SEEKING CARE FOR**"; in lines 17 and 20, strike "(ii) 1." and "2.", respectively, and substitute "**2. A.**" and "**B.**", respectively; in line 22, strike the brackets; in line 23, before "**WITHIN**" insert "**, INCLUDING**"; and in line 24, after "**REGULATION**" insert "**FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES; OR**

(II) 1. THE MEMBER IS SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE; AND

2. THE CARRIER CANNOT PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCESS TO A SPECIALIST OR NONPHYSICIAN SPECIALIST WITHIN THE REASONABLE APPOINTMENT WAITING TIME AND TRAVEL DISTANCE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN REGULATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES".

On page 4, strike beginning with "**THE**" in line 4 down through "**PANEL**" in line 12 and substitute "**IF A CARRIER APPROVES A MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR A REFERRAL MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARRIER MAY NOT REQUIRE UTILIZATION REVIEW OTHER THAN WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THE COVERED BENEFIT WERE PROVIDED BY A PROVIDER ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL**".

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 4 through line 8 on page 5, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 956 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Medicare Supplement Policies – Broker Commission

SB0956/453323/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 956
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Broker**" and substitute "**Insurance Producer**"; in line 3, strike "rate" and substitute "rates"; in the same line, strike "a broker" and substitute "an insurance producer"; in line 4, after "policies" insert "without regard to whether the policies are"; strike beginning with "during" in line 4 down through "sold" in line 5; and in line 5, after "period" insert ", as underwritten policies, or under a certain provision of law".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, after "**MEDICARE**" insert "**SUPPLEMENT**"; in line 19, strike "**RATE**" and substitute "**RATES**"; in the same line, strike "**A BROKER**" and substitute "**AN INSURANCE PRODUCER**"; in line 20, after "**POLICY**" insert "**WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE POLICY IS**"; strike beginning with "**DURING**" in line 20 down through "**SOLD**" in line 21; and in line 22, after "**PERIOD**" insert "**, AS AN UNDERWRITTEN POLICY, OR UNDER § 15–909(B)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Augustine moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 337 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Elections – Local Boards of Elections and Boards of Canvassers – Open Meeting Requirements
(Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)

SB0337/953626/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 337
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**and Boards of Canvassers**"; in line 6, strike "and each local board of canvassers"; in line 7, strike "and boards of canvassers"; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 2 through line 30 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 1, strike "§§ 2–208 and 11–301" and substitute "§ 2–208"; strike beginning with the colon in line 2 down through "(1)" in line 3; and strike beginning with "and" in line 3 down through "voters" in line 5.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 352 – Senators Salling, Jennings, and West

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Republican Party Central Committee – Elections

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 361 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition

Senator Ready moved to make the Bill and Report a Special Order for March 12, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 601 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Education – Dependent Children of Service Members – Advance Enrollment Procedures

SB0601/403222/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 601
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 13, strike "United States armed forces" and substitute "**UNIFORMED SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101**"; in line 14, strike "the National Guard **OR**"; and in line 15, strike "**OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES**" and substitute "**, AS DEFINED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101,**".

On page 3, in line 25, after "**(1)**" insert "**(I)**"; in line 27, after "**SCHOOL**" insert "**SUBJECT TO A CASE–BY–CASE REVIEW OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM**"; after line 27, insert:

"**(II) A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PRIORITIZE A DEPENDENT CHILD'S CONTINUITY IN EDUCATION WHEN MAKING DETERMINATIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**";

and in line 30, after "**PROGRAMS**" insert "**FOR WHICH THE DEPENDENT CHILD QUALIFIES**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 615 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Petitions and Ballot Questions – Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures

SB0615/603726/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 615
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 17, strike "and 7–105" and substitute "7–105, and 9–207".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 19, after "(5)" insert "**(I)**"; after line 21, insert:

"**(II) ON OR BEFORE THE FOURTH DAY IMMEDIATELY**

FOLLOWING THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE PERSON REQUIRED TO PREPARE A QUESTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), (2), (3), OR (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

1. REVIEW THE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE QUESTION; AND

2. SUBMIT THE CERTIFIED PLAIN TEXT OF THE QUESTION TO THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLICATION ON ITS WEBSITE UNDER § 9–207 OF THIS ARTICLE.";

and strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26.

On page 6, in line 29, strike "**65**" and substitute "**90**".

On page 7, after line 20, insert:

"9–207.

(a) The State Board shall certify and publicly display the content and arrangement of each ballot:

(1) for a primary election, at least 64 days before the election;

(2) for a general election, at least 64 days before the election;

(3) for a special primary election, at least 55 days before the election; and

(4) for a special general election, not later than a date specified in the Governor's proclamation.

(b) The Supreme Court of Maryland, on petition of the State Board, may establish a later date in extraordinary circumstances.

(c) The State Board shall publicly display the content and arrangement of each certified ballot on its website.

(d) Except pursuant to a court order under § 9–209 of this subtitle, or as provided in § 9–208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may not be modified

after the second day of the public display.

(e) Unless a delay is required by court order, the State Board may begin to print the ballots after certification and 3 days of public display and correct any noted errors.

(F) THE CERTIFICATION OF A BALLOT UNDER THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES A QUESTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE A CERTIFICATION OF THE BALLOT LANGUAGE REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT UNDER § 7–103 OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE PLAIN LANGUAGE CONDENSED STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 7–103(B)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 656 – Senators Sydnor, Brooks, Hettleman, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Board of Education – Alterations of Elected Member Districts and Establishment of Redistricting Process

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 887 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Reappointment of Incumbent County Superintendent – Authorization

SB0887/523129/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 887
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in lines 3 and 16, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 6, strike the first bracket; strike beginning with "**AT**" in line 11 down through "**THE**" in line 12 and substitute "**THE**"; in line 13, after "**MEETING**" insert "**TO REAPPOINT THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT AT ANY TIME AFTER THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT'S TERM BUT**"; in line 14, strike "**TO REAPPOINT THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT**"; and in line 16, strike "**(3)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 929 – Senators Brooks, West, and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Mail–In Ballot Accessibility

SB0929/233225/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 929
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 16, strike "and"; after line 16, insert:

"(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the President of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, or the President's designee; and";

and in line 17, strike "(6)" and substitute "(8)".

On page 2, in lines 4 and 5, strike "representative of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council" and substitute "multilingual individual with expertise in election administration;

(vi) one representative of Disability Rights Maryland;

(vii) one representative of the Association of the Deaf";

and in lines 6, 7, and 8, strike "(vi)", "(vii)", and "(viii)", respectively, and substitute "(viii)", "(ix)", and "(x)", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Kagan moved to make the Bill and Amendments a Special Order for March 12, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 200 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans – Renaming

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 327 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

SB0327/653622/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 327
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 17, strike "**50%**" and substitute "**25%**"; after line 18, insert:

"**(C) IN AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY MAY REQUIRE THE OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY TO MAINTAIN A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF RENTAL HOUSING UNITS AS AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS THAN THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.**";

and in line 19, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(D)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 341 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Raffles – Organizations Affiliated With a Professional Major League Baseball Team

SB0341/713129/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 341
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "government;" insert "requiring that raffle tickets are sold

using age–verification measures to ensure that the buyer is at least a certain age;"; in line 8, after "received" insert "in–person or"; in the same line, strike "the" and substitute "a certain"; and in line 9, strike "boundaries of" and substitute "area in".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 22, after "**NOT**" insert "**ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO**"; after line 28, insert:

"**(I) SHALL BE SOLD USING ONLY AGE–VERIFICATION MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE BUYER IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;**";

in line 29, after "**RECEIVED**" insert "**IN–PERSON OR**"; and in line 30, strike "**OF BALTIMORE CITY**" and substitute "**DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**".

On page 5 in line 29, and on page 6 in line 1, strike "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively, and substitute "**(II)**" and "**(III)**", respectively.

On page 6, in lines 6 and 7, strike "**WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF**" and substitute "**WITHIN AN AREA IN**"; in line 7, after "**CITY**" insert "**THAT IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CAMDEN STREET AND SOUTH HOWARD STREET, SOUTH ON SOUTH HOWARD STREET TO WEST CONWAY STREET, WEST ON WEST CONWAY STREET TO SOUTH EUTAW STREET, SOUTH ON SOUTH EUTAW STREET TO WEST LEE STREET, WEST ON WEST LEE STREET TO RUSSELL STREET, NORTH ON RUSSELL STREET TO SOUTH PACA STREET, NORTHEAST ON SOUTH PACA STREET TO WEST CAMDEN STREET, AND EAST ON WEST CAMDEN STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CAMDEN STREET AND SOUTH HOWARD STREET**"; and in line 14, after "2025." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May 31, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 516 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

SB0516/703627/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 516
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator King**" and substitute "**Senators King, Benson, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Lewis Young, McCray, Salling, and Zucker**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 550 – Senators McCray and Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Property Tax – Authority to Establish a Subclass and Special Rate for Property No Longer Used for Nonprofit Purposes

SB0550/913422/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 550
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "**Property No Longer Used for Nonprofit Purposes**" and substitute "**Vacant Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations**"; in line 5,

strike "that is"; in lines 6 and 7, strike "but no longer used for the purpose for which the nonprofit organization was established" and substitute "that has been vacant and has not been significantly improved for a certain period of years"; in line 8, after "for" insert "vacant"; and in lines 9 and 10, strike "but no longer used for the purpose for which the nonprofit organization was established".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, before "**THE**" insert "**(A)**"; in line 4, strike "**NOT**"; in the same line, strike "**USED**" and substitute "**VACANT AND HAS NOT RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT**"; in lines 5 and 6, strike "**FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED**"; and after line 6, insert:

"**(B) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR ANY PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A DEFINITION FOR "SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT".**".

On page 2 in line 4, and on page 3 in line 9, in each instance, strike "**3**" and substitute "**5**".

On page 3, in line 9, strike "**NOT**"; in the same line, strike "**USED**" and substitute "**VACANT AND HAS NOT RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT**"; and in lines 10 and 11, strike "**FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 572 – Anne Arundel County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Development Impact Fees

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 572
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "repealing" and substitute "altering the scope of".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in lines 22 and 23, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 22, before the second "development" insert "**:**

(I)";

and in line 23, after "years" insert "**; OR**

(II) A CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT:

1. IS A MODERATELY PRICED DWELLING UNIT, AS DEFINED IN § 17–12–101;

2. IS AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, AS DEFINED IN § 18–1–101;

3. COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 18–10–174 FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING; OR

4. A. QUALIFIES FOR IMPACT FEE CREDITS FOR ANY CONVEYANCE OF LAND OR CONSTRUCTION RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM A DEVELOPER, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTRACT SCHOOL BY A DEVELOPER OR A DEVELOPER'S AGENT UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

B. THE CONVEYANCE OR CONSTRUCTION MEETS THE SAME NEEDS AS THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE TO PROVIDE EXPANDED CAPACITY BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 17".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 598 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Low–Income Housing Tax Credit – Valuation of Property

SB0598/793723/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 598
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 strike beginning with "supervisor" in line 3 down through "law" in line 5 and substitute "Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that a commercial property that is developed under a certain provision of federal law has been awarded a low–income housing tax credit".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 5 and 6, strike "**SHALL EVALUATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING**"; in line 7, strike the second set of brackets; in line 10, strike the second opening bracket; in line 12, strike "(iii)" and substitute "**3.**"; in the same line, strike the closing bracket; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 14 down through "**PROPERTY**" in line 24; and after line 24, insert:

"**(II) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF CLOSING AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE REGULATORY AGREEMENT GOVERNING A LOW–INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED UNDER § 42 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT THAT A PROPERTY HAS BEEN AWARDED THE LOW–INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 623 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Public Facilities Bond

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 639 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Bids and Contracts – Advertisement Exceptions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 693 – Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Reemployment Earnings Limitations – Maximum Average Final Compensation

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 698 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 706 – **Senators Zucker and Guzzone**

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Problem Gambling – Prevalence Study and Fund Revenue

SB0706/783323/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 706
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Guzzone**" and substitute "**, Guzzone, Benson, Corderman, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, and Salling**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 708 – **Senator Zucker**

AN ACT concerning

Sports Wagering – Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content – Required

SB0708/993220/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 708
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Zucker**" and substitute "**Senators Zucker and Ferguson**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 20, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act is contingent on the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission issuing licenses as required under § 9–1E–17 of the State Government Article to at least three independent evaluators.";

and in line 21, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 730 – Charles County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board – Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 774 – Senators Hershey and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Valuation of Operating Property of Rural Broadband Service Providers

SB0774/803624/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 774
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Valuation of Operating Property of Rural**" and substitute "**Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements –**"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through the first "of" in line 7 and substitute "authorizing the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with a provider of broadband service located in the county for property located in the county and owned by the provider; and generally relating to payment in lieu of taxes agreements for"; in line 7, strike "rural"; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

"BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–522
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 20 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"**7–522.**

(A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A BROADBAND SERVICES PROVIDER LOCATED IN THE COUNTY FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT BY THE PROVIDER IN LIEU OF TAXES ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY AND OWNED BY THE PROVIDER.

(B) AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT:

(1) THE PROVIDER SHALL PAY TO THE COUNTY A SPECIFIED AMOUNT EACH YEAR IN LIEU OF THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; AND

(2) ALL OR A SPECIFIED PART OF THE PROVIDER'S REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FOR THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.

(C) AS SPECIFIED IN AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT, THE PROVIDER'S REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM COUNTY PROPERTY TAX.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 862 – Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Administrative Fees – Repeal

SB0862/363727/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 862
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after "participant;" insert "clarifying that certain payments

certified by the Board of Trustees to be paid by local employers in a certain fiscal year shall be paid;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, after "accepted" insert "**ACTUARIAL**".

On page 8, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 1 of this Act, on or before June 1, 2025, each local employer shall pay to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System the amounts certified to be paid by each local employer for fiscal year 2025 to the Board of Trustees in accordance with § 21–316 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article in effect at the time of certification."; in line 6, strike "2." and substitute "3."; in line 10, strike "3." and substitute "4."; in line 15, strike "4." and substitute "5."; and in line 10, after "2027" insert "and each fiscal year thereafter".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 414 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Parent of Stillborn Child

SB0414/563721/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 414
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Waldstreicher**" and substitute "**Senators Waldstreicher, Benson, Guzzone, M. Jackson, King, Rosapepe, and**

Salling".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 453 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

State Contracts – Prohibited Provisions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 472 – Senator Rosapepe

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Improvements to Property Adjacent to Rail Stations – Subclass, Special Rate, and Penalty

SB0472/833226/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 472
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Rosapepe**" and substitute "**Senators Rosapepe, Benson, M. Jackson, King, and Lewis Young**"; in line 2, strike "**Improvements to**"; in lines 2 and 3, strike "**Subclass, Special Rate, and Penalty**" and substitute "**Subclasses and Special Rates**"; in line 5, strike "a subclass of real property consisting" and substitute "certain subclasses"; in line 6, strike "improvements to"; in line 7, after "for" insert "each subclass of"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 7 down

through "set;" in line 11; strike beginning with "a" in line 11 down through "to" in line 12 and substitute "special property tax rates for"; in line 21, strike the first comma and substitute "and"; and in the same line, strike ", and 14–702(e)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, strike "**A PENALTY SET UNDER § 14–702(E)**" and substitute "**TAX REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SPECIAL RATE SET UNDER § 6–202.2**"; in line 14, strike "**PENALTY**" and substitute "**TAX REVENUE**"; in line 16, strike "**50%**" and substitute "**5%**"; and in lines 18 and 20, in each instance, strike "**50%**" and substitute "**95%**".

On page 3, in line 2, after "**STATE**" insert "**, INCLUDING A PURPLE LINE STATION**"; and in lines 4 and 5, strike "**A SUBCLASS OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF**" and substitute "**THE FOLLOWING SUBCLASSES OF REAL PROPERTY:**

(1) UNIMPROVED LAND THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN 1 MILE OF A RAIL STATION; AND

(2)";

and in line 5, strike "**REAL PROPERTY**" and substitute "**LAND**".

On page 4, in line 9, strike "**IMPROVEMENTS TO**" and substitute "**EACH SUBCLASS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6–202.2 OF THIS TITLE FOR**"; strike beginning with "**OR**" in line 12 down through "**SECTION**" in line 13; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 26, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 663 – The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Earned Income Tax Credit – Notice of Eligibility – Alteration

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 667 – **Senator Guzzone**

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Slot Machines – Skills–Based Amusement Devices

SB0667/533029/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 667
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 24, after "**THAT**" insert "**:**

A.";

and in line 25, after "**EXCHANGED;**" insert "**AND**

B. **DOES NOT EXCEED A MINIMAL WHOLESALE VALUE OF $599;**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 795 – **Senator Mautz**

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement Preferences – Blind Industries and Services of Maryland – Packaging and Repackaging

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 860 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games and Revenue From Illegal Markets

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 911 – Senators Attar, King, and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Exemption for Blind Individuals – Alteration

SB0911/433122/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 911
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Muse**" and substitute "**Muse, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Guzzone, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, Salling, and Zucker**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 963 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund – Establishment and Income Tax Checkoff

SB0963/753220/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 963
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the second "**and**" in line 2 down through "**Checkoff**" in line 3; and strike beginning with "establishing" in line 5 down through "package" in line 8 and substitute "authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Fund".

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike beginning with the first "**THE**" in line 4 down through "**(2)**" in line 6; and in lines 7 and 8, strike "**(3)**" and "**(4)**", respectively, and substitute "**(2)**" and "**(3)**", respectively.

On page 5, after line 2, insert:

"**(K) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF $250,000 TO THE FUND.**";

in lines 3 and 6, strike "**(K)**", "**(L)**", and "**(K)**" respectively, and substitute "**(L)**", "**(M)**", and "**(L)**", respectively; strike beginning with the first "**THE**" in line 9 down through "**(3)**" in line 11; and in line 13, strike "**(4)**" and substitute "**(3)**".

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 6 through line 17 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 7, in line 18, strike "4." and substitute "2."; and strike beginning with the

second comma in line 18 down through "Act," in line 19.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 360 – Senators Hester and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Revenge Porn – Civil Action and Criminal Offense

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 391 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Review of Report and Recommendations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 585 – Senators Waldstreicher and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition – Retired Law Enforcement Officials

SB0585/683927/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 585
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Smith**" and substitute "**, Smith, Folden, West, and James**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 181 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Geriatric and Medical Parole

SB0181/283328/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 181
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Hettleman**" and substitute "**Senators Hettleman, Charles, Henson, Love, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, and West**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, in line 8, after "individuals;" insert "repealing a certain provision related to geriatric parole;"; and after line 19, insert:

"BY repealing
Article – Criminal Law
Section 14–101(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike beginning with "**PREVENTS**" in line 2 down through "**ASSISTANCE**" in line 4 and substitute "**SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHES THE ABILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE SELF–CARE**"; and strike beginning with "**PREVENTS**" in line 7 down through "**LIVING**" in line 8 and substitute "**SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHES THE ABILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE SELF–CARE**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 23, strike "**OR**" and substitute "**AND**"; in line 24, after "**(II)**" insert "**1.**"; and in line 26, after "**SYNDROME**" insert "**; OR**

2. IS NO LONGER A DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, in line 12, strike "**60**" and substitute "**65**"; and in line 13, strike "**15**" and substitute "**20**".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 20 down through "**YEARS**" in line 21 and substitute:

"**(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DENIED PAROLE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE A SUBSEQUENT PAROLE HEARING FOR 5 YEARS.**

(2) AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DENIED PAROLE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY HAVE A SUBSEQUENT PAROLE HEARING AT ANY TIME IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT EXTRAORDINARY AND COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY THE SUBSEQUENT PAROLE HEARING".

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, in line 27, strike "**NOT**".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 9, after line 28, insert:

"**Article – Criminal Law**

14–101.

[(f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a person registered or eligible for registration under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(2) A person sentenced under this section may petition for and be granted parole if the person:

(i) is at least 60 years old; and

(ii) has served at least 15 years of the sentence imposed under this section.

(3) The Maryland Parole Commission shall adopt regulations to implement this subsection.**]**".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 9, before line 29, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Parole Commission shall make efforts to prioritize conducting parole hearings and issuing recommendations for individuals who are eligible for parole under:

(1) § 7–309 of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) § 7–310 of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.";

and in line 29, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

The preceding 9 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0181/943327/1
BY: Senator Smith

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 181
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 7, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 14 down through "subtitle" in line 24 and substitute "**A PAROLEE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OR THE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FROM WHICH THE PAROLEE WAS RELEASED IF A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PAROLEE:**

(1) (I) IS NO LONGER CHRONICALLY DISABLED OR INCAPACITATED; OR

(II) NO LONGER SUFFERS FROM A TERMINAL ILLNESS; AND

(2) (I) NO LONGER REQUIRES EXTENDED MEDICAL MANAGEMENT WITH HEALTH CARE NEEDS THAT WOULD BE BETTER MET BY COMMUNITY SERVICES; AND

(II) 1. IS NO LONGER PHYSICALLY INCAPABLE OF PRESENTING A DANGER TO SOCIETY BY A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION, DISEASE, OR SYNDROME; OR

2. IS A DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Ready moved that the Bill and Amendment be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 648 – Senators Muse and Charles

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment

SB0648/173623/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 648
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Charles**" and substitute "**, Charles, Henson, James, Love, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Smith moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 158 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Maryland Trust Decanting Act – Notification and Document Transmittal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 581 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet – Compensatory Damages

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0581/163420/1
BY: Senator Henson

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 581
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, after line 2, insert:

"**(Buddy's Law)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 619 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Judiciary Department – Commission on Judicial Disabilities – Temporary Appointment

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 622 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)

AN ACT concerning

Courts – State Reporter – Publication of Cases

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 629 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

AN ACT concerning

Appellate Court of Maryland – Sessions at Educational Institutions

SB0629/733720/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 629
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 15, strike "paragraph (2)" and substitute "**PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 655 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program – Establishment

SB0655/963824/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 655
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "issue" in line 5 down through "process" in line 7 and substitute "develop a grant application for the Program and award grants to eligible institutions of higher education".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with "**(1)**" in line 19 on page 2 down through "**MATCHING**" in line 8 on page 3 and substitute "**IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL:**

(1) DEVELOP A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 797 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – County Property Leases – Notice Exemptions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 338 – Senators West, Hettleman, Salling, Sydnor, and Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 695 and Interstate 83

SB0338/933528/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 338
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senators West, Hettleman, Salling, Sydnor, and Brooks**" and substitute "**Baltimore County Senators**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 7, after "to" insert "recover costs and".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 12, strike "**ASSIST**" and substitute "**:**

A. RECOVER THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83 IN BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

B. ASSIST".

On page 4, strike beginning with the first comma in line 9 down through "**DEPARTMENT**" in line 10; strike beginning with the first comma in line 19 down through "**DEPARTMENT**" in line 20; and in line 22, after "**(3)**" insert "**(I)**".

On pages 4 and 5, strike beginning with "**ONLY:**" in line 23 on page 4 down through "**TRAVELING.**" in line 2 on page 5 and substitute "**ONLY IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT A REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM ALERTING DRIVERS THAT A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE IN OPERATION.**

(II) A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR NEED NOT BE PRESENT IN PERSON OR REMOTELY AT THE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR WHERE A SPEED

MONITORING SYSTEM IS IN USE.".

On page 5, in line 5, strike "**16**" and substitute "**12**".

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0338/403520/1
BY: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 338
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 22, after "**(1)**" insert "**OR (2)**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Hayes moved to make the Bill a Special Order for March 13, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 418 – Carroll County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Prospective Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 833 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Treatment Foster Care Homes – Child Care Stipends for Private Providers

SB0833/883720/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 833
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Family Law –**" and substitute "**Department of Human Services – Study on Private**"; in lines 2 and 3, strike "**– Child Care Stipends for Private Providers**"; strike beginning with the first comma in line 4 down through "homes;" in line 11 and substitute "the Department of Human Services to conduct a study to determine the types of State support that would be appropriate and beneficial to assist private providers of treatment foster care homes in the provision of services;"; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 23, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 9 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a study to determine the types of State support, in the form of funding or otherwise, that would be appropriate and beneficial to assist private providers of treatment foster care homes, as defined in § 5–525.2 of the Family Law Article, in the provision of services.

(b) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Human Services shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.".

On page 3, in line 10, strike "July" and substitute "June"; and in line 11, after the period insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 384)

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:50 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 22, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 22, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
10:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 10:07 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Brenda White, Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, guest of Senator Hayes.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 385)

On motion of Senator King, it was ordered that Senator Mautz be excused from today's session.

The Journal of March 11, 2025, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE: APPOINTMENTS

March 12, 2025

The Honorable William Ferguson
President of the Senate
H–107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, §13 of the Constitution of Maryland, I am pleased to submit the following appointment nomination for confirmation by the Maryland State Senate. These individuals bring exceptional knowledge and ability to the offices for which they have been nominated. I am confident they will provide the strength of experience and leadership to instill confidence among all of our citizens, and ensure we succeed in our commitment to leave no Marylander behind.

I look forward to your favorable approval of these nominees. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Wes Moore
Governor

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO STATEWIDE BOARDS
REQUIRING STATE SENATE CONFIRMATION
2025 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Office of the Inspector General for Health	
Shelly Marie Martin 2932 Keswick Road Baltimore, Maryland 21211 Baltimore City/40	Appointment Inspector General for Health Term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

The message from the Executive, being of an Executive nature, was referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 13

House Bill 75 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Special Elections

FOR the purpose of altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; ~~authorizing the resolution of a county council establishing the date of a special election to fill a vacancy in the county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive to direct that a special primary election not be held and that the vacancy be filled solely through a special general election; requiring a county council to specify a method for conducting the special general election if the county council directs that a special primary election not be held;~~ requiring the State Administrator to conduct a special election in accordance with State law and regulations if the State Administrator determines a conflict exists between State law and regulations and a county charter or other county law relating to the conduct of a special election; providing that a local board of elections is not required to mail specimen ballots to the registered voters of the county in a special election conducted by mail; altering when a local board is required to send a vote–by–mail ballot to each registered voter

in a special election conducted by mail; authorizing a voter to return a vote–by–mail ballot through a ballot drop box in a special election conducted by mail; and generally relating to special elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section ~~8–202(a),~~ 8–401(a) and (b), 9–502(a) and (d), and 9–504(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 8–402 ~~and 8–403~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 286 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

AN ACT concerning

Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy – Planning Principles

FOR the purpose of providing that certain planning principles are intended to accomplish certain goals and that certain goals are to be accomplished with certain public participation; altering the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross–references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to local comprehensive planning and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 1–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–7A–01 and 5–7B–05(a)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 296 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Personal Property Tax – ~~Exemption~~ Exemptions for Low Assessments – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering ~~an exemption~~ exemptions from the personal property tax for business personal property that has a total original cost below a certain amount by repealing ~~a provision~~ provisions of law that ~~prohibits~~ prohibit the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from collecting information or requiring the submission of a personal property tax return from certain businesses that qualify for the ~~exemption~~ exemptions; and generally relating to exemptions from the personal property tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–227(c) and 7–245
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 339 – Delegates Lehman, Allen, Foley, Harris, J. Long, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Ruth, Solomon, Stein, Stewart, Taveras, Taylor, Terrasa, Woods, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Healey, and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Residential Rental Apartments – Air–Conditioning Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord to provide air–conditioning to certain residential rental units in a certain manner; and generally relating to air–conditioning requirements for residential rental units.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–121
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 389 – Delegates Palakovich Carr and D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

FOR the purpose of exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation; repealing a requirement that certain real property improvements to day care centers or child care centers be completed after certain dates in order to be eligible for certain property tax credits; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain large family child care homes; increasing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes, child care centers, and day care centers; establishing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes and child care centers; and generally relating to property tax credits and exemptions for day care centers, child care homes, and child care centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–227, 9–213, and 9–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 415 – Delegates Palakovich Carr and Amprey

AN ACT concerning

State Library Agency – Family Literacy Pilot Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the State Library Agency to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Family Literacy Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 23–101(a) and (c) and 23–103

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 23–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 504 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)~~ and Delegates Hornberger, McComas, and Tomlinson~~

AN ACT concerning

Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel; altering the definitions of target per pupil foundation amount, collaborative time per pupil amount, and special education per pupil amount for certain fiscal years;~~ altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; ~~freezing certain increases in the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for certain fiscal years,~~ authorizing certain county boards of education to spend Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program grants on behalf of certain schools subject to certain criteria, and requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a certain evaluation of the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program; ~~establishing the Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration Grant in the Department; modifying the school leadership training program;~~ authorizing the Department to establish a national teacher recruitment campaign for certain years; establishing the Maryland Teacher Relocation Incentive Grant in the Department; delaying the phase–in of the minimum percentage of time that teachers on a certain career ladder must teach in a classroom beginning on a certain date; ~~altering the definition of wraparound services to include additional services provided by community schools;~~ authorizing a certain office in the Department to hire staff to support the Director of Community Schools; altering the requirements of an implementation plan for community schools; ~~requiring local school systems to develop certain countywide community school implementation plans;~~ establishing the Academic Excellence Program and the Academic Excellence Fund in the Department; altering the purpose and eligibility criteria of the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program ~~and altering the distribution and use of Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program grants~~; requiring the Department to consult with a certain entity to support the development and implementation of grow–your–own programs; altering certain plans and requirements that a certain collaborative must develop or provide; prohibiting a local school system from

reducing the compensation of certain teacher candidates; ~~providing that certain provisions of law regarding the issuance of an initial teaching certificate do not apply to certain teachers under certain circumstances; entering into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated teachers who hold multistate licenses to teach in each member state; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission and its powers and duties; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact;~~ requiring the Department to contract with an independent entity to conduct a certain study of funding special education by a certain date; requiring the Department to consult with a certain entity to evaluate a certain program and establish requirements for certain implementation plans; and generally relating to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

~~BY repealing~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 6–601 through 6–604 and the subtitle "Subtitle 6. Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel"~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section ~~5–201(a),~~ 5–201(a) and (s), 5–206(a), 6–1002(a)(1), 7–447.1(p)(1) and (3), and 18–27A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section ~~5–201(s),~~ 5–206(f), 5–213, 5–223, ~~5–225, 6–124, 6–126,~~ 6–1002(h), 7–447.1(p)(9), 9.9–101 through 9.9–104, 18–27A–01 through 18–27A–04, and 18–27A–06
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section ~~6–123.1, 6–130, and 6–131; 6–601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact";~~ 6–130 and 6–131; and ~~9.12–101 through 9.12–104~~ 6–1101 through 6–1106 to be under the new ~~title~~ subtitle "~~Title 9.12.~~ Subtitle 11. Academic Excellence Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)206.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 717 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 8(85) and (86)

BY adding to
Chapter 717 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 8(87)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 585 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Low–Income Housing Tax Credit – Valuation of Property

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~supervisor of assessments for a county to evaluate a certain net operating income calculation when determining the value of commercial real property that is developed under a certain provision of federal law~~ Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that a commercial property that is developed under a certain provision of federal law has been awarded a low–income housing tax credit; and generally relating to low–income housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 8–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 591 – Delegates Embry, Addison, Amprey, Boyce, Edelson, Feldmark, Kaufman, R. Lewis, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Rosenberg, Ruff, Smith, Wells, and Young

AN ACT concerning

Statute of Limitations – Prosecution or Enforcement of Local Consumer Protection Codes

FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for the prosecution or enforcement of local consumer protection codes; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for prosecuting or enforcing local consumer protection codes.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(jj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 593 – Delegates Boafo, Holmes, and Taylor

AN ACT concerning

Public Libraries – Automated External Defibrillator Program (Raymono A. Russell Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~operators of~~ certain libraries, beginning on a certain date, to place an automated external defibrillator in a certain area, maintain the functionality of the automated external defibrillator, and ~~ensure a trained individual is present under certain circumstances~~ comply with the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; ~~altering the definition of "facility" for the purpose of excluding certain libraries from the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations;~~ and generally relating to an automated external defibrillator program for libraries.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 13–517(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 23–102.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 763 – Delegates S. Johnson, Adams, Alston, Bhandari, Boafo, Bouchat, Chisholm, Conaway, Grammer, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, A. Johnson, Kerr, Kipke, Lehman, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, T. Morgan, Pruski, Reilly, Rosenberg, Taveras, Terrasa, Toles, White Holland, Williams, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program – Human and Sex Trafficking

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain program on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault include, for students in certain grades, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking; and generally relating to human and sex trafficking awareness and prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–439
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 839 – Delegate Roberson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Provisional Ballots – Nonpartisan Board of Education Contests

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest if the voter cast a provisional ballot for a different political party from the political

party affiliation on record for the voter; and generally relating to provisional ballots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 11–303(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1018 – Delegate Pruski

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Conventional Home Mortgage Loans – Assumption and Required Disclosures

FOR the purpose of requiring certain entities 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 under certain circumstances; requiring certain entities to disclose a certain provision in writing to a loan applicant prior to the completion of the loan application; applying certain provisions of this Act retroactively; and generally relating to the assumption of conventional home mortgage loans.

BY adding to
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 5–514, 6–606.1, 11–501(b–1), and 11–522
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 6–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 11–501(a), (c), (k), (l), (n), and (r) and 11–601(a) and (q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1100 – Delegates White Holland, Bartlett, Fennell, Martinez, Pasteur,

Pena–Melnyk, Phillips, Roberson, Ruff, Taveras, Taylor, Wells, Wilkins, ~~and Woods~~ Woods, Cullison, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Rosenberg, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Health Equity Dashboard

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a health equity data dashboard; requiring the Department to update the data dashboard at a certain frequency; and generally relating to a health equity data dashboard.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 13–5501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 55. Health Equity Dashboard"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1380 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Acevero, Addison, Bagnall, Boyce, Cullison, Davis, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Terrasa, ~~and Wilson~~ Wilson, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities – Hospitals and Freestanding Birthing Centers – Perinatal Care Standards

FOR the purpose of 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 certain hospitals that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards; requiring certain hospitals and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards; and generally relating to standards of care for hospitals and freestanding birthing centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–319(a) and 19–3B–02(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General

Section 19–319(j) and 19–3B–03(a)(1)(ii)9.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–3B–03(a)(1)(ii)8. and 9.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1424 – Delegates J. Lewis, Feldmark, Allen, Amprey, Behler, Boafo, Cardin, Charkoudian, Clippinger, Fair, Foley, Guzzone, Harrison, Healey, Holmes, Ivey, D. Jones, Kaufman, Korman, R. Lewis, Mireku–North, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Pruski, Roberts, Simmons, Solomon, Spiegel, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, Toles, Valderrama, Vogel, Wells, White Holland, Williams, Wolek, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Barnes, Chang, Acevero, Edelson, Forbes, Harris, McCaskill, Ruff, Schindler, Shetty, and Watson

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Catastrophic Event Account ~~and~~, Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund, and Powers of the Attorney General – Alterations (Protect Our Federal Workers Act)

FOR the purpose of renaming the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to be the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund; authorizing funds appropriated to the Catastrophic Event Account to be expended to assist in funding costs in connection with a closure, relocation, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal government, or other similar circumstances; altering the purpose of the Fund and the eligibility criteria to receive loans from the Fund; authorizing the Maryland Department of Labor to forgive a loan from the Fund; expanding the authority of the Attorney General to take certain actions under certain circumstances; increasing the amount the Governor is required to appropriate in the proposed budget each year to the Attorney General to be used for certain purposes; altering a requirement that the Attorney General use a certain appropriation to employ a certain number of attorneys; and generally relating to the Catastrophic Event Account ~~and~~, the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund, and the powers of the Attorney General.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(1) and (2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)118., 7–324, and 7–327
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 6–106.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 5

Senate Bill 357 – Senators Gile and Feldman

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (2) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0357/443427/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 357
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Feldman**" and substitute "**, Feldman, and Hester**"; in line 2, strike "**for Upper Payment Limits**" and substitute "**and Stakeholder Council Membership**"; in line 4, after "of" insert "altering the membership of the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council;"; in line 5, strike "all"; and in line 10, after "Board;" insert "requiring the Board to confer with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program before establishing an upper payment limit that applies to the Program;"; in line 14, after "21–2C–01," insert "21–2C–04,"; in line 19, after "Section" insert

"21–2C–09(c) and"; and after line 21, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2C–09(d) and (e) and 21–2C–16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 10, insert:

"21–2C–04.

(a) There is a Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council.

(b) The purpose of the Stakeholder Council is to provide stakeholder input to assist the Board in making decisions as required under this subtitle.

(c) (1) The Stakeholder Council consists of **[**26**]** members appointed in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint:

(i) One representative of generic drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of nonprofit insurance carriers;

(iii) One representative of a statewide health care advocacy coalition;

(iv) One representative of a statewide advocacy organization for seniors;

(v) One representative of a statewide organization for diverse communities;

(vi) One representative of a labor union;

(vii) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RARE DISEASE COMMUNITY;**

(VIII) One health services researcher specializing in prescription drugs; and

[(viii)**] (IX)** One public member at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

(i) One representative of brand name drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of physicians;

(iii) One representative of nurses;

(iv) One representative of hospitals;

(v) One representative of dentists;

(vi) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF ONCOLOGISTS;**

(VII) One representative of managed care organizations;

[(vii)**] (VIII)** One representative of the Department of Budget and Management;

[(viii)**] (IX)** One clinical researcher; and

[(ix)**] (X)** One public member at the discretion of the President of the Senate.

(4) The Governor shall appoint:

(i) One representative of brand name drug corporations;

(ii) One representative of generic drug corporations;

(iii) One representative of biotechnology companies;

(iv) One representative of for–profit health insurance carriers;

(v) One representative of employers;

(vi) One representative of pharmacy benefits managers;

(vii) One representative of pharmacists;

(viii) One pharmacologist; **[**and**]**

(ix) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PATIENT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION; AND**

(X) One public member at the discretion of the Governor.

(5) Collectively, the members of the Stakeholder Council shall have knowledge of the following:

(i) The pharmaceutical business model;

(ii) Supply chain business models;

(iii) The practice of medicine or clinical training;

(iv) Consumer or patient perspectives;

(v) Health care costs trends and drivers;

(vi) Clinical and health services research; or

(vii) The State's health care marketplace.

(6) To the extent practicable and consistent with federal and State law, the membership of the Stakeholder Council shall reflect the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the State.

(7) From among the membership of the Stakeholder Council, the Board chair shall appoint two members to be cochairs of the Stakeholder Council.

(d) (1) The term of a member is 3 years.

(2) The initial members of the Stakeholder Council shall serve staggered terms as required by the terms provided for members on October 1, 2019.

(e) A member of the Stakeholder Council:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Stakeholder Council; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21–2C–09.

(c) On or before December 31, 2020, and each December 31 thereafter, the Board shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, a report that includes:

(1) Price trends for prescription drug products;

(2) The number of prescription drug products that were subject to Board review and the results of the review; and

(3) Any recommendations the Board may have on further legislation needed to make prescription drug products more affordable in the State.

(D) IF THE BOARD SETS A NEW UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN THE FIRST REPORT THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 1 YEAR INFORMATION ON THE EFFECTS OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, BASED ON AVAILABLE TIMELY DATA, FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(1) PATIENT OUT–OF–POCKET COSTS INCLUDING WHETHER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASES OR DECREASES IN WHAT PATIENTS PAY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCTS;

(2) PATIENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASES OR DECREASES IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FOR PATIENTS;

(3) PHARMACIES OPERATING IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF RETAIL AND INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES;

(4) PATIENT HEALTH INSURANCE FORMULARIES, INCLUDING WHETHER THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT REMAINED ON FORMULARIES;

(5) PROVIDER–ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, INCLUDING WHETHER PROVIDERS WERE ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT AT A RATE TO ACCOUNT FOR ACQUISITION COSTS AND WHETHER THERE WAS AN IMPACT ON PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT;

(6) PATIENT ACCESS TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

(I) WHETHER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SHORTAGES OR OTHER SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS OCCURRED AFTER THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT TOOK EFFECT;

(II) WHETHER FORMULARY PLACEMENT OR PLAN DESIGN CHANGES MADE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE UPPER LIMIT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PATIENTS TO ACCESS, INCLUDING IF INSURANCE PLANS PREFERRED A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT WITHOUT AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT OVER A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT SUBJECT TO AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT;

(III) WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY OF SPECIALTY OR RARE DISEASE MEDICATIONS FROM OUT–OF–STATE PHARMACIES TO PROVIDERS, PHARMACIES, OR PATIENTS WAS IMPACTED;

(IV) WHETHER PATIENTS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PATIENTS WHO ARE WOMEN, PATIENTS WITH A RARE DISEASE, OR PATIENTS IN RURAL AREAS EXPERIENCED DISPROPORTIONATE ACCESS CHALLENGES; AND

(V) WHETHER COST DIFFERENCES AS A RESULT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT AFFECTED PATIENTS, PHARMACIES, OR PROVIDERS AND, IF THE COST DIFFERENCE RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN COSTS, WHO WAS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR BEARING THE INCREASED COST;

(7) COVERED ENTITY PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROVIDERS AND THEIR CONTRACTED PHARMACIES; AND

(8) THE BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT, AND JOB GROWTH.

(E) (1) THE BOARD MAY REQUEST INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION FROM AN AFFECTED ENTITY.

(2) THE ENTITY FROM WHICH INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.";

and in line 29, after "**DRUGS**" insert "**;**

(4) FOR AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON A DRUG THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A DRUG FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION, THE IMPACT OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT ON PATIENTS WITH RARE DISEASES".

On page 4, in line 1, strike "**(4)**" and substitute "**(5)**".

On page 6, in line 21, strike "**ALL**".

On page 7, in lines 4 and 18, in each instance, strike "**ALL**"; after line 12, insert:

"**(3) BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT THAT APPLIES TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE BOARD SHALL CONFER WITH THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT BY ASSESSING WHETHER THE PROPOSED UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT WILL:**

(I) CONFLICT WITH THE MEDICAID DRUG REBATES PROGRAM, THE COVERED OUTPATIENT DRUG RULE (CMS–2345–FC), OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AS APPLICABLE; AND

(II) REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUDGET.";

in line 17, after "**(C)**" insert "**(1)**"; in the same line, strike "**IF**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**"; after line 20, insert:

"**(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO:**

(I) PAYOR REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER MEDICARE PART C AND D PLANS;

(II) PURCHASES UNDER THE FEDERAL 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM; AND

(III) PURCHASES AND PAYOR REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW INCLUDING:

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;

3. THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE;

4. THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD;

5. TRICARE;

6. THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN; AND

7. ANY OTHER EXCLUSIVE FEDERAL PROGRAM AS APPLICABLE.";

and in line 30, strike "September 31" and substitute "September 30".

On page 8, in line 2, strike "December 31" and substitute "September 30".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0357/643725/1
BY: Senator West

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 357, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (SB0357/443427/1), in line 4 of Amendment No. 1, after "of" insert "and establishing attendance requirements for".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5 of the Finance Committee Amendments, after line 10 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

"**(F) (1) A MEMBER OF THE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND EACH MEETING OF THE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL UNLESS THE MEMBER PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE COCHAIRS THAT THE MEMBER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING.**

(2) IF A MEMBER OF THE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL MISSES TWO MEETINGS WITHOUT PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE COCHAIRS OF THE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL, THE MEMBER SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL AND A NEW MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0357/823025/1
BY: Senator West

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 357, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (SB0357/443427/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, before "altering" insert "altering the purpose of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board;"; and in line 7, before "21–2C–04" insert "21–2C–02(b),".

On page 1 of the bill, in line 4, strike "Prescription Drug Affordability".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 2, before "21–2C–04" insert:

"21–2C–02.

(b) The purpose of the Board is to protect State residents, **[**State and local governments, commercial health plans,**]** health care providers, **AND** pharmacies licensed in the State**[**, and other stakeholders within the health care system**]** from the high costs of prescription drug products.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 15 Negative – 30 (See Roll Call No. 386)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0357/223022/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 357
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

"**(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT THAT IS:**

(1) DESIGNATED AS A DRUG FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION UNDER 21 U.S.C. § 360BB; OR

(2) A LICENSED BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT THAT IS DERIVED FROM HUMAN WHOLE BLOOD OR PLASMA AS INDICATED ON PRODUCT LABELING APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.";

and in line 7, after "subtitle**]**" insert "**(B)**".

The preceding amendment was read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 13 Negative – 33 (See Roll Call No. 387)

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 168 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Justice in Confined Aquatic Disposal Act

SB0168/253120/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 168
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Environmental Justice in Confined Aquatic Disposal Act**" and substitute "**Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells – Construction – Moratorium**"; strike beginning with "within" in line 5 down through "community" in line 6 and substitute "during a certain time period"; in line 8, strike "within a certain distance of a residential overburdened community" and substitute "during a certain time period"; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 24 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 3, strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 17 down through "**WATER**" in line 19 and substitute "**A DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT OPTION WHERE A DEPRESSION OR CELL IS EXCAVATED INTO THE BOTTOM OF A BODY OF WATER, ANY SAND**

EXCAVATED IS REUSED IN A BENEFICIAL MANNER, AND THE DEPRESSION OR CELL IS FILLED IN WITH DREDGED MATERIALS, INCLUDING DREDGED MATERIALS FROM BALTIMORE HARBOR".

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; in lines 3 and 5, strike "**(9)**" and "**(10)**", respectively, and substitute "**(8)**" and "**(9)**", respectively.

On page 5, in lines 20 and 24, in each instance, strike "**WITHIN 5 MILES OF A RESIDENTIAL OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY**" and substitute "**FROM JUNE 1, 2025, THROUGH MAY 31, 2029, BOTH INCLUSIVE**"; in line 26, strike "October" and substitute "June"; and in the same line, after "2025." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of May 31, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 249 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Pesticide and Pest Control – Revisions to Pesticide Applicator's Law and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 253 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit – Research Facilities –

Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

SB0253/353621/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 253
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the semicolon, insert "establishing additional requirements applicable to research, development, and demonstration permits issued for the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a research facility;"; and after line 12, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 7–239.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike "7–239.4" and substitute "**7–239.5**".

On page 3, in line 3, strike "**AND 7–239.4**" and substitute "**THROUGH 7–239.5**"; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 10, inclusive; in lines 11 and 13, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 11, strike "**(B)**"; in line 13, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(1) SUBJECT TO § 7–239.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE INCINERATION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS AT A RESEARCH FACILITY IF THE INCINERATION IS DONE FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES.**

(2)";

in line 17, strike "(1)" and substitute "**(I)**"; and in lines 19, 23, 26, 28, and 32, strike "(i)", "(ii)", "(iii)", "(iv)", and "(v)", respectively, and substitute "**1.**", "**2.**", "**3.**", "**4.**", and "**5.**", respectively.

On page 4, in line 1, strike "(vi)" and substitute "**6.**"; in lines 3 and 7, strike "(2)" and "(3)", respectively, and substitute "**(II)**" and "**(III)**", respectively; in line 10, strike

"paragraph (1)(v) of this subsection" and substitute "**ITEM (I)5 OF THIS PARAGRAPH**"; and in line 12, strike "**THIS**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO § 7–239.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS**".

On page 5, after line 3, insert:

"**7–239.5.**

(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION PERMIT FOR THE INCINERATION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS AT A RESEARCH FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION PERMITS, INCLUDING GENERAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

(B) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) LIMIT THE DURATION OF THE PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS;

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT AND TREATMENT BY THE RESEARCH FACILITY OF ONLY THOSE TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS NECESSARY FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE EFFICACY AND PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES OF THE INCINERATION TECHNOLOGY OR PROCESS; AND

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING:

(I) MONITORING;

(II) OPERATION;

(III) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY;

(IV) CLOSURE AND REMEDIAL ACTION; AND

(V) ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS NECESSARY RELATED TO TESTING AND PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION OF THE RESEARCH FACILITY.

(C) IN DEVELOPING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) REQUIRE CONTINUOUS NEAR–REAL TIME AIR EMISSIONS MONITORING, WITH A LAG TIME OF NOT MORE THAN 10 MINUTES, DURING INCINERATION; AND

(2) CONSIDER THE NEED FOR SOIL AND WATER POLLUTION MONITORING.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ORDER AN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF ALL INCINERATION OPERATIONS AT A RESEARCH FACILITY AT ANY TIME THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT TERMINATION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE A RESEARCH FACILITY THAT RECEIVES A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION TO:

(I) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR, REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OPERATIONS UNDER THE PERMIT, INCLUDING:

1. THE QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS INCINERATED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;

2. THE RESULTS OF ALL EMISSIONS AND POLLUTION MONITORING UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE PERMIT; AND

3. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS, CONDUCT AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN ASSESSMENT OF INCINERATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE PERMIT ON LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND AIR QUALITY.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT:

(I) SHALL REVIEW ALL REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) MAY, ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT OR ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, MODIFY OR REVOKE A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) TO THE EXTENT THAT DOING SO IS CONSISTENT WITH § 4–352 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE, MAKE ALL REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE; AND

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT ALL REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 282 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

SB0282/823325/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 282
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 8, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 12 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 13.

On page 8, in line 13, after "**IDENTIFICATION**" insert "**CARD**"; in lines 14, 15, and 17, in each instance, after "**MEMBER**" insert "**OR ANY MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD**"; in line 20, after "**MEMBER**" insert "**, ANY MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD,**"; and in the same line, after "**OR**" insert "**ANY**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0282/693121/1
BY: Senator Simonaire

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 282
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and**"; and in the same line, after "**Bailey**" insert "**, and M. Jackson**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 399 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Wildland Areas – Overhead Transmission Lines

SB0399/363225/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 399
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "line;" insert "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;"; and after line 16, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–207(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, after line 27, insert:

"**Article – Public Utilities**

7–207.

(f) For the construction of an overhead transmission line, in addition to the considerations listed in subsection (e) of this section, the Commission shall:

(1) take final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience

and necessity only after due consideration of:

(i) the need to meet existing and future demand for electric service; and

(ii) for construction related to a new overhead transmission line, the alternative routes that the applicant considered, including the estimated capital and operating costs of each alternative route and a statement of the reason why the alternative route was rejected;

(2) require as an ongoing condition of the certificate of public convenience and necessity that an applicant comply with:

(i) all relevant agreements with PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., or its successors, related to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the overhead transmission line; and

(ii) all obligations imposed by the North America Electric Reliability Council and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission related to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the overhead transmission line; **[**and**]**

(3) require the applicant to identify whether the overhead transmission line is proposed to be constructed on:

(i) an existing brownfields site;

(ii) property that is subject to an existing easement; or

(iii) a site where a tower structure or components of a tower structure used to support an overhead transmission line exist**; AND**

(4) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE IN AN AREA SPECIFIED IN § 5–1203(B)(2)(II), (Y)(2), OR (KK)(1)(II) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT PROVIDE WILDLAND IMPACT MITIGATION GUARANTEES, INCLUDING WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADD ADDITIONAL WILDLAND ACREAGE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect if the Public Service Commission:

(1) approves a certificate of public convenience and necessity, in accordance with § 7–207 of the Public Utilities Article, for an alternative NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc., transmission line that is part of the Mid–Atlantic Resiliency Link project that does not pass through the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, the Bear Pen Wildland, or the Dan's Mountain Wildland; or

(2) denies a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc., transmission line that is part of the Mid–Atlantic Resiliency Link project.

(b) The Commission shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after a determination under subsection (a) of this section has been made.";

and in line 32, strike "3." and substitute "4.".

The preceding 3 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 580 – Washington County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism

SB0580/553528/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 580
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after "counties" insert "that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike "and"; and in the same line, after the second "County" insert "**, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 775 – Senators Kagan and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3–1–1 Nonemergency Telephone System

SB0775/763227/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 775
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**a Statewide**" and substitute "**an Expanded**"; in line 3, strike "**Telephone**"; in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, strike "a Statewide" and substitute "an Expanded"; and in lines 5 and 6, in each instance, strike "Telephone".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 9, strike "a Statewide" and substitute "an Expanded"; and in line 10, strike "Telephone".

On page 2 in line 29, and on page 3 in lines 3 and 7, in each instance, strike "a

statewide" and substitute "an expanded".

On page 2 in line 30, and on page 3 in lines 2, 4, and 6, in each instance, strike "telephone".

On page 3, strike beginning with "a" in line 1 down through "statewide" in line 2 and substitute "an expanded"; and strike beginning with "a" in line 5 down through "statewide" in line 6 and substitute "an expanded".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0775/543922/1
BY: Senator Kagan

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 775
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 13, strike "Emergency Management" and substitute "Information Technology"; in line 15, strike "Maryland"; and in the same line, strike "Emergency Management" and substitute "Information Technology, with assistance from the Department of Legislative Services as necessary,".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 964 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Well and On–Site Sewage Disposal Activities – Privatization Program

SB0964/483928/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 964
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 16, strike "**AND**"; in line 18, after "**MECHANISMS**" insert "**;**

(VI) REQUIRE THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM CARRY APPROPRIATE INSURANCE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSURANCES, INCLUDING INDEMNIFICATION OF THE STATE, AND BONDS, LETTERS OF CREDIT, OR SIMILAR FINANCIAL SECURITY, THE AMOUNTS OF WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(VII) ENSURE THAT THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT LAWS;

(VIII) ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE ETHICS POLICIES, INCLUDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST STANDARDS, FOR THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM; AND

(IX) REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM TO TRANSFER ANY RECORDS RELATED TO THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM TO THE DELEGATED APPROVAL AUTHORITY, AT WHICH TIME THE RECORDS SHALL BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO TITLE 4 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE (THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT)";

and in line 28, strike "**IN**" and substitute "**BY**".

On page 3, in line 1, after "**DEMONSTRATED**" insert "**SATISFACTORY**"; in line 5, after "**OR**" insert "**REQUESTED BY THE**"; in the same line, after "**AUTHORITY**" insert "**TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF THE WORK PERFORMED UNDER THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM**"; and in line 8, after "**PROGRAM**" insert "**, CONSISTENT WITH THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY THE DEPARTMENT**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 14

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 57 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Funeral Establishments, Crematories, and Reduction Facilities – Disposition of Unclaimed Remains – Veterans

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 114 – Senators Simonaire and Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Labor – Licenses – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

SB0114/583427/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 114
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "and" in line 5 down through "benefits" in line 6.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "**AND**" in line 17 down through "**BENEFITS**" in line 18.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 263 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – License Restoration

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 294 – Senator Feldman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Membership – Alterations

SB0294/753820/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 294
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Feldman**" and substitute "**Senators Feldman, Attar, Brooks, Hester, Kagan, Simonaire, and Watson**"; in line 2, strike "**Membership –**"; in line 4, after "Council;" insert "requiring the Council, working with certain entities, to assess and address cybersecurity threats and associated risks from artificial intelligence and quantum computing;"; in the same line, after "to" insert "the"; in line 5, strike "membership"; in line 13, strike "and" and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after "(f)" insert ", and (j)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, after "(10)" insert "**THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL, OR THE**

DESIGNEE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL;

(11)";

in lines 21, 22, 23, and 24, strike "(11)", "(12)", "(13)", and "(14)", respectively, and substitute "**(12)**", "**(13)**", "**(14)**", and "**(15)**", respectively; in line 23, strike "and"; strike beginning with the first "the" in line 24 down through "five" in line 26 and substitute "**FOUR**"; and in line 27, after "employees" insert "**, DESIGNATED BY THE CYBERSECURITY ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND**".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

"**(16) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;**

(17) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CYBERSECURITY ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;";

in line 3, strike beginning with "(iii)" through "ten" and substitute:

"**(18) EIGHT**";

in line 4, after "State" insert "**WITH EXPERTISE IN CYBERSECURITY, WITH AT LEAST FOUR REPRESENTATIVES WITH EXPERTISE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND QUANTUM COMPUTING, INCLUDING:**

(I) THE PRESIDENT, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE, OF:

1. BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

2. JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY;

3. MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

4. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CAMPUS;

5. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

6. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS; AND

(II) TWO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, WITH DUE CONSIDERATION OF GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY";

strike in their entirety lines 5 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

"**(19) THE DIRECTOR OF CASH CAMPAIGN OF MARYLAND, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

(20) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC ACTION MARYLAND, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(21) ONE BANK CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND BANKERS ASSOCIATION;

(22) ONE HOSPITAL CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION;

(23) ONE WATER SYSTEMS CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER WHO WORKS FOR A WATER SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE STATE, DESIGNATED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATER COMPANIES;

(24) ONE ELECTRIC COMPANY CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER WHO WORKS IN THE STATE FOR AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SERVING CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE, DESIGNATED BY THE EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE;

(25) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(26) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND TECHNOLOGY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(27) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT CENTER, OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;

(28) THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR GOVERNANCE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEMS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND";

in line 11, strike "(vii)" and substitute "**(29)**"; in lines 11 and 13, in each instance, strike "**GOVERNOR**" and substitute "**CHAIR**"; in line 19, after "(4)" insert "**THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

(5)";

in line 21, strike "(5)" and substitute "**(6)**"; in the same line, strike "Attorney General" and substitute "**CHAIR**"; in line 25, strike "**BEGINNING**" and substitute:

"**(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BEGINNING**";

in line 26, after "**CHAIR**" insert "**AND VICE CHAIR**"; after line 26, insert:

"**(2) ONE SHALL BE A STATE EMPLOYEE AND ONE SHALL BE A NON–STATE EMPLOYEE.**

(j) The Council shall work with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other federal agencies, private sector businesses, **NONPROFITS,** and private cybersecurity experts to **ASSESS AND ADDRESS CYBERSECURITY THREATS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS FROM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND QUANTUM COMPUTING TO**:

(1) for critical infrastructure **[**not covered by federal law or the Executive Order**]**, review and conduct risk assessments to determine which local infrastructure sectors are at the greatest risk of cyber attacks and need the most enhanced cybersecurity measures;

(2) use federal guidance to identify categories of critical infrastructure as critical cyber infrastructure if cyber damage or unauthorized cyber access to the infrastructure could reasonably result in catastrophic consequences, including:

(i) interruption in the provision of energy, water, transportation, emergency services, food, or other life–sustaining services sufficient to cause a mass

casualty event or mass evacuations;

(ii) catastrophic economic damage; or

(iii) severe degradation of State or national security;

(3) assist infrastructure entities that are not covered by the Executive Order in complying with federal cybersecurity guidance;

(4) assist private sector cybersecurity businesses in adopting, adapting, and implementing the National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity framework of standards and practices;

(5) examine inconsistencies between State and federal laws regarding cybersecurity;

(6) recommend a comprehensive State strategic plan to ensure a coordinated and adaptable response to and recovery from cybersecurity attacks; **[**and**]**

(7) ADDRESS SENSITIVE PRIVACY INTERESTS OF STATE RESIDENTS RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY AND ASSOCIATED RISKS;

(8) ADDRESS EMERGING THREATS POSED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, INCLUDING:

(I) ADVERSARIAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE;

(II) CYBER ATTACKS;

(III) DEEPFAKE TECHNOLOGIES;

(IV) UNETHICAL USE; AND

(V) FRAUD; AND

[(7)**] (9)** recommend any legislative changes considered necessary by the Council to address cybersecurity issues.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Cybersecurity Council reviews and adjusts its subcommittee structure, if necessary, and implements appropriate bylaws of operation consistent with State law by December 1, 2025.";

and in line 27, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 354 – Senator Salling

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup – Establishment

SB0354/903522/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 354
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Salling**" and substitute "**Senators Salling, Brooks, Kagan, and M. Washington**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, strike "and the Office of Cemetery Oversight".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 436 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Labor – Study on Building Code Requirements for

Single–Staircase Buildings

SB0436/853028/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 436
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 22, strike "and"; in line 23, strike "a union that represents firefighters" and substitute "the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland, designated by the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland;

(3) a representative of the Maryland State Firefighters Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(4) a representative of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(5) a representative of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(6) a representative of the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

(7) a representative of a Maryland nonprofit organization that advocates for safe and affordable housing";

and in line 24, strike "2025" and substitute "2026".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 529 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions – Professional Engineers – Examination

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 617 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing – Eyelash Extensions

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 680 – Senator Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements – Alterations

SB0680/643720/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 680
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 17, strike "Continuing" and substitute "**NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, CONTINUING**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 46 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property

SB0046/533228/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 46
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "**Real Property – Wrongful Detainer Actions**"; strike beginning with "prohibiting" in line 3 down through "property" in line 9 and substitute "altering provisions relating to wrongful detainer actions, including requirements for summonses, hearings, and judgments; and generally relating to wrongful detainer actions"; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive; and after line 14, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–132
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 29 on page 2.

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

"**Article – Real Property**

14–132.

(a) In this section, "wrongful detainer" means to hold possession of real property without the right of possession.

(b) This section does not apply if:

(1) The person in actual possession of the property has been granted possession under a court order;

(2) A remedy is available under Title 8 of this article; or

(3) Any other exclusive means to recover possession is provided by statute or rule.

(c) A person may not hold possession of property unless the person is entitled to possession of the property under the law.

(d) (1) If a person violates subsection (c) of this section, a person claiming possession may make complaint in writing to the District Court of the county in which the property is located.

(2) On receipt of a complaint under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the court shall summons immediately the person in possession to appear before the court on the day specified in the summons to show cause, if any, why restitution of the possession of the property to the person filing the complaint should not be made.

(3) A SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) NEED NOT CONTAIN THE DEFENDANT'S NAME; AND

(II) MAY BE ADDRESSED TO "OCCUPANT LOCATED AT" FOLLOWED BY THE PROPERTY ADDRESS.

[(3)**] (4) [**If, for any reason, the person in actual possession cannot be found, the**] THE** person authorized to serve process by the Maryland Rules shall affix an attested copy of the summons conspicuously on the property.

[(4)**] (5)** If notice of the summons is sent to the person in possession by

first–class mail, the affixing of the summons in accordance with paragraph **[**(3)**] (4)** of this subsection shall constitute sufficient service to support restitution of possession.

(6) A HEARING SCHEDULED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE HELD NOT LESS THAN 4 CALENDAR DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 7 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE COMPLAINT IS FILED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(e) A counterclaim or cross–claim may not be filed in an action brought under this section.

(F) THE COMPLAINANT SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO THE COURT DEMONSTRATING THE COMPLAINANT'S LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.

[(f)**] (G)** (1) If the court determines that the complainant is legally entitled to possession, the court shall:

(i) Give judgment for restitution of the possession of the property to the complainant; and

(ii) Issue its warrant to the sheriff or constable commanding the sheriff or constable to **IMMEDIATELY** deliver possession to the complainant.

(2) The court may also give judgment in favor of the complainant for damages due to the wrongful detainer and for court costs and attorney fees if**[**:

(i) The**] THE** complainant claimed damages in the complaint**[**; and

(ii) The court finds that:

1. The person in actual possession was personally served with the summons; or

2. There was service of process or submission to the jurisdiction of the court as would support a judgment in contract or tort**]**.

(3) A person in actual possession who is not personally served with a summons is not subject to the personal jurisdiction of the District Court if the person appears in response to the summons and prior to the time that evidence is taken by the

court and asserts that the appearance is only for the purpose of defending an in rem action.

[(g)**] (H)** Subject to § 8–118.1 of this article, a party to a wrongful detainer action brought in the District Court under this section may demand a trial by jury in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle 6 of this article.

(I) IF A DEFENDANT DOES NOT ATTEND THE HEARING, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ENTER A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.

[(h)**] (J)** (1) Not later than **[**10**] 4** days from the entry of the judgment of the District Court, either party may appeal to the circuit court for the county in which the property is located.

(2) The person in actual possession of the property may retain possession until the determination of the appeal if the person:

(i) Files with the court an affidavit that the appeal is not taken for delay; and

(ii) 1. Files sufficient bond with one or more securities conditioned on diligent prosecution of the appeal; or

2. Pays to the complainant or into the appellate court:

A. The fair rental value of the property for the entire period of possession up to the date of judgment;

B. All court costs in the case;

C. All losses or damages other than the fair rental value of the property up to the day of judgment that the court determined to be due because of the detention of possession; and

D. The fair rental value of the property during the pendency of the appeal.

(3) On application of either party, the court shall set a hearing date for the appeal that is not less than **[**5**] 4** days or more than **[**15**] 7** days after the application for appeal.

(4) Notice of the order for a hearing shall be served on the parties or the parties' counsels not less than **[**5**]** **4** days before the hearing.

[(i)**]** **(K)** If the judgment of the circuit court shall be in favor of the person claiming possession, a warrant shall be issued by the court to the sheriff, who shall proceed immediately to execute the warrant.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/373620/1
BY: Senator Charles

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Watson**" and substitute "**Senators Watson, Charles, Folden, James, McKay, and West**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator A. Washington moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 63 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans

SB0063/463923/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 63
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "funds;" in line 5; in line 11, after "level;" insert "authorizing a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to reasonably deviate from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination by the governing body;"; in line 12, after "requiring" insert "the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation,"; in the same line, after "condominium" insert a comma; in the same line, after "the" insert "reserves and the most recent reserve study or updated"; in line 13, strike "for accuracy" and substitute "to determine whether there is adequate funding in accordance with a certain funding plan; altering the definition of "reserve study" to provide that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association may determine a minimum cost of repair or replacement for components, subject to certain restrictions"; in line 15, after "requirements;" insert "altering a certain provision of law relating to component costs and the application of certain reserve study requirements to a homeowners association;"; in line 16, after "to" insert "the funding of reserve accounts,"; in the same line, after "studies" insert a comma; after line 22, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109.2(b) and 11B–112.2(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

in line 25, strike "11–109.2(b) and (c)" and substitute "11–109.2(c)"; and in the same line, strike "11B–112.2(c) and (d)" and substitute "11B–112.2(d)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION;".

On page 5, strike beginning with "**IF**" in line 1 down through "**STUDY**" in line 3; in line 14, after "to" insert "**PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**"; in line 16, after "study" insert "**OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY**"; in line 18, after "the" insert "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED**"; in the same line, strike "for accuracy" and substitute "**TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION**"; strike beginning with "**OF**" in line 19 down through "**ACCURACY**" in line 20 and substitute "**UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH**"; in line 22, strike "If" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**"; in line 25, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION**"; and in line 26, after "(2)" insert "**(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE MEMBERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 5–6B–26 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(V) 1. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE TAKEN ONLY AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION.

(3)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 in line 12, on page 8 in line 1, and on page 12 in line 17, in each instance, strike "are" and substitute "**:**

1. ARE".

On page 2 in line 20, on page 8 in line 9, and on page 12 in line 25, in each instance, strike "**SQUARE FOOTAGE**" and substitute "**QUANTITY OR SIZE**".

On page 2 in line 21, on page 8 in line 10, and on page 12 in line 26, in each instance, after "**COMPONENT**" insert "**USING THE APPROPRIATE MEASUREMENT, SUCH AS UNIT AMOUNT, SQUARE FOOTAGE, OR CUBIC FEET**".

On page 5 in line 20, on page 7 in line 23, and on page 12 in line 8, in each instance, after "**STUDY**" insert "**OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY**".

On page 5 in line 34, on page 10 in line 18, and on page 15 in line 13, in each instance, strike "**FULLY**".

On page 6 in line 2, on page 10 in line 21, and on page 15 in line 16, in each instance, strike "**CONSIDER**" and substitute "**SELECT ONE OF**".

On page 6 in line 4, on page 10 in line 23, and on page 15 in line 18, in each instance, strike "**OR FULL FUNDING**".

On page 6 in line 7, on page 10 in line 26, and on page 15 in line 21, in each instance, strike "**AND**" and substitute "**OR**".

On page 6 in line 14, on page 11 in line 1, and on page 15 in line 27, in each instance, strike "**MEMBERS**" and substitute "**OCCUPANTS**".

On page 6 in line 16, on page 11 in line 3, and on page 15 in line 29, in each instance, strike the second "**AND**".

On page 6 in line 17, on page 11 in line 4, and on page 16 in line 1, in each instance, after "**PLUMBING**" insert "**, SEWER, HEATING, COOLING,**".

On page 6 in line 18, on page 11 in line 5, and on page 16 in line 2, in each instance, after "**INFRASTRUCTURE**" insert "**; AND**

(IV) ANY OTHER ESSENTIAL OR CRITICAL PURPOSE, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY".

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 19 and 20 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

On page 11, strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

On page 16, strike in their entirety lines 3 and 4 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 25 down through "**(II)**" in line 26; in line 27, strike "**AND**"; and strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 28 down through "**WORK**" in line 29 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**".

On page 3, in line 1, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

On page 8, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 14 down through "**(II)**" in line 15; in line 16, strike "**AND**"; strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 17 down through "**WORK**" in line 18 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**"; in line 19, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

On pages 12 and 13, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 30 on page 12 down through "**(II)**" in line 1 on page 13.

On page 13, in line 2, strike "**AND**"; strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 3 down through "**WORK**" in line 4 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**"; in line 5, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6 in line 8, and on page 10 in line 27, in each instance, strike "**OTHER FUNDING METHODS ACCEPTED BY**" and substitute "**ANY OTHER FUNDING METHOD CONSISTENT WITH**".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, strike beginning with the comma in line 4 down through the second "**STUDY**" in line 6.

On page 7 in line 8, and on page 11 in line 22, in each instance, strike "paragraph (2)" and substitute "**PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**".

On page 7 in line 16, and on page 12 in line 1, in each instance, strike "If" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**".

On page 11, strike beginning with the comma in line 18 down through the second "**STUDY**" in line 20.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7 in line 20, and on page 12 in line 5, in each instance, strike "**A**" and substitute "**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A**".

On page 7 in line 20, and on page 12 in line 5, in each instance, after "**SHALL**" insert "**ANNUALLY**".

On page 7 in lines 22 and 23, and on page 12 in lines 7 and 8, in each instance, strike "**OF THE RESERVE STUDY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH**".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 7, in line 19, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER § 11–109.4(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; in line 20, after "**(3)**" insert "**(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE CONDOMINIUM AND THE UNIT OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE CONDOMINIUM MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER § 11–109.4(F)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 11–116 OF THIS TITLE.

(V) 1. ALL UNIT OWNERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE TAKEN ONLY AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONDOMINIUM.

(4)";

and in line 21, strike "**RESERVE STUDY ANNUALLY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER § 11–109.4(F) OF THIS TITLE**".

On page 8, in line 2, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE CONDOMINIUM; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE CONDOMINIUM;".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 12, in line 4, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER § 11B–112.3(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; in line 5, after "**(3)**" insert "**(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE LOT OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER § 11B–112.3(F)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 11B–112 OF THIS TITLE.

(V) 1. ALL LOT OWNERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL

HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY ONLY BE TAKEN AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

(4)";

in line 6, strike "**RESERVE STUDY ANNUALLY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER § 11B–112.3(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; and in line 18, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION;".

On page 12 in line 28, and on page 15 in line 26, in each instance, strike "**ELEMENTS**" and substitute "**AREAS**".

On page 13, in line 10, strike "initial purchase and installation" and substitute "**REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT**".

On page 15, in line 11, strike "**A**" and substitute "**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A**"; in line 16, strike "**HOMEOWNERS**" and substitute "**GOVERNING BODY**"; and in line 22, strike "**OTHER FUNDING METHODS**" and substitute "**ANY OTHER FUNDING METHOD**".

On page 16, in line 5, after "**A**" insert "**GOVERNING BODY OF A**".

The preceding 9 amendments were read only.

Senator Hershey moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 107 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Evidence – Interception of Oral Communications – Fair Housing Testing

Favorable report adopted.

Senator Folden moved to make the Bill a Special Order for next session.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 120 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Restrictions on Use – Solar Collector Systems – Alteration

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 150 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

SB0150/883323/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 150
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 21, strike "**10**" and substitute "**8**".

On page 11, in lines 6, 7, and 9, in each instance, strike the bracket.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike beginning with "**MAY**" in line 4 down through "**PARAGRAPH**" in line 5 and substitute "**MAY NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR FAILURE OF A DOCUMENT THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO BE EFFECTIVELY SCANNED OR PRESERVED FOR RECORD**".

On page 10, in lines 23 and 24, in each instance, strike the bracket.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 349 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Medical Debt – Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens

SB0349/403224/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 349
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 17, after "**(2)**" insert "**(I)**"; and strike beginning with the second "**DEBT**" in line 17 down through "**SERVICE**" in line 18 and substitute "**A DEBT OWED BY A CONSUMER TO A PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY BUSINESS IS PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES, PRODUCTS, OR DEVICES, OR TO THE PERSON'S AGENT OR ASSIGNEE, FOR THE PROVISION OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES, PRODUCTS, OR DEVICES.**

(II) "MEDICAL DEBT" DOES NOT INCLUDE DEBT CHARGED TO A

CREDIT CARD UNLESS THE CREDIT CARD IS ISSUED UNDER AN OPEN–END OR CLOSED–END CREDIT PLAN OFFERED SOLELY FOR THE PAYMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES".

On page 3, strike beginning with the colon in line 24 down through "**VIOLATION**" in line 27 and substitute "**SHALL REMOVE THE LIEN**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 566 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Filing Fee for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure – Increase

SB0566/953823/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 566
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 28, strike "**$600**" and substitute "**$450**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 606 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Property – Tenants' Right of First Refusal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 896 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Residential Rental Property – Pet Policy Disclosure
(Pet Policy Transparency Act)

SB0896/253028/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 896
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the first comma in line 5 down through the comma in line 6.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with the colon in line 19 down through "**ON**" in line 20 and substitute "**ON**"; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 20 down through "**ENGINE**" in line 24.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 25

Senate Bill 306 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services – Reimbursements

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (2) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0306/423027/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 306
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "services" insert "under certain circumstances"; and in the same line, after "indexes;" insert "requiring the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board to conduct a certain study;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, strike "**THE**" and substitute "**NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE**"; in line 7, after "**SUBTITLE**" insert "**PROVIDED BY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A PHARMACY PERMIT UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE**"; in line 11, after "**INCLUDE**" insert "**:**

1.";

in the same line, after "**FEES**" insert "**; AND**

2. ANY OTHER PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION";

after line 11, insert:

"**(III) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN INSURANCE CARRIER OR EMPLOYER FROM CONTRACTING WITH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER, A NETWORK OF PHARMACIES, OR DISPENSING PROVIDERS:**

1. FOR REIMBURSEMENT RATES DIFFERENT THAN THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION; OR

2. TO USE A PRICING INDEX OR INDEXES DIFFERENT THAN THOSE SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.";

after line 20, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board:

(1) shall conduct a study on prescription drug affordability challenges related to workers' compensation claims that includes:

(i) an overview of prescription drug prescribing and billing practices and trends that are specialized to the workers' compensation market;

(ii) research into specific prescribing, billing, and dispensing practices, including:

1. prescribing high cost formulations and compounded formulations of commonly available drugs;

2. billing and dispensing from entities that do not bill or provide services in the health insurance market; and

3. billing practices using billing codes without standardized pricing metrics; and

(iii) making recommendations, if applicable, for policies to address identified affordability challenges; and

(2) may require, subject to applicable federal and State laws, entities that pay, prescribe, bill, and dispense prescription drugs under workers' compensation claims to report information to the Board as necessary to complete the study.

(b) On or before March 1, 2026, the Prescription Drug Affordability Board shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.";

in line 21, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 22, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 27

Senate Bill 361 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0361/413027/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 361
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 3, after "**OTHER**" insert "**SIMILAR**".

The preceding amendment was read and rejected.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 28

Senate Bill 929 – Senators Brooks, West, and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Mail–In Ballot Accessibility

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0929/233225/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 929
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 16, strike "and"; after line 16, insert:

"(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the President of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, or the President's designee; and";

and in line 17, strike "(6)" and substitute "(8)".

On page 2, in lines 4 and 5, strike "representative of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council" and substitute "multilingual individual with expertise in election administration;

(vi) one representative of Disability Rights Maryland;

(vii) one representative of the Association of the Deaf";

and in lines 6, 7, and 8, strike "(vi)", "(vii)", and "(viii)", respectively, and substitute "(viii)", "(ix)", and "(x)", respectively.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Senator Kagan moved to make the Bill a Special Order for next session.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 26

Senate Bill 544 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

Favorable report adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0544/953526/1
BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 25, after "**(2)**" insert "**(I)**"; in the same line, strike "**A**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A**"; and after line 28, insert:

"**(II) A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES A CHEMICAL TOILET UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

1. MAY NOT PROVIDE THE CHEMICAL TOILET FOR MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND

2. SHALL REMOVE THE CHEMICAL TOILET WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE 90–DAY PERIOD ENDS.".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Kramer moved that the Bill and Amendment be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 136 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Education – Safe Schools Fund – Grant Allocations

SB0136/813629/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 136
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "year;" insert "requiring the School Safety Subcabinet to notify local school systems regarding the status of certain grant allocations;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 12, insert:

"**(3) TWICE ANNUALLY, THE SUBCABINET SHALL NOTIFY EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ALLOCATIONS MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 409 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – County or Municipal Corporation Economic Development Authority – Powers and Use of Proceeds

SB0409/763622/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 409
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after the first "authority" insert "and resolutions of the legislative body of a county or municipal corporation; providing that certain actions require prior approval of the legislative body of a county or municipal corporation under certain circumstances".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 1 down through line 31 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, in line 11, strike "**AND**"; in line 13, after "**PLAN**" insert "**; AND**

(4) IDENTIFYING ACTIONS, IF ANY, UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION";

and after line 13, insert:

"**(I) THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS AUDITING AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF AN AUTHORITY CREATED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025.**

(J) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A COUNTY OR THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DETAILING THE AUTHORITY'S:

(1) ACTIVITIES;

(2) PROPERTY HOLDINGS;

(3) FINANCIAL RECORDS; AND

(4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, in line 28, after "**IF**" insert "**:**

1.";

and in line 29, after "**AREA**" insert "**; AND**

2. THE AUTHORITY RECEIVES PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 19 through 27, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 19 down through line 9 on page 27, inclusive.

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 596 – Washington County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Property Tax Credit – Economic Development Projects

SB0596/403221/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 596
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Credit**"; in the same line, after the second "–" insert "**Multi–Use Facilities and**"; in line 3, after "of" insert "exempting from the property tax

property that is owned by The Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc., and used primarily for certain purposes;"; in line 7, strike "a"; in lines 7 and 8, strike "tax credit for business entities that invest in real property and create jobs" and substitute "taxes"; and after line 8, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–251
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, after line 16, insert:

"**7–251.**

PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IF THE PROPERTY:

(1) IS OWNED BY THE HAGERSTOWN MULTI–USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY, INC.; AND

(2) IS USED PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 666 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding

SB0666/233928/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 666

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 17, after "**FOR**" insert "**EACH OF**"; in the same line, strike "**2032**" and substitute "**2030**"; in line 18, after "**APPROPRIATION**" insert "**OF $250,000**"; strike beginning with the colon in line 18 down through "**(1)**" in line 19; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 20 down through "**2032**" in line 27.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 829 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement – Minority Business Enterprise Program – Extension and Reports

SB0829/773420/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 829
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "to" insert "public–private partnerships,"; in line 6, after "projects" insert a comma; after line 13, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

and in line 27, before "5" insert "4 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

"**10A–404.**

(A) THE FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE RELIED ON BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED.

(B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND PERMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THE PROVISIONS OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE.

(C) (1) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY NOT APPROVE A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT UNDER § 10A–203 OF THIS TITLE UNTIL THE REPORTING AGENCY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE PRIVATE ENTITY, IF PERMISSIBLE, ESTABLISHES REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROJECT.

(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, GOALS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER §§ 14–302 AND 14–303 OF THIS ARTICLE.".

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article to certify and decertify minority business enterprises, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, shall initiate an analysis of the Minority Business Enterprise Program requirements of § 10A–404 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and the disparity study submitted in accordance with this Act to evaluate compliance with the requirements of any federal and constitutional requirements and submit a report on the analysis to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on or before September 30, **[**2024**] 2025**.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 47 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 388)

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:28 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 7:00 P.M. on Legislative Day February 23, 2025, Calendar Day, Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 23, 2025
Calendar Day: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
7:00 P.M. Session

The Senate met at 7:16 P.M.

Prayer by Senator Antonio Hayes, District 40.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 43 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 389)

The Journal of March 12, 2025 was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE: NOMINATIONS

March 12, 2025

The Honorable William Ferguson
President of the Senate
H–107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

I'm writing to inform you of my intent to withdraw individuals previously submitted to the Senate for advice and consent. I am also noting minor but important technical corrections for previously submitted nominations. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Please contact my Appointments Office at 410–974–2611 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wes Moore
Governor

cc: Tisha Edwards, Secretary of Appointments

2025 Legislative Session Appointment Corrections

- **Lafe Solomon – Public Employees Relations Board**
  - Original Term Language: "Remainder of a term of 2 years from July 1, 2023"
  - Correction Term Language: "Remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023"

- **Jennifer Epps – Public Employees Relations Board**
  - Original Term Language: "Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025"
  - Correction Term Language: "Term of 6 years from July 1, 2025"

- **Micha Lev Weinblatt – Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation Board, Maryland**
  - Original Term Language: "Term of 4 years from October 1, 2025"
  - Correction Term Language: "Term of 4 years from October 1, 2023"

- **Ralph Franklin Lusk – Somerset County Board of License Commissioners**
  - Original Term Language: "Term of 2 years from July 1, 2025"
  - Correction Term Language: "Term of 2 years from June 1, 2025"

- **Tyrese Jomalle McBayne Sr. – Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees**
  - Original Term Language: "Remainder of a term of 1 years from July 1, 2024"
  - Correction Term Language: "Remainder of a term of 1 year from July 1, 2024 and a Term of 1 year from July 1, 2025 "

- **Edward Patrick Nevin – Medical System Corporation Board of Directors, University of Maryland**
  - Original Term Language: "Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025"
  - Correction Term Language: "Term of 5 years from June 2, 2025"

- **Dr. Theresa Felder – Medical System Corporation Board of Directors, University of Maryland**
  - Original Term Language: "Term of 5 years from June 1, 2025"
  - Correction Term Language: "Term of 5 years from June 2, 2025"

- **George J. Hazel – Medical System Corporation Board of Directors, University of Maryland**
  - Original Middle Initial: M.
  - Corrected Middle Initial: J.

- **Odessa Phillip – Environmental Service, Maryland**
  - Original Last Name: Phillips
  - Corrected Last Name: Phillip

2025 Legislative Session Appointment Withdrawals

- William Bradley Kilby — Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program Board

- Otis M. Duffie — Anne Arundel Board of License Commissioners
- Richard Stanford Mitchell Jr. — Wicomico County Liquor Control Board
- Richard Franklin Taylor — Wicomico County Liquor Control Board

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 14

House Bill 54 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fee Assessment – Repeal of Sunset

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law related to the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and generally relating to fees assessed by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–213(a), (b), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 696 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 697 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 59 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Tax Sales – Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain owner–occupied property be withheld from tax sale; ~~requiring a county or municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain~~

~~property when the taxes consist only of a lien for unpaid water and sewer service;~~ authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property designated for redevelopment purposes; altering the contents of certain statements required to be sent to an owner of property subject to tax sale; altering certain provisions of law concerning abandoned property that is sold for less than the lien amount; establishing a maximum rate of redemption for owner–occupied property sold at tax sale; prohibiting taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the date of a tax sale from being included in the payment required to redeem owner–occupied residential property; ~~extending the period of time during which a holder of a certificate of sale is prohibited from filing a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption for owner–occupied residential property after the date of sale;~~ altering the contents of certain notices required to be sent to certain persons with an interest in property sold at tax sale; ~~extending the period of time after a tax sale during which a certain notice may not be sent to certain persons with an interest in owner–occupied residential property sold at the tax sale;~~ requiring the plaintiff in an action to foreclose the right of redemption for an owner–occupied property subject to tax sale to send written notice of the proceeding to the State Tax Sale Ombudsman; extending the period of time after issuance of a judgment foreclosing the right of redemption before a plaintiff may take possession of a property that has tenants; altering certain notice requirements that apply before a plaintiff may take possession of a property that has tenants; ~~extending the amount of time that has to pass after a tax sale before the plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale for owner–occupied residential property may be reimbursed for certain expenses when the property is redeemed; prohibiting the sale of property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service except under certain circumstances;~~ requiring a county to maintain a record of the information the county provides for the Annual Tax Sale Survey for a certain minimum number of years; altering certain requirements concerning eligibility for participation in the Homeowner Protection Program; and generally relating to tax sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–811(b) and (e), 14–817.1(a), 14–820, 14–828(a), ~~14–833(a)(2), (a–1)(3)(v)3.~~ 14–833(a–1)(3)(v)3. and (vi)3. ~~and (4)(i)2.~~, (c)(2), and (d)(2), 14–836(b)(4)(i) and (7), ~~14–843(a)(4)(ii) and (b)(1)(ii),~~ 14–844(e), 14–845(c), ~~14–849.1,~~ 14–879(a), and 14–883(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–811(a)(2), 14–817(c), 14–833(a)(2) and (a–14)(4)(i)2., 14–843(a)(4)(ii) and (b)(1)(ii), 14–849.1, 14–883(a), and 14–884
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 61 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

~~**Public School Construction and Renovation – Solar Canopies for School Parking Lots – Underground Infrastructure**~~
School Buildings – Solar Technologies – Parking Lot Solar Canopies

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that certain construction projects or major renovation projects of public school buildings be designed, engineered, and constructed in a manner so that school parking lots are equipped with the appropriate underground infrastructure necessary to support solar canopy installation; and generally relating to public school construction and renovations~~ including parking lot solar canopies in the evaluation of the use of solar technologies required for the construction or major renovation of school buildings; and generally relating to school buildings and solar technology.

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 5–331~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–319
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 89 – Delegate Embry

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes Relating to Animals – Conviction and Sentencing

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not apply to 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 and that a sentence imposed may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence based on the act establishing a violation; and generally relating to crimes

relating to animals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–627
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 114 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Pesticide and Pest Control – Revisions to Pesticide Applicator's Law and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

FOR the purpose of 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; repealing provisions of law concerning the sale and use of cyclodiene termiticide and antifouling paint containing tributyltin compound; and generally relating to pesticide and pest control.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–201(a), (c), (i), (j), (o), (p), (r), and (s)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–209 and 5–210.5; and 5–901 through 5–906 and the subtitle "Subtitle 9. Antifouling Paints"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture
Section 5–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 150 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – ~~Repeal~~ Alteration

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering a requirement that certain child care centers have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child care centers and staffing requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–404(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–404(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 159 – Delegate J. Lewis

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of altering the collective bargaining process for certain State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are advisory; altering the

matters that are required to be included in collective bargaining; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; and generally relating to collective bargaining for State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–103, 3–501, 3–502, and 3–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 52

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation and the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 193 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)

AN ACT concerning

Uninsured Employers' Fund – Additional Assessment on Awards and Settlements – Amount

FOR the purpose of altering the additional percentage the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board may direct the Workers' Compensation Commission to assess on awards and settlements if the Board determines that the reserves of the Fund are inadequate to meet anticipated losses; and generally relating to the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–1007

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 222 – ~~**Delegate Stein**~~ **Delegates Stein, Boyce, Holmes, Otto, Ruth, and Terrasa**

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Fuel Gas Piping Systems and Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing ~~for Fuel Gas Piping Systems – Requirements and Prohibitions~~ – Prohibitions and Study

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of non–arc–resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing ~~that does not meet certain qualifications; requiring certain tubing used~~; establishing a certain civil penalty for a person who uses certain tubing in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings ~~to meet certain qualifications~~; requiring the Office of the State Fire Marshal to study and make recommendations related to preventing the fire hazards associated with commonly used fuel gas piping systems, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing, in residential and commercial buildings; and generally relating to fuel gas piping systems, gas piping, and corrugated stainless steel tubing.

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 228 – Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Trust – Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

FOR the purpose of 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; 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; and generally relating to the Maryland Veterans Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–913(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–913(b) and 9–914.2(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 230 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Public Ethics Law – Training and Financial Disclosure Requirements – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the format of certain training courses provided by the State Ethics Commission for certain State employees and regulated lobbyists; 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; and generally relating to public ethics training and financial disclosure requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–205(d) and (e), 5–505(c)(2)(i), and 5–607(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–505(c)(1) and 5–607(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 237 – Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly Vacancy – Political Party Central Committees – Procedures

FOR the purpose of establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and generally relating to the procedures of a central committee of a political party for filling a vacancy in the General Assembly.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 4–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 259 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police) and Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations

FOR the purpose of 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; prohibiting an individual from refusing to provide a DNA sample as required for collection in the database system; requiring certain DNA samples or DNA records to be destroyed and expunged under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the statewide DNA database system and the collection of DNA samples.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety

Section 2–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 2–504 and 2–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 260 – ~~**Delegate Cardin**~~ **Delegates Cardin, Simmons, Stinnett, Conaway, and Kaufman**

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Drug Paraphernalia – Prohibitions and Penalties

FOR the purpose of 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; ~~repealing the prohibition on possessing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances;~~ removing intent to administer a controlled dangerous substance from a certain list of intents; altering the penalties for a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances that reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; and generally relating to drug paraphernalia.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–619(c) and (d) and ~~5–620(a), (b),~~ 5–620(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–620(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 275 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Multifamily Adjustment

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "adjusted actual income" under the State child support guidelines; providing for the calculation of a certain allowance required to be deducted from adjusted actual income under the child support guidelines; 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; altering the factors that the court may consider in determining whether the application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(c), 12–202(a), and 12–204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 372 – Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's Gateway Development Authority – Sunset Repeal

PG 403–25

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination of certain provisions of law establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority; and generally relating to the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 12–901 through 12–906
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 466 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 467 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 390 – Delegates Korman, Fair, Palakovich Carr, and Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

FOR the purpose of authorizing an owner of real property used for rental housing and the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for maintaining at least a certain percentage of affordable dwelling units at the property for at least a certain period of time; and generally relating to payment in lieu of taxes agreements for affordable housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 7–501(a), (b), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–522
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 420 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Education and Health – Emergency Use Epinephrine – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the defined term "auto–injectable epinephrine" to be "emergency use epinephrine" and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program; and generally relating to emergency use epinephrine.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education

Section 7–426.2, 7–426.3, and 9.5–117(a)(3) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–117(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–702, 13–704(e), 13–705, 13–706(a), 13–707(a) and (b), and 13–708(b); and 13–7A–01, 13–7A–02, 13–7A–03(a)(5), 13–7A–06, 13–7A–07(a) and (b), 13–7A–08(b), and 13–7A–09 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 7A. Emergency Use Epinephrine Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–5F–01(a) and 14–5F–04.1(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–5F–01(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–5F–01(d) through (g), 14–5F–04.1(d)(1), and 14–5F–14(a)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–5F–01(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 426 – Delegates Kaiser and Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Postelection Tabulation Audits – Risk–Limiting Audits

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; repealing a requirement to conduct a manual audit after each statewide general election; and generally relating to postelection tabulation audits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 11–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 438 – Delegates Bartlett, Hill, Kipke, Lehman, Ruth, ~~and Nkongolo~~ Nkongolo, Arikan, Cardin, Kaufman, Phillips, Sample–Hughes, Schmidt, Simpson, Stinnett, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet – Compensatory Damages (Buddy's Law)

FOR the purpose of altering 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 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to tortious injuries to or death of pets.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 11–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 448 – ~~Delegate Kipke~~ Delegates Kipke, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr,

Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Modernization of Military Laws Act

FOR the purpose of 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; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination as they relate to veterans and the uniformed services; and generally relating to veterans and the uniformed services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(b–1) and (tt–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(b–1) and (b–2), 3–202.1(a), and 5–304(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–101.1, 1–101.2, 1–103.1, 1–114.1, 1–114.2, and 1–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 18–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–104(d), 3–303(a), 9–901, 9–902, ~~9–906(a)(5) and (f),~~ 9–906, 9–907, 9–910(b), 9–911(a), 9–946(6) through (8), 9–957(a)(2), and 20–101(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–906(a)(1), 9–957(a)(1), and 20–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–946(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 458 – Delegates Wolek, Solomon, Forbes, Guyton, and Harris

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland, College Park Campus – TerpsEXCEED Program – Funding

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in a certain fiscal year, a certain appropriation to the University of Maryland, College Park Campus TerpsEXCEED (EXperiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program to provide educational and employment opportunities to students with intellectual disabilities; and generally relating to funding for the TerpsEXCEED Program.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 13–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 466 – ~~**Delegate Kipke**~~ **Delegates Kipke, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Equality for Service Members Act

FOR the purpose of 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, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; and generally relating to veterans and uniformed services.

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–101.1, 1–101.2, 1–103.1, 1–114.1, 1–114.2, and 1–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 1–101(a), 4–217(c)(1), 7.5–210(c) and (d), 19–114(a), 20–105(a)(1), and 24–2101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 1–101(a–1), (k–1), (m), and (n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–217(c)(6)(i), 4–402, 5–509(a)(2)(i), 7–404.1, 7.5–210(a), (b), and (e)(1), 13–2701, 13–2702, 13–2703, 15–134.1, 15–154, 19–114(d)(2)(iii)2., and 20–105(a)(4)(vi) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health – General
Section 24–2101(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–101(a–1), (a–2), (l), and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–701, 1–702, 1–703, 1–704, 1–705, 2–4A–14(10), ~~7–314(g),~~ 7–410(a)(2)(i), 8–316(a)(3), 8–6A–10(a)(3), 8–6B–18(a)(7), 8–6C–20(a)(3), 8–6D–10(a)(3), 11–305(c)(2)(ii), 13–316(10), 14–302(2)(iii)4., 14–404(a)(21), 14–5A–17(a)(17), 14–5B–14(a)(17), 14–5C–17(a)(18), 14–5D–11.4(b)(1)(iii), 14–5D–14(a)(17), 14–5E–16(a)(18), 14–5G–18(a)(19), 15–314(a)(21), 16–311(a)(21), 17–6A–19(10), and 18–313(11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–802(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 11 and 12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 1–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 1–101(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–2906
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 469 – Delegate Nkongolo

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Designation

FOR the purpose of altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.; and generally relating to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 20–603(b)(4), (c)(1), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 477 – Delegates Barnes and McCaskill

AN ACT concerning

~~**Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Adult to Child Ratios – Alterations**~~
State Department of Education – Family Child Care Homes and Child Care

Centers – Regulatory Analysis

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the number of children under a certain age that are authorized to be in care in a family child care home; altering certain ratios for adults to children of certain ages in family child care homes and child care centers;~~ requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a thorough analysis of the State's regulatory requirements of certain child care facilities and report the results of its analysis on or before certain dates; and generally relating to ~~limits on the number of young children in child care settings~~ an analysis of the regulatory requirements for child care facilities in the State.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 9.5–305 and 9.5–404(b)(13) and (c)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 9.5–404(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 9.5–404(e)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 490 – ~~**Delegates T. Morgan, Crosby, and M. Morgan**~~ **St. Mary's County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Competitive Bidding – Threshold

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum contract value to require a competitive bidding process in St. Mary's County for contracts for services or supplies; and generally relating to procurement in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 12–301
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 491 – ~~**Delegates T. Morgan, Crosby, and M. Morgan**~~ **St. Mary's County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Metropolitan Commission – Discontinuance of Service

FOR the purpose of authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to discontinue all or part of water or sewer service provided to certain private properties under certain circumstances; requiring the suspension of the ready–to–serve charge on certain private properties in a certain manner; authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to utilize certain remedies for a violation of certain rules and regulations concerning certain public water and sewer use; and generally relating to the discontinuance of water or sewer service provided by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 113–13 and 113–21C.(1) and (2)
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and 2022 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 493 – **Delegates Fennell, Harris, Healey, Ivey, Martinez, Pruski, Roberts, Taylor, Turner, Wilkins,** ~~**and Williams**~~ **Williams, Atterbeary, Ebersole, Fair, Feldmark, Mireku–North, Palakovich Carr, Patterson, Roberson, Vogel, Wims, Wu, and Young**

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Commemorative Day – Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

FOR the purpose of designating a certain date as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day; ~~requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a program of education for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day;~~ requiring the State Department of Education to develop model content for a program of education for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day; and generally relating to Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–136

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 513 – Delegates Allen, Lehman, Bagnall, Ebersole, Embry, Fair, Guyton, R. Lewis, J. Long, Nawrocki, Patterson, Ruth, Stein, ~~and Ziegler~~ Ziegler, Behler, Foley, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

~~Agriculture – Roosters~~ Crimes Relating to Animals – Restrictions on Keeping Roosters

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, ~~unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture~~ beginning on a certain date, a certain person from keeping a rooster movement–constrained through the use of a certain enclosure or tether ~~certain number of roosters on certain property beginning on a certain date~~, subject to certain exceptions; ~~authorizing the Department to work in cooperation with a local animal control or law enforcement officer to enforce this Act;~~ and generally relating to restrictions on keeping roosters in the State.

BY adding to
Article – ~~Agriculture~~ Criminal Law
Section ~~3–105.2~~ 10–608.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(~~2016~~ (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 527 – Delegates Charkoudian, Kaufman, Korman, Lehman, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, Shetty, Solomon, Taveras, Wilkins, ~~and Wolek~~ Wolek, Healey, R. Lewis, and J. Long

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Purple Line – Free Ridership and ~~Advertising~~ Promotional Materials and Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to develop and implement a program providing free ridership, for a certain period of time, on Purple Line transit vehicles to individuals residing within a certain distance of the Purple Line track and free ~~advertising space on Purple Line transit vehicles and at Purple Line transit stations~~ promotional materials and services to small businesses located within a certain distance of a Purple Line track; and generally relating to the Purple

Line.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–718
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 533 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Military Protection Orders

FOR the purpose of 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; 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; and generally relating to peace orders and protective orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1501, 3–1504(a)(1), and 3–1508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4–501, 4–505(a)(1), and 4–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 542 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Adult Protective Services – Investigations and Disclosure of Information

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

generally relating to adult protective services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 14–101(i), 14–102(a), 14–201, and 14–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 14–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 1–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 573 – ~~**Delegate Kipke**~~ **Delegates Kipke, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – Expanded Function Dental Assistants – Education and Reinstatement

FOR the purpose of 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 ~~an option for an~~ a certain number of hours of in–person and online ~~course of study when appropriate~~ instruction; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired expanded function dental assistant certification only under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations relating to continuing education for expanded function dental assistants; and generally relating to expanded function dental assistants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–302.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–311.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 580 – Delegates Hutchinson, Beauchamp, Hartman, and Jacobs

AN ACT concerning

Terminology and Obsolete References – Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms

FOR the purpose of replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; replacing related terminology; and generally relating to references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association and related terminology.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–301(f)(3)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 13–511(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 13–511(b)(2)(vi) and 18–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–213(a)(2)(iv)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 7–201, 7–202, 7–203, 8–103(b)(4)(i) and (c)(1) and (3)(i), and 8–201(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 8–201(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(i–1)(5)(ii)3. and (7)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–102(b)(2)(i) and 21–106(c)(3)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 592 – Delegates Phillips, Atterbeary, Guzzone, Lehman, Patterson, Ruff, Ruth, Taveras, White Holland, and Woods

AN ACT concerning

Prohibited Possession of Firearms – Assisted Outpatient Treatment Respondents

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun if the person is currently a respondent subject to a court order to comply with certain assisted outpatient treatment; requiring a court to promptly report certain information through a certain data portal if the court orders a person to comply with certain assisted outpatient treatment; and generally relating to persons prohibited from possessing regulated firearms, rifles, and shotguns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General

Section 10–6A–02(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 704 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–133(b), 5–133.2, and 5–205(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 596 – Delegates Patterson, Buckel, Cardin, Ebersole, Feldmark, Harris, D. Jones, McComas, Rose, ~~and Wu~~ Wu, Atterbeary, Fair, Griffith, Hartman, Hornberger, R. Long, Miller, Mireku–North, Palakovich Carr, Roberts, Vogel, Wells, Wilkins, Wims, and Young

AN ACT concerning

Education – Dependent Children of Service Members – Advance Enrollment Procedures

FOR the purpose of requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of a service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; ~~requiring a local school system to coordinate with the parents or guardians of a certain child with a disability and the school district in a certain sending state to prevent a delay in transferring the child~~ requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to make a certain note during the registration process; requiring a county board of education to ensure that a dependent child with a disability continues to receive a certain education without undue delay through a certain method; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families, in consultation with certain entities, to publish and maintain certain information on school enrollment and related services for dependent children of service members; and generally relating to school enrollment procedures for dependent children of service members.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–115.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–401(a)(1), (2), and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 602 – **Delegates Hutchinson and Adams**

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Nursing – Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification – Reciprocity Discussions
(Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with certain jurisdictions to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and generally relating to the State Board of Nursing.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 643 – **Delegates Guyton, Lehman, Foley, Griffith, and Terrasa**

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services for a certain time period or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for a certain time period or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters; and generally relating to eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–1502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 662 – **Delegates Tomlinson, Boafo, Cardin, Edelson, Embry,**

Hornberger, Hutchinson, Spiegel, ~~and Stonko~~ Stonko, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – ~~Master Contracting~~ Indefinite Quantity Contracts – Authorization

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing the number of units that are authorized to adopt the master contracting method of procurement;~~ authorizing a procurement officer to award an indefinite quantity contract under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations relating to assignment of work; and generally relating to the use of ~~master contracting~~ indefinite quantity contracts for State procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section ~~13–101, 13–113, and 13–114~~ 13–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–212.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 664 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Licensed Direct–Entry Midwives – Disciplinary Actions

FOR the purpose of clarifying the actions that the State Board of Nursing may take if an applicant for a license to practice direct–entry midwifery or a licensed direct–entry midwife violates a ground for discipline; and generally relating to licensed direct–entry midwives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–6C–20(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 15

House Bill 666 – Delegates Woods, Acevero, Addison, Alston, Amprey, Boyce, Conaway, Crutchfield, Davis, Feldmark, Fisher, Ghrist, Harris, Harrison, Holmes, Ivey, Kaufman, Lehman, R. Lewis, J. Long, Martinez, McCaskill, Mireku–North, Pasteur, Patterson, Phillips, Queen, Roberson, Roberts, Rogers, Ruff, Ruth, Simmons, Solomon, Taveras, Taylor, Toles, Turner, Valderrama, Wells, White Holland, Wilkins, Williams, and Wims

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing for individuals who have certain risk factors; and generally relating to the coverage of calcium score testing by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and health insurance carriers.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–102.3(m) and 15–103(a)(2)(xxv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–861

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 672 – **Delegates Cullison ~~and Palakovich Carr~~, Palakovich Carr, Pena–Melnyk, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

School Health and Wellness Personnel Assessment and Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers

FOR the purpose of 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 generally relating to school health and wellness personnel and the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–22A–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–22A–06(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 24–2501 and 24–2502 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 25. School Health and Wellness Personnel Assessment"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 675 – **Delegates Bartlett, D. Jones, ~~and Shetty~~ Shetty, Crutchfield, Cardin, Tomlinson, Pasteur, Simmons, Phillips, Stinnett, Arikan, Simpson, Conaway, Kaufman, and Williams**

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Rape Kit Testing – Tracking Program and Grant Fund – ~~Alterations~~

FOR the purpose of altering 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; prohibiting the use of the Fund for ~~the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking System~~ a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program; and generally relating to ~~the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund~~ rape kit testing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–926.1(b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 684 – Delegate Hinebaugh

AN ACT concerning

State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Alteration and Extension

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose and authorized uses of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund; extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating to the purpose, use, and funding of the Fund; and generally relating to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 698 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, as amended by Chapter 39 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022

Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 694 – Delegates Kaufman, Addison, Allen, Boyce, Feldmark, Guyton, Lopez, McComas, Palakovich Carr, Phillips, Ruth, Schindler, Shetty, Solomon, Taveras, Terrasa, Wims, and Wolek

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Individuals With Disabilities – ~~Main Entrance~~ Accessibility and Emergency Planning

FOR the purpose of requiring each ~~county board of education to publish on its website and report to the General Assembly on the number of main entrances to public school buildings in the county that are not accessible for individuals with disabilities and not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; requiring each local school system to send a copy of the local school system's emergency plan to the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year;~~ local school system to identify in its regular safety evaluation issues of accessibility for individuals with disabilities; requiring local school systems to include in a certain annual report instances in which a public school facility became inaccessible for a student with a disability in a manner that could impede evacuation or an emergency response; and generally relating to ~~school building main entrance~~ accessibility and emergency planning for individuals with disabilities.

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Education~~
~~Section 7–136~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section ~~7–435~~ 7–1510(a) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–1510(b), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the

Environment.

House Bill 699 – **Delegates Allen, Bhandari, Boyce, Ebersole, Fair, Forbes, Guyton, D. Jones, Kaiser, R. Lewis, Lopez, Martinez, McCaskill, Rogers, Stein, Vogel, ~~and White Holland~~ White Holland, Alston, Bagnall, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kerr, Kipke, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Veterans Benefits – Honorable Discharge

FOR the purpose of defining "honorable discharge" with respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain discharges; and generally relating to veteran discharges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–109.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 718 – **Delegates Rosenberg ~~and Pena–Melnyk~~, Pena–Melnyk, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 719 – **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Boat Act – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "personal watercraft" and "personal flotation device" for purposes of the State Boat Act; repealing the definition of "Class A vessel" as it applies to the rental of livery vessels; repealing the definition of "personal flotation device" as it applies to certain waterskiing restrictions; repealing certain advertising and public hearing requirements for proposed regulations implementing the State Boat Act; increasing ~~the funding threshold~~ certain funding thresholds for certain projects financed by the Waterway Improvement Fund; 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; authorizing the owner of certain vessels to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for a nonmotorized vessel decal; authorizing the Department to establish or alter certain speed zones or restricted areas by public notice; altering the requirements for a personal flotation device worn by a child in certain vessels; and generally relating to the State Boat Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–701(m), 8–708(b), 8–709(b), 8–710(a) and (c), 8–712(c), 8–712.1(a) and (b), 8–712.3(a) and (b), 8–714(c), 8–716(b) and (c), 8–725(c), and 8–743(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–704(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–712.4 and 8–725.9
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–704(f) through (i)

to be Section 8–704(e) through (h), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 723 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within a certain amount of time; requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the issuance of licenses and certifications by the State Board of Dental Examiners to applicants licensed or certified in another state.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–505.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 749 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism

FOR the purpose of adding Washington County to the list of counties <u>that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards and</u> where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to buildings used for agritourism in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

<u>Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.</u>

House Bill 775 – Delegates Otto, Arentz, Arikan, Chisholm, Grammer, M. Morgan, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Nkongolo, Szeliga, Valentine, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Death of Incarcerated Individual – Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to notify certain persons whenever an incarcerated individual dies while in the custody of the Division of Correction; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to deaths of incarcerated individuals.

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–602.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

<u>Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.</u>

House Bill 783 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Cullison, Kerr, ~~and Rosenberg~~ <u>Rosenberg, Alston, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Lopez, Martinez, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, Woorman, and Ross</u>

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – <u>Implicit Bias and</u> Structural Racism Training

FOR the purpose of 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; altering the implicit bias training programs that the Program may approve; authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations that allow applicants seeking license renewal to receive continuing education credits for completing an implicit bias and structural racism training program; and generally relating to implicit bias and structural racism training programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–1301, 20–1302, and 20–1306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–225
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 785 – Delegates Feldmark, Ebersole, Guyton, Guzzone, Hill, D. Jones, McCaskill, Terrasa, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Common Ownership Communities and Zoning Authorities – Operation of Family Child Care Homes – Limitations

FOR the purpose of 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, subject to certain provisions of law; 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 a certain number; prohibiting a local jurisdiction in the State from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child care below a certain number by local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule; repealing the authority of certain condominium associations and certain homeowners associations to include a provision in their governing documents that prohibits the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes, subject to certain provisions of law; prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain condominium associations or certain homeowners associations from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child care below a certain number; and generally relating to common ownership

communities and zoning and the operation of family child care homes.

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–22.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–301(a) and (e) through (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 1–401 and 10–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 4–216
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–111.1 and 11B–111.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 790 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Payment Plans – Notice to Taxpayers

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to include certain information concerning a certain State installment payment program for property taxes on the Ombudsman's website; requiring a collector of taxes to include certain information concerning a certain State or local installment payment program for property taxes in a separate insert included with each property tax bill; requiring a collector of taxes that maintains a website to include on the collector's website the same information concerning installment payment programs for property taxes that

is contained in the separate insert included with each property tax bill; requiring that a separate insert included with certain notices sent to owners of property in tax sale include certain information concerning a certain State or local installment payment program for overdue property taxes; and generally relating to giving notice to taxpayers of installment payment programs for property taxes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section ~~2–112(a) and (b)~~ 2–112(a), (b), and (f), 10–208, 10–209, 14–812(a), and 14–817.1(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 2–112(d) and 14–812(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 4–201.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 814 – Delegate Taylor

AN ACT concerning

Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Youth Service Bureaus

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to submit a report regarding youth service bureaus on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile Services and youth service bureaus.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 9–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 9–224
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 865 – Delegate D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

Catastrophic Event Account – Transfer of Funds – State Disaster Recovery Fund

FOR the purpose of authorizing the transfer of funds from the Catastrophic Event Account to the State Disaster Recovery Fund under certain circumstances; altering the number of days the Legislative Policy Committee has to review and make comments before the Governor may transfer certain funds from the Account through budget amendment; and generally relating to the transfer of funds from the Catastrophic Event Account.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–110.5(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–110.5(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–324
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 893 – Delegates Jacobs, Adams, Arentz, Arikan, Boyce, Chisholm, Ghrist, Grammer, Hutchinson, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Otto, Schmidt, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fish Licenses – Oyster Authorizations – Administrative Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for a certain time ~~periods~~ period, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for a first

offense of knowingly committing certain violations in the oyster fishery; ~~requiring the reinstatement of a person's entitlement to engage in the oyster fishery under certain circumstances~~ providing for the reinstatement for certain persons of an oyster authorization and an entitlement to engage or work in the oyster fishery; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear that serves as grounds for suspension of an oyster authorization; repealing a certain time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held; and generally relating to administrative penalties for oyster authorizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–1210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 917 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Maryland Securities Act – Filing Fees

FOR the purpose of increasing the fee that a person required to submit a filing in accordance with a certain exemption is required to pay; increasing the fee that a person required to submit a notice of offer or sale of certain federal covered securities is required to pay; ~~requiring a person required to submit a certain notice of offer or sale of certain federal covered securities to pay a certain fee for each amended filing;~~ and generally relating to filing fees required under the Maryland Securities Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 11–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 920 – Delegates Spiegel, Kaufman, Lopez, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Postsecondary Education – Institutional Debt – Report

FOR the purpose of requiring institutions of postsecondary education to submit a report on institutional debt to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each year;

authorizing the Commission to assess a civil penalty against an institution for failure to submit a report or knowingly including inaccurate information in a report; establishing certain notice and hearing procedures that the Commission must follow before assessing a civil penalty against an institution; and generally relating to institutional debt reporting by institutions of postsecondary education.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 11–212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 932 – Delegates Korman ~~and Boyce~~, Boyce, Allen, Behler, Foley, Guyton, Holmes, Lehman, R. Lewis, J. Long, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler

AN ACT concerning

Public Ethics – Conflicts of Interest and Blind Trust – Governor

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor within a certain period of time to place certain interests into a certain certified blind trust or divest of certain interests; requiring the Governor to enter into a nonparticipation agreement with the State Ethics Commission for any interests not included in a blind trust; requiring a business entity that seeks to obtain a State grant, competitive award, or contract to report to the Ethics Commission any interest held in the business entity by the Governor or a restricted individual; requiring the Governor–elect to consult with the Ethics Commission to begin the process of establishing a certified blind trust or divest of certain interests; and generally relating to conflicts of interest and blind trusts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(a), 5–501, and 5–502(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(t), 5–301, 5–303, and 5–903
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions

Section 5–501.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–101(a) and (c) and 17–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
The subtitle designation "Subtitle 5. eMaryland Marketplace" immediately preceding Section 17–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 3–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 933 – ~~**Delegate Martinez**~~ **Delegates Martinez, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – ~~Direct Care Wages and Benefits and~~ Cost Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~a nursing home to expend at least a certain percentage of its total nursing and residential care revenue for direct care wages and benefits; requiring nursing homes to annually submit a certain cost report to~~ the Maryland Department of Health to review the cost reports and other data submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and generally relating to nursing homes.

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Health – General~~
~~Section 16–209 and 16–210~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 945 – **Delegate Wilkins**

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date for the statewide primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election; and generally relating to the date for primary elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 956 – **Delegate Wilson**

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation; requiring the Workgroup to monitor and make recommendations regarding certain issues related to artificial intelligence and consumer protection; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 970 – **Delegates Woods, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Davis,**

Fisher, Ghrist, Guzzone, Harris, Harrison, Kaufman, Kerr, J. Long, Lopez, Martinez, McCaskill, M. Morgan, Patterson, Roberts, Rosenberg, Schmidt, Simmons, Szeliga, Taveras, Taylor, Terrasa, ~~and Wilkins~~ Wilkins, Cullison, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kipke, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Ross, White Holland, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Insulin – Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail–First Protocols

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on insulin ~~or certain other similar medications~~ used to treat an insured's or enrollee's diabetes; and generally relating to use of step therapy and fail–first protocols.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–142(a)(1) and (4) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–142(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 974 – Delegates Shetty, Bagnall, Cullison, D. Jones, Kaufman, Pena–Melnyk, ~~and Solomon~~ Solomon, Alston, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Preventive Services – Enforcement Authority

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law related to preventive services consistent with ~~federal rules and guidance~~ certain recommendations and guidelines set by certain federal agencies in effect on a certain date; and generally relating to health insurance preventive services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance

Section 15–1A–10
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 984 – **Delegate Crosby**

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Electric Cooperatives – Rate Proceedings

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the Commission to order an electric cooperative to conduct a certain public hearing; and generally relating to rate proceedings held by the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 996 – ~~**Delegate Bhandari**~~ **Delegates Bhandari, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Chisholm, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Phenibut Consumer Protection Act
(JT Alvey Phenibut Consumer Protection Act)

FOR the purpose of 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; ~~requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Hospital Association, to report to the General Assembly, on or before a certain date, on the number of adverse health events observed in individuals after the use of phenibut;~~ and generally relating to phenibut.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2F–01 through 21–2F–04 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 2F. Phenibut Consumer Protection Act"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1045 – **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Martinez, ~~and White Holland~~ White Holland, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, Woods, and Woorman**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance ~~and~~, Family Planning Services, and Confidentiality of Medical Records – Consumer Protections – Updates

FOR the purpose of updating references to federal law related to family planning services, grandfathered plans, explanation of benefits, summaries of benefits and coverage, medical loss ratios, catastrophic plans, annual limits for cost sharing, prescription drugs, and rescissions; updating references related to funding for the Family Planning Program and access to family planning services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; ~~altering the definition of "family planning providers" to include providers that lost certain federal funding for certain reasons~~ altering the definitions of "legally protected health care" and "sensitive health services" to include gender–affirming care for purposes of law governing the disclosure of information regarding sensitive health services; providing that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and the Commission on Civil Rights have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce certain provisions of law related to discrimination in health insurance; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt regulations necessary to carry out certain provisions of law related to discrimination in health insurance; and generally relating to health insurance, family planning services, and confidentiality of medical records and consumer protections.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
~~Article – Health – General~~
~~Section 13–3401, 13–3402, and 15–102.1(b)(6)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
~~Article – Health – General~~
~~Section 15–101(a) and (h)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–301(a) and 15–101(a) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–301(j) and (r), 13–3401, 13–3402, and 15–102.1(b)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 2–202(a), 15–1A–01(e), 15–1A–03(a), 15–1A–04, 15–1A–15(c), 15–1A–16(a) and (e), 15–1A–18(d), 15–1A–19(c), 15–1A–20(c), 15–1A–21(c), and 15–1A–22(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1A–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1A–22(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1060 – ~~**Delegate Crutchfield**~~ **Delegates Crutchfield and Kaufman**

AN ACT concerning

Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act

FOR the purpose of establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; 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; and generally relating to veterans and uniformed services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–804, 5–642, 7–406, 8–302, and 9–501(a)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8–101(a) and 9–501(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8–101(a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 1–101(a) and 4–111(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 1–101(k) and 4–111(a)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 4–111(a)(8) and (b)(3) and 8–303(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 1–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 1–101(j), (k), and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 1–101(j), (k), and (l), 2–405(d), 5–525(b)(3)(i), and 9–108(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–101.1, 1–101.2, 1–103.1, 1–114.1, 1–114.2, and 1–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–101(a), 2–418(a)(1), 13A–101(a), and 14–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–101(a–1), (a–2), (d–1), (f), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–202(a–1) and (e), 2–418(a)(2), 3–209(a)(5)(ii), 5–102(4), 5–103(2)(ii), 5–117.1(a)(3) and (c)(1)(iii), 5–132(b)(1)(ii), 5–133(d)(2)(iii), 5–134(c)(3), 5–137(b)(2), 5–203(a)(1)(ii), 5–204.1(a)(1)(iii), 5–306(a)(1)(ii) and (b)(2), 11–105(c), 13–205, 13–215(a), 13–503(b)(2), 13–510(b)(1), (c)(2), and (d), 13–601(a)(2), 13–704.1, 13–902(a), 13–904(a), 13A–101(k)(1)(i), 13A–506(c)(1)(i), 13A–1009(a)(3)(i), 13A–1041(b)(2), 13A–1102(b)(6), and 14–101(d)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–212.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings and the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1063 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Design and Construction – Alternative Project Delivery and Solicitation Methods

MC/PG 102–25

FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation on the design/build contracts into which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may enter; authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations establishing certain alternative project delivery and solicitation methods; and generally relating to design and construction projects of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 20–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1065 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Board of Appeals – Membership

MC/PG 106–25

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the board of appeals in Prince George's County; altering the number of members of the board required to concur in any resolution; and generally relating to the board of appeals in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 22–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1069 – **Delegates Woorman ~~and Kaufman~~, Kaufman, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, and Woods**

AN ACT concerning

Life and Health Insurance Policies and Annuity and Health Maintenance Organization Contracts – Discretionary Clauses – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of discretionary clauses in health insurance policies, life insurance policies, ~~and~~ annuity contracts, and health maintenance organization contracts; and generally relating to life and health insurance policies and annuity and health maintenance organization contracts.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–706(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 12–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1082 – **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, and White Holland**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Establishment of the State–Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the State–Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to individuals in the State to mitigate the impact of a reduction in certain federal advance premium tax credits in a certain calendar year; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Program under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the individual health insurance market.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 31–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 31–125
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1122 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Office of Child Care Advisory Council – Membership – Alterations

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum number of members of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council; adding a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the membership of the Council; and generally relating to the membership of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–803(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1128 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Land Bank Authorities – Powers and Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain land bank authorities to create a special fund for certain purposes, make loans or grants for certain purposes, and enter into partnerships for certain purposes; requiring a land bank authority to include in the sale, lease, transfer, or disposition of the land bank authority's property a certain agreement; authorizing a land bank authority to reenter and take possession of certain property under certain circumstances; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to authorize, by law, a land bank authority to foreclose on certain property through a certain in rem foreclosure action; and generally relating to the powers and authority of land bank authorities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1405(b)(18) and (19) and 1–1406(a)(4) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1405(b)(19), (20), and (21) and 1–1406(a)(6) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–874, 14–875(a), (b), and (d), and 14–876(c) and (d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–875(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1171 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Revisions

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 2–411(e), 3–104, and 3–109(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

House Bill 1181 – ~~Delegate Baker~~ Delegates Baker, Schindler, Valentine, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans' Care

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans' Care to study issues and estimate costs related to the establishment of a State park dedicated to providing recreational opportunities and therapeutic services to veterans; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans' Care.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.

House Bill 1210 – Delegates McComas, Buckel, and Spiegel

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Evaluation of Permanent Impairments – Licensed Certified Social Worker–Clinical

FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed certified social worker–clinical to provide

evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder; requiring a licensed certified social worker–clinical to comply with certain requirements to perform the evaluation services; and generally relating to the evaluation of permanent impairments by licensed certified social workers–clinical under the workers' compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–721(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–721(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1334 – Delegate Hinebaugh

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Bids and Contracts – Advertisement Exceptions

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to procurement in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Garrett County
Section 30.21(A)
Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2005 Edition and 2022 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Budget and Taxation.

House Bill 1347 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis Agents – Registration – Security Guards

FOR the purpose of 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 in accordance with certain provisions of law; and generally relating to cannabis agent registration and security guards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(a), (k), and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill 1442 – Delegate Edelson

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles – Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs – Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Judiciary, on or before a certain date, to report to the General Assembly certain findings and recommendations concerning Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs; and generally relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 29

Senate Bill 46 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/113226/1

BY: Senator A. Washington

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's Amendment (SB0046/373620/1), after "**McKay,**" insert "**A. Washington,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/503224/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's amendment (SB0046/373620/1), after "**McKay,**" insert "**Ready,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/383727/1
BY: Senator Lewis Young

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's amendment (SB0046/373620/1), after "**James,**", insert "**Lewis Young,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Salling moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 31

Senate Bill 929 – Senators Brooks, West, and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Mail–In Ballot Accessibility

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0929/523021/1
BY: Senator Kagan

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 929, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 2 of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendment (SB0929/233225/1), after "(6)" insert "the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, or the Director's designee;

(7) the State Chief Information Security Officer, or the Officer's designee;

(8) the Executive Director of the Cybersecurity Association of Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee;

(9) the Director of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, or the Director's designee;

(10)";

in line 4, strike "(7)" and substitute "(11)"; and in line 6, strike "(8)" and substitute "(12)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the bill, in line 17, after "return" insert ", including the administrative time and costs, ballot return rates, and security issues".

On page 3 of the bill, after line 2, insert:

"(g) The Workgroup shall consult with the federal National Institute of Standards and Technology in considering cybersecurity issues related to the work of the Workgroup

under subsection (f) of this section.";

and in line 3, strike "(g)" and substitute "(h)".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 6

Senate Bill 844 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Self–Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien – Notice Requirements

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0844/893623/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 844
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Hershey**" and substitute "**Senators Hershey and Lam**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 7

Senate Bill 956 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Medicare Supplement Policies – Broker Commission

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (2) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0956/453323/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 956
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Broker**" and substitute "**Insurance Producer**"; in line 3, strike "rate" and substitute "rates"; in the same line, strike "a broker" and substitute "an insurance producer"; in line 4, after "policies" insert "without regard to whether the policies are"; strike beginning with "during" in line 4 down through "sold" in line 5; and in line 5, after "period" insert ", as underwritten policies, or under a certain provision of law".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, after "**MEDICARE**" insert "**SUPPLEMENT**"; in line 19, strike "**RATE**" and substitute "**RATES**"; in the same line, strike "**A BROKER**" and substitute "**AN INSURANCE PRODUCER**"; in line 20, after "**POLICY**" insert "**WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE POLICY IS**"; strike beginning with "**DURING**" in line 20 down through "**SOLD**" in line 21; and in line 22, after "**PERIOD**" insert "**, AS AN UNDERWRITTEN POLICY, OR UNDER § 15–909(B)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 8

Senate Bill 181 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Geriatric and Medical Parole

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT (1)

OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR BY SENATOR SMITH.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0181/943327/1
BY: Senator Smith

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 181
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 7, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 14 down through "subtitle" in line 24 and substitute "**A PAROLEE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OR THE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FROM WHICH THE PAROLEE WAS RELEASED IF A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PAROLEE:**

(1) (I) IS NO LONGER CHRONICALLY DISABLED OR INCAPACITATED; OR

(II) NO LONGER SUFFERS FROM A TERMINAL ILLNESS; AND

(2) (I) NO LONGER REQUIRES EXTENDED MEDICAL MANAGEMENT WITH HEALTH CARE NEEDS THAT WOULD BE BETTER MET BY COMMUNITY SERVICES; AND

(II) 1. IS NO LONGER PHYSICALLY INCAPABLE OF PRESENTING A DANGER TO SOCIETY BY A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION, DISEASE, OR SYNDROME; OR

2. IS A DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0181/203426/1
BY: Senator Corderman

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 181
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 11, strike "This" and substitute "**(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS**"; and after line 13, insert:

"**(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SENTENCED TO A TERM OF INCARCERATION FOR WHICH ANY SENTENCE BEING SERVED IS FOR A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN § 14–101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**".

On page 8, in line 16, strike "**AND**"; and in line 19, after "**PAROLE**" insert "**; AND**

(5) IS NOT SENTENCED TO A TERM OF INCARCERATION FOR A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN § 14–101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE".

The preceding amendment was read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 18 Negative – 27 (See Roll Call No. 390)

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senate Bill 46 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/753728/1
BY: Senator Salling

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's amendment (SB0046/373620/1), after "**McKay,**" insert

"**Salling,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Attar moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 9

Senate Bill 648 – Senators Muse and Charles

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (1) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0648/173623/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 648
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Charles**" and substitute "**, Charles, Henson, James, Love, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 10

Senate Bill 63 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (9) AND THE FAVORABLE REPORT.

SB0063/463923/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 63
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "funds;" in line 5; in line 11, after "level;" insert "authorizing a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to reasonably deviate from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination by the governing body;"; in line 12, after "requiring" insert "the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation,"; in the same line, after "condominium" insert a comma; in the same line, after "the" insert "reserves and the most recent reserve study or updated"; in line 13, strike "for accuracy" and substitute "to determine whether there is adequate funding in accordance with a certain funding plan; altering the definition of "reserve study" to provide that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association may determine a minimum cost of repair or replacement for components, subject to certain restrictions"; in line 15, after "requirements;" insert "altering a certain provision of law relating to component costs and the application of certain reserve study requirements to a homeowners association;"; in line 16, after "to" insert "the funding of reserve accounts,"; in the same line, after "studies" insert a comma; after line 22, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109.2(b) and 11B–112.2(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

in line 25, strike "11–109.2(b) and (c)" and substitute "11–109.2(c)"; and in the same line, strike "11B–112.2(c) and (d)" and substitute "11B–112.2(d)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION;".

On page 5, strike beginning with "**IF**" in line 1 down through "**STUDY**" in line 3; in line 14, after "to" insert "**PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**"; in line 16, after "study" insert "**OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY**"; in line 18, after "the" insert "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED**"; in the same line, strike "for accuracy" and substitute "**TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION**"; strike beginning with "**OF**" in line 19 down through "**ACCURACY**" in line 20 and substitute "**UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH**"; in line 22, strike "If" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**"; in line 25, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION**"; and in line 26, after "(2)" insert "**(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE MEMBERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES

SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 5–6B–26 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(V) 1. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE TAKEN ONLY AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION.

(3)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 in line 12, on page 8 in line 1, and on page 12 in line 17, in each instance, strike "are" and substitute "**:**

1. ARE".

On page 2 in line 20, on page 8 in line 9, and on page 12 in line 25, in each instance, strike "**SQUARE FOOTAGE**" and substitute "**QUANTITY OR SIZE**".

On page 2 in line 21, on page 8 in line 10, and on page 12 in line 26, in each instance, after "**COMPONENT**" insert "**USING THE APPROPRIATE MEASUREMENT, SUCH AS UNIT AMOUNT, SQUARE FOOTAGE, OR CUBIC FEET**".

On page 5 in line 20, on page 7 in line 23, and on page 12 in line 8, in each instance, after "**STUDY**" insert "**OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY**".

On page 5 in line 34, on page 10 in line 18, and on page 15 in line 13, in each instance, strike "**FULLY**".

On page 6 in line 2, on page 10 in line 21, and on page 15 in line 16, in each instance, strike "**CONSIDER**" and substitute "**SELECT ONE OF**".

On page 6 in line 4, on page 10 in line 23, and on page 15 in line 18, in each instance, strike "**OR FULL FUNDING**".

On page 6 in line 7, on page 10 in line 26, and on page 15 in line 21, in each instance, strike "**AND**" and substitute "**OR**".

On page 6 in line 14, on page 11 in line 1, and on page 15 in line 27, in each instance, strike "**MEMBERS**" and substitute "**OCCUPANTS**".

On page 6 in line 16, on page 11 in line 3, and on page 15 in line 29, in each instance, strike the second "**AND**".

On page 6 in line 17, on page 11 in line 4, and on page 16 in line 1, in each instance, after "**PLUMBING**" insert "**, SEWER, HEATING, COOLING,**".

On page 6 in line 18, on page 11 in line 5, and on page 16 in line 2, in each instance,

after "**INFRASTRUCTURE**" insert "**; AND**

(IV) ANY OTHER ESSENTIAL OR CRITICAL PURPOSE, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY".

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 19 and 20 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

On page 11, strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

On page 16, strike in their entirety lines 3 and 4 and substitute:

"**(4) RESERVES MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE FUNDING PLAN IF THE FUNDS ARE REPAID TO THE RESERVE FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THEIR USE.**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 25 down through "**(II)**" in line 26; in line 27, strike "**AND**"; and strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 28 down through "**WORK**" in line 29 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**".

On page 3, in line 1, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

On page 8, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 14 down through "**(II)**" in line 15; in line 16, strike "**AND**"; strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 17 down through "**WORK**" in line 18 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**"; in line 19, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

On pages 12 and 13, strike beginning with "**ANALYZES**" in line 30 on page 12 down

through "**(II)**" in line 1 on page 13.

On page 13, in line 2, strike "**AND**"; strike beginning with "**(III)**" in line 3 down through "**WORK**" in line 4 and substitute "**(II) ANALYZES WORK**"; in line 5, strike "**2.**" and substitute "**(III)**"; and in the same line, strike "**WHETHER**" and substitute "**IDENTIFIES WHETHER**".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6 in line 8, and on page 10 in line 27, in each instance, strike "**OTHER FUNDING METHODS ACCEPTED BY**" and substitute "**ANY OTHER FUNDING METHOD CONSISTENT WITH**".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, strike beginning with the comma in line 4 down through the second "**STUDY**" in line 6.

On page 7 in line 8, and on page 11 in line 22, in each instance, strike "paragraph (2)" and substitute "**PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**".

On page 7 in line 16, and on page 12 in line 1, in each instance, strike "If" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF**".

On page 11, strike beginning with the comma in line 18 down through the second "**STUDY**" in line 20.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7 in line 20, and on page 12 in line 5, in each instance, strike "**A**" and substitute "**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A**".

On page 7 in line 20, and on page 12 in line 5, in each instance, after "**SHALL**" insert "**ANNUALLY**".

On page 7 in lines 22 and 23, and on page 12 in lines 7 and 8, in each instance, strike "**OF THE RESERVE STUDY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH**".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 7, in line 19, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER § 11–109.4(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; in line 20, after "**(3)**" insert "**(I) THE**

GOVERNING BODY OF A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE CONDOMINIUM AND THE UNIT OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE CONDOMINIUM MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER § 11–109.4(F)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD

FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 11–116 OF THIS TITLE.

(V) 1. ALL UNIT OWNERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE TAKEN ONLY AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONDOMINIUM.

(4)";

and in line 21, strike "**RESERVE STUDY ANNUALLY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER § 11–109.4(F) OF THIS TITLE**".

On page 8, in line 2, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE CONDOMINIUM; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE CONDOMINIUM;".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 12, in line 4, after "study" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN UNDER § 11B–112.3(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; in line 5, after "**(3)**" insert "**(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY DETERMINE BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE THAT THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE LOT**

OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY TO FUND RESERVES THAT ARE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A GOVERNING BODY MAKES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION BASED ON THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY REASONABLY DEVIATE FROM THAT RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT; AND

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL UNDER THAT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE AT LEAST THE FUNDING AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER § 11B–112.3(F)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RENEW A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY A TWO–THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY DEVIATE FROM THE RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENT BY 1 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL.

(IV) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:

1. MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND RESUME FUNDING RESERVES AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. MAINTAIN DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

3. TREAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AS RECORDS FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING UNDER § 11B–112 OF THIS TITLE.

(V) 1. ALL LOT OWNERS SHALL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. A VOTE ON AN INITIAL OR A RENEWAL OF A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DETERMINATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY ONLY BE TAKEN AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

(4)";

in line 6, strike "**RESERVE STUDY ANNUALLY FOR ACCURACY**" and substitute "**RESERVES AND THE MOST RECENT RESERVE STUDY OR UPDATED RESERVE STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER § 11B–112.3(F) OF THIS TITLE**"; and in line 18, after "replace;" insert "**AND**

2. IF APPLICABLE, MEET A MINIMUM COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THAT IS:

A. REASONABLY BASED ON THE EXPENSES OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND

B. NOT A MINOR EXPENSE THAT IS OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE BUDGET OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION;".

On page 12 in line 28, and on page 15 in line 26, in each instance, strike "**ELEMENTS**" and substitute "**AREAS**".

On page 13, in line 10, strike "initial purchase and installation" and substitute "**REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT**".

On page 15, in line 11, strike "**A**" and substitute "**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A**"; in line 16, strike "**HOMEOWNERS**" and substitute "**GOVERNING BODY**"; and in line 22, strike

"**OTHER FUNDING METHODS**" and substitute "**ANY OTHER FUNDING METHOD**".

On page 16, in line 5, after "**A**" insert "**GOVERNING BODY OF A**".

The preceding 9 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senate Bill 46 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/213122/1
BY: Senator Attar

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's amendment (SB0046/373620/1), strike "**and West**" and substitute "**West, Attar, and C. Jackson**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 46 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 391)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 29 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 49 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Automatic Renewals

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 392)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 60 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 393)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 158 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Maryland Trust Decanting Act – Notification and Document Transmittal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 394)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Sequence vote – number 395 – was a scratch–and–revote of SB 200 called and ordered by the Senate President

Senate Bill 200 – Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans – Renaming

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 396)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 227 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Payment From Uninsured Employers' Fund – Revisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 397)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 229 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fee Assessment – Repeal of Sunset

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 398)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 279 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 399)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 327 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 34 Negative – 13 (See Roll Call No. 400)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 337 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Elections – Local Boards of Elections ~~and Boards of Canvassers~~ – Open Meeting Requirements
(Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 401)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 341 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Raffles – Organizations Affiliated With a Professional Major League Baseball Team

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 402)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 352 – Senators Salling, Jennings, and West

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Republican Party Central Committee – Elections

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 403)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 360 – Senators Hester and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Revenge Porn – Civil Action and Criminal Offense

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 404)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 374 – Senators Beidle, Gile, Kramer, Lam, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

~~Health Insurance~~ Counties – Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters – Required Coverage
(James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 405)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 30 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 379 – Senators M. Washington, Benson, Lam, and Brooks

AN ACT concerning

~~State Board of Social Work Examiners – Membership and Examination Requirements~~
Workgroup on Social Worker Requirements for Licensure – Extension and Duties

Senator Beidle moved the Bill be recommitted.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill 391 – Senator Smith

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Review of Report and Recommendations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 406)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 414 – ~~Senator Waldstreicher~~ Senators Waldstreicher, Benson, Guzzone, M. Jackson, King, Rosapepe, and Salling

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Parent of Stillborn Child

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 407)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 418 – Carroll County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Prospective Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 408)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 453 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

State Contracts – Prohibited Provisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 409)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 619 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Judiciary Department – Commission on Judicial Disabilities – Temporary Appointment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 410)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 623 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Public Facilities Bond

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 411)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 639 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Bids and Contracts – Advertisement Exceptions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 412)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 641 – Senator Gallion

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hearing Aids

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 413)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 656 – Senators Sydnor, Brooks, Hettleman, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Board of Education – Alterations of Elected Member Districts and Establishment of Redistricting Process

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 3 (See Roll Call No. 414)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 663 – The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Earned Income Tax Credit – Notice of Eligibility – Alteration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 415)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 773 – Senator Hershey

AN ACT concerning

Health Benefit Plans – Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 416)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 31 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 277 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Health Equality for Service Members Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 417)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 305 – Senators Beidle and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions and Activities – Virtual Currency Kiosks – Registration and Regulation

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 418)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 472 – ~~Senator Rosapepe~~ Senators Rosapepe, Benson, M. Jackson, King, and Lewis Young

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – ~~Improvements to~~ Property Adjacent to Rail Stations – ~~Subclass, Special Rate, and Penalty~~ Subclasses and Special Rates

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 419)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 516 – ~~Senator King~~ Senators King, Benson, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Lewis Young, McCray, Salling, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 420)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 550 – Senators McCray and Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Property Tax – Authority to Establish a Subclass and Special Rate for ~~Property No Longer Used for Nonprofit Purposes~~ Vacant Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 421)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 571 – Anne Arundel County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Class A (Off–Sale) and Class D (Off–Sale) Licenses – Population Ratio Quota

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 422)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 795 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement Preferences – Blind Industries and Services of Maryland – Packaging and Repackaging

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 423)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 797 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – County Property Leases – Notice Exemptions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 424)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 833 – Senator Charles

AN ACT concerning

~~Family Law –~~ Department of Human Services – Study on Private Treatment Foster Care Homes ~~– Child Care Stipends for Private Providers~~

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 425)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 860 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games and Revenue From Illegal Markets

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 426)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 902 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Access to Nonparticipating Providers – Referrals, Additional

Assistance, and Coverage

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 427)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 981 – ~~**Senator Hershey**~~ **Senators Hershey, Beidle, Gile, Hayes, C. Jackson, Kramer, Lam, Mautz, Ready, and A. Washington**

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 428)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 32 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 572 – Anne Arundel County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Development Impact Fees

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 429)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 581 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet – Compensatory Damages (Buddy's Law)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 430)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 585 – Senators Waldstreicher ~~and Smith~~, Smith, Folden, West, and James

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition – Retired Law Enforcement Officials

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 2 (See Roll Call No. 431)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 589 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 432)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 598 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Low–Income Housing Tax Credit – Valuation of Property

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 433)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 601 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Education – Dependent Children of Service Members – Advance Enrollment Procedures

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 434)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 615 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Petitions and Ballot Questions – Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 435)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 622 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)

AN ACT concerning

Courts – State Reporter – Publication of Cases

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 436)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 629 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

AN ACT concerning

Appellate Court of Maryland – Sessions at Educational Institutions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 437)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 652 – Senator Jennings

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Local Personnel – Leave With Pay

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 438)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 655 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 439)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 667 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Slot Machines – Skills–Based Amusement Devices

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 440)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 33 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 693 – Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Reemployment Earnings Limitations – Maximum Average Final Compensation

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 441)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 695 – **Senator Beidle**

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Uninsured Employers' Fund Board – Membership and Reserves

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 442)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 698 – **Senator Corderman**

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 443)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 706 – **Senators Zucker ~~and Guzzone~~, Guzzone, Benson, Corderman, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, King, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, and Salling**

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Problem Gambling – Prevalence Study and Fund Revenue

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 444)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 708 – **~~Senator Zucker~~ Senators Zucker and Ferguson**

AN ACT concerning

Sports Wagering – Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content – Required

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 445)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 730 – Charles County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 446)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 774 – Senators Hershey and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – ~~Valuation of Operating Property of Rural~~ Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Broadband Service Providers

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 447)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 776 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 448)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 830 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Claims Application Form – Authorization for Release of Information

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 449)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 862 – Senator M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Administrative Fees – Repeal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 450)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 887 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Reappointment of Incumbent County Superintendent – Authorization

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 36 Negative – 11 (See Roll Call No. 451)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 911 – Senators Attar, King, ~~and Muse~~ Muse, Bailey, Benson, Corderman, Guzzone, Hettleman, M. Jackson, Jennings, Lewis Young, McCray, Rosapepe, Salling, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Exemption for Blind Individuals – Alteration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 452)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 963 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund – Establishment ~~and Income Tax Checkoff~~

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 453)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 34 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 114 – Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Labor – Licenses – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 454)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 249 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Pesticide and Pest Control – Revisions to Pesticide Applicator's Law and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 455)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 253 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit – Research Facilities – Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 456)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 263 – Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – License Restoration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 457)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 282 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, ~~and~~ Bailey, and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 458)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 354 – ~~Senator Salling~~ Senators Salling, Brooks, Kagan, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup – Establishment

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 459)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 436 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Labor – Study on Building Code Requirements for Single–Staircase Buildings

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 6 (See Roll Call No. 460)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 580 – Washington County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 461)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 680 – Senator Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements – Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 462)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 964 – Dorchester County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Well and On–Site Sewage Disposal Activities – Privatization Program

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 463)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 35 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 57 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Funeral Establishments, Crematories, and Reduction Facilities – Disposition of Unclaimed Remains – Veterans

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 464)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 120 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Restrictions on Use – Solar Collector Systems – Alteration

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 14 (See Roll Call No. 465)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 136 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Education – Safe Schools Fund – Grant Allocations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 466)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 150 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 467)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 168 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

~~**Environmental Justice in Confined Aquatic Disposal Act**~~
Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells – Construction – Moratorium

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 468)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 294 – ~~Senator Feldman~~ Senators Feldman, Attar, Brooks, Hester, Kagan, Simonaire, and Watson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Cybersecurity Council – ~~Membership –~~ Alterations

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 469)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 306 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services –

Reimbursements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 470)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 349 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Medical Debt – Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 471)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 357 – Senators Gile ~~and Feldman~~, Feldman, and Hester

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority ~~for Upper Payment Limits~~ and Stakeholder Council Membership
(Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 35 Negative – 12 (See Roll Call No. 472)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 361 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 42 Negative – 5 (See Roll Call No. 473)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 36 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 399 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Wildland Areas – Overhead Transmission Lines

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 42 Negative – 4 (See Roll Call No. 474)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 409 – Senator King

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – County or Municipal Corporation Economic Development Authority – Powers and Use of Proceeds

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 475)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 529 – Senator Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions – Professional Engineers – Examination

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 35 Negative – 11 (See Roll Call No. 476)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 566 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Filing Fee for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure – Increase

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 33 Negative – 14 (See Roll Call No. 477)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 596 – Washington County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Property Tax ~~Credit~~ – Multi–Use Facilities and Economic Development Projects

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 478)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 606 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Property – Tenants' Right of First Refusal

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 479)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 617 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing – Eyelash Extensions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 480)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 666 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 481)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 775 – Senators Kagan and M. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study Implementation of ~~a Statewide~~ an Expanded 3–1–1 Nonemergency ~~Telephone~~ System

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 482)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 829 – Senator Hayes

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement – Minority Business Enterprise Program – Extension and Reports

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 483)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 896 – Senator Love

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Residential Rental Property – Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 41 Negative – 6 (See Roll Call No. 484)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

RECONSIDERATION

Senate Bill 46 – Senator Watson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property

Senator Jennings moved to reconsider the vote by which **Senate Bill 46** was ordered printed for third reading and to place the bill back on second reading for the purpose of adding/removing amendments.

The motion was adopted.

STATUS OF BILL: BILL ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0046/263426/1
BY: Senator Jennings

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 46, AS AMENDED

In line 2 of Senator Charles's amendment (SB0046/373620/1), after "**James,**" insert "**Jennings,**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

LAID OVER CALENDAR NO. 11

Senate Bill 544 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT (1) OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR BY SENATOR ELLIS.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0544/953526/1
BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 25, after "**(2)**" insert "**(I)**"; in the same line, strike "**A**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A**"; and after line 28, insert:

"**(II) A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES A CHEMICAL TOILET UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

1. MAY NOT PROVIDE THE CHEMICAL TOILET FOR MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND

2. SHALL REMOVE THE CHEMICAL TOILET WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE 90–DAY PERIOD ENDS.".

The preceding amendment was withdrawn.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0544/863926/1
BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, strike "otherwise".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, in line 27, strike "**OTHERWISE**" and substitute "**:**

(I) OTHERWISE";

and in line 28, after "**SECTION**" insert "**; AND**

(II) IS PLACED AT LEAST 25 FEET FROM ANY WATER SOURCE, INCLUDING A WELL".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Jennings moved to make the Bill and Amendment a Special Order for March 13, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 30

Senate Bill 107 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Evidence – Interception of Oral Communications – Fair Housing Testing

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0107/943126/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 107
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Testing**" insert "**and Criminal Proceedings**"; in line 5, after "circumstances" insert "; providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication for the purpose of providing evidence of a certain crime"; and in line 9, after "10–402(c)(12)" insert "and (13)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

"**(13) (I) IT IS LAWFUL UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR A PERSON TO INTERCEPT AN ORAL COMMUNICATION IF THE INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATION IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF:**

1. A SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE;

2. CHILD ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE;

3. SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR UNDER § 3–324 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;

4. SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR UNDER § 3–602 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR

5. DOMESTIC ABUSE.

(II) THE CONTENTS OF AN INTERCEPTED ORAL COMMUNICATION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME LISTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 19 Negative – 26 (See Roll Call No. 485)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0107/963223/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 107
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Testing**" insert "**and Criminal Proceedings**"; in line 5, after "circumstances" insert "; providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication for the purpose of providing evidence of a certain crime"; and in line 9, after "10–402(c)(12)" insert "and (13)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

"**(13) (I) IT IS LAWFUL UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR A PERSON TO INTERCEPT AN ORAL COMMUNICATION IF THE INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATION IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE.**

(II) THE CONTENTS OF AN INTERCEPTED ORAL COMMUNICATION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 17 Negative – 30 (See Roll Call No. 486)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0107/263129/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 107
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Testing**" insert "**and Criminal Proceedings**"; in line 5, after "circumstances" insert "; providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication for the purpose of providing evidence of a certain crime"; and in line 9, after "10–402(c)(12)" insert "and (13)".

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1. SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR UNDER § 3–324 OF

THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR

2. SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR UNDER § 3–602 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(II) THE CONTENTS OF AN INTERCEPTED ORAL COMMUNICATION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME LISTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 17 Negative – 30 (See Roll Call No. 487)

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0107/463224/1
BY: Senator Folden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 107
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Testing**" insert "**and Criminal Proceedings**"; in line 5, after "circumstances" insert "; providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication for the purpose of providing evidence of a certain crime"; and in line 9, after "10–402(c)(12)" insert "and (13)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

"**(13) (I) IT IS LAWFUL UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR A PERSON TO INTERCEPT AN ORAL COMMUNICATION IF THE INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATION IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE WHEN THERE IS THE THREAT OF SERIOUS OR LIFE THREATENING BODILY HARM.**

(II) THE CONTENTS OF AN INTERCEPTED ORAL

COMMUNICATION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and rejected by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 17 Negative – 30 (See Roll Call No. 488)

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 47 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 489)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 24, 2025, Calendar Day, Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Annapolis, Maryland
Legislative Day: February 24, 2025
Calendar Day: Thursday, March 13, 2025
11:00 A.M. Session

The Senate met at 11:15 A.M.

Prayer by Reverend Meredith West, St. Mark's Methodist Church, guest of Senator Mautz.

(See Exhibit A of Appendix III)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 490)

The Journal of March 12, 2025, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 295 – Senator Cheryl C. Kagan:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Sgt. Aquilino Gonell
in recognition of
your heroism, courage, and dedication in protecting our U.S. Capitol,
safeguarding our freedom and defending our democracy on January 6, 2021.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 491)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 296 – Senator Cheryl C. Kagan:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Officer Harry Dunn
in recognition of
your heroism, courage, and dedication in protecting our U.S. Capitol,
safeguarding our freedom and defending our democracy on January 6, 2021.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 491)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 297 – Senator Cheryl C. Kagan:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Officer Daniel Hodges
in recognition of
your heroism, courage, and dedication in protecting our U.S. Capitol,
safeguarding our freedom and defending our democracy on January 6, 2021.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 491)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 298 – Senator Cheryl C. Kagan:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
Officer Michael Fanone
in recognition of
your heroism, courage, and dedication in protecting our U.S. Capitol,
safeguarding our freedom and defending our democracy on January 6, 2021.

The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 47 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 491)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution No. 300 – Senator Arthur Ellis:

Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to
LaNissir James, Executive Director
Maryland Association of Christian Home Educators (MACHE),
in recognition of
your 35 years of advancing education, fostering community engagement, and empowering families statewide.
The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 13th day of March 2025.

Read and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 492)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 215 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – On–Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events

SB0215/463828/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 215

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "– **On–Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events**" and substitute "**Reform – Revisions**"; in line 3, after "of" insert "extending the time period during which a holder of a certain cannabis dispensary license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; repealing a certain authorization to issue on–site consumption licenses during a certain round of cannabis licensing;"; in line 7, strike "cannabis and cannabis products" and substitute "certain single–serving products"; in line 9, after "cannabis;" insert "altering a certain inventory requirement for dispensary licensees; altering the circumstances under which a certain waiting period applies; providing that a certain food sales exemption from the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain cannabinoid beverages;"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 9 down through "limitations;" in line 13; strike beginning with the first comma in line 14 down through "events" in line 15; in line 18, after "(y)" insert "and 36–404(e)"; and in line 23, strike "and 36–407.1".

On page 2, in line 1, after "36–101(i)," insert "36–401(g),"; in the same line, strike "36–404(g)(3), and 36–407" and substitute "36–404(f) and (g), 36–407, 36–410, and 36–503"; and after line 3, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–206(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 9, insert:

"36–401.

(g) Notwithstanding any provisions of this title, the holder of a dispensary license issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission who converts the license or a registrant with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may continue to deliver medical cannabis until July 1, **[**2025**]** **2026**.";

after line 10, insert:

"(e) For the second round of licensing, the Administration shall issue licenses in accordance with subsection (f) or (g) of this section.

(f) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a disparity study demonstrates a strong basis in evidence of business discrimination against firms owned by minorities and women in the Maryland cannabis market, the Administration shall issue a second round of licenses, applying minimum licensing qualifications and employing remedial measures consistent with constitutional requirements, for not more than:

(i) for standard licenses:

1. 25 grower licenses;

2. 25 processor licenses; and

3. 120 dispensary licenses;

(ii) for micro licenses:

1. 70 grower licenses; and

2. 70 processor licenses; **AND**

(iii) 10 incubator space licenses**[**; and

(iv) 15 on–site consumption licenses**]**.

(2) If the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a lottery system employing remedial measures established in accordance with a disparity study can be conducted consistent with constitutional requirements, the Administration shall award licenses under paragraph (1) of this subsection through a lottery process that employs remedial measures.

(g) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, if the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a disparity study does not demonstrate a strong basis in evidence of business discrimination against firms owned by minorities and women in the Maryland cannabis market, the Administration shall enter each applicant that meets the minimum qualifications established by the Administration

into a lottery and issue to the applicants not more than:

(i) for standard licenses:

1. 25 grower licenses;

2. 25 processor licenses; and

3. 120 dispensary licenses;

(ii) for micro licenses:

1. 70 grower licenses; and

2. 70 processor licenses; **AND**

(iii) 10 incubator space licenses**[**; and

(iv) 15 on–site consumption licenses**]**.

(2) The Administration shall determine whether an application meets the minimum qualifications for a lottery based on a pass–fail basis, as determined by the Administration, after evaluating:

(i) a detailed operational plan for the safe, secure, and effective cultivation, manufacture, or dispensing of cannabis;

(ii) a business plan demonstrating a likelihood of success and sufficient business ability and experience on the part of the applicant, and providing for appropriate employee working conditions; and

(iii) a detailed diversity plan.";

and in line 11, strike "(g)".

On page 4, in line 11, strike "**CANNABIS OR CANNABIS–INFUSED PRODUCTS**" and substitute "**SINGLE–SERVING PRODUCTS**"; in line 20, after "**(D)**" insert "**(1)**"; in the same line, strike "**AN**" and substitute "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**"; after line 22, insert:

"**(2) BEFORE OPERATING AS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, THE ON–SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT SHALL OBTAIN FROM THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE ON–SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS FOR OPERATING A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, INCLUDING:**

(I) BUILDING CODE PERMITS;

(II) MECHANICAL CODE PERMITS;

(III) A USE AND OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PERMITS OR LICENSES.";

and strike beginning with "**PROCESSING**" in line 24 down through "**PRODUCTS**" in line 25 and substitute "**ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION**".

On page 6, after line 16, insert:

"36–410.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2023, a cannabis licensee that is operating a dispensary shall:

(1) ensure that it has adequate supply for qualifying patients and caregivers;

(2) set aside operating hours or dedicated service lines to serve only qualifying patients and caregivers; and

(3) **AS SUPPLY BECOMES AVAILABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION,** ensure that at least 25% of cannabis and cannabis products in the dispensary are from social equity licensees **[**and growers and processors**]** that do not share common ownership with the dispensary.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a licensed dispensary may not locate within:

(1) 500 feet of:

(i) a pre–existing primary or secondary school in the State, or a licensed child care center or registered family child care home under Title 9.5 of the Education Article; or

(ii) a pre–existing playground, recreation center, library, public park, or place of worship; or

(2) 1,000 feet of another dispensary under this title.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a political subdivision may adopt an ordinance reducing, but not increasing, the distance requirements under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) A political subdivision may by ordinance increase the distance limitation for dispensaries under subsection (b)(2) of this section to not more than one–half mile.

(d) The distance requirements under subsection (b) of this section do not apply to a dispensary license that was:

(1) converted under § 36–401(b)(1)(ii) of this subtitle; and

(2) properly zoned and operating before July 1, 2023.

(e) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance establishing zoning requirements for licensed dispensaries that are more restrictive than zoning requirements for a retail dealer licensed under this article.

(f) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance:

(1) establishing a zoning requirement for a licensed grower cultivating cannabis exclusively outdoors in an area zoned only for agricultural use that is more restrictive than any zoning requirements that existed on June 30, 2023, governing a hemp farm registered under Title 14 of the Agriculture Article in the political subdivision; or

(2) prohibiting outdoor cannabis cultivation on a premises that was properly zoned for outdoor cannabis cultivation on or before June 30, 2023.

(g) A political subdivision may:

(1) by ordinance, establish a distance limitation for dispensaries of up to 100 feet from an area zoned for residential use; or

(2) apply to dispensaries the distance limitation for licensed alcoholic beverage retailers from an area zoned for residential use.

(h) A political subdivision shall grant a waiver to an ordinance that provides a distance requirement for dispensaries under this section for a licensed dispensary that was in operation before April 1, 2024.

(I) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT HAS NOT ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, IS SUBJECT TO THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

36–503.

(a) A cannabis license granted under this title is not transferable except as provided in this section.

(b) To transfer ownership or control of a license issued under this title, a licensee:

(1) shall submit to the Administration:

(i) an application fee in an amount to be determined by the Administration in accordance with this subtitle; and

(ii) an application developed by the Administration; and

(2) must meet the requirements for transfer of ownership or control established by the Administration under this title.

(c) (1) A cannabis licensee, including a cannabis licensee whose license was converted in accordance with § 36–401 of this title, may not transfer ownership or control of the license for a period of at least 5 years following licensure.

(2) The 5–year period specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection does not include the time period that a business is considered by the Administration to be in a preapproved licensure status.

(3) The limitations under this subsection do not apply to**:**

(I) transfers as a result of the disability, incapacity, or death of the owner of a cannabis license, bankruptcy or receivership in accordance with a lending agreement of a cannabis licensee, or court order**; OR**

(II) THE SALE OF A CANNABIS LICENSEE TO THE LICENSEE'S EMPLOYEES THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AS DEFINED IN § 407(D)(6)(A) OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.

(4) The limitations under this subsection do not apply to a transfer of ownership that is the subject of a legally binding settlement agreement resulting from litigation commenced on or before January 1, 2023.".

On pages 6 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 6 through line 23 on page 10, inclusive.

On page 10, after line 23, insert:

"**Article – Tax – General**

11–206.

(a) (3) (i) "Food" means food for human consumption.

(ii) "Food" includes the following foods and their products:

1. beverages, including coffee, coffee substitutes, cocoa, fruit juices, and tea;

2. condiments;

3. eggs;

4. fish, meat, and poultry;

5. fruit, grain, and vegetables;

6. milk, including ice cream; and

7. sugar.

(iii) "Food" does not include:

1. an alcoholic beverage as defined in § 5–101 of this article;

2. a soft drink or carbonated beverage; **[**or**]**

3. **A CANNABINOID BEVERAGE AS DEFINED IN § 36–101 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE; OR**

4. candy or confectionery.";

and in line 25, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0215/303322/1
BY: Chair, Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 215, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (SB0215/463828/1), in lines 7 and 8 of Amendment No. 1, strike "altering a certain inventory requirement for dispensary licensees;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in line 16 of Amendment No. 2, strike the brackets.

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Benson moved that the Bill and Amendment be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 689 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Conventional Home Mortgage Loans – Assumption and Required Disclosures

SB0689/983124/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 689
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "applying" in line 8 down through "retroactively;" in line 9.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 6 and 7, strike beginning with "AND" in line 31 on page 6, down through the period in line 8 on page 7.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 771 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Peer–to–Peer Car Sharing Programs – Insurance and Liability

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 842 – Senator Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices – Seizure and Wholesaler Licensure Requirements

SB0842/213123/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 842
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Other Tobacco Products and**"; in line 3, strike "**Licensure**" and substitute "**Record–Keeping**"; in lines 5 and 8, in each instance, strike "or a peace officer"; in lines 5 and 11, in each instance, strike "other tobacco products and"; in line 7, strike "and destruction"; strike beginning with "an" in line 8 down through "and" in line 9; in line 10, strike "wholesalers" and substitute "wholesaler distributors and wholesaler importers"; after line 17, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.7–101(a) and (f) through (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)";

in line 20, strike "16.5–217.2, 16.7–101(f),"; in the same line, strike "and"; in the same line, after "16.7–213.3" insert ", and 16.7–213.4"; and strike in their entirety lines 23 through 27, inclusive.

On page 2, strike beginning with "16.7–101(d)" in line 3 down through "16.7–211(a)" in line 4 and substitute "16.7–203(a) and 16.7–204(a)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 2 through line 21 on page 4, inclusive.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 4 through line 15 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in lines 16, 24, and 30, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in the same lines, strike "**(G)**", "**(H)**", and "**(I)**", respectively.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 6 through line 20 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 4, after the semicolon insert "**AND**"; in line 5, after the semicolon insert an opening bracket; and in line 9, after the semicolon insert a closing bracket.

On pages 8 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 8 through line 10 on page 10, inclusive.

On page 10, in line 12, after "**WHOLESALER**" insert "**DISTRIBUTOR AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER**"; and in line 16, after "**WHOLESALER**" insert "**DISTRIBUTOR OR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER**".

On page 11, in lines 5 and 15, in each instance, after "**WHOLESALER**" insert "**DISTRIBUTOR AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER**"; in lines 7 and 10, in each instance, after "**WHOLESALER**" insert "**DISTRIBUTOR OR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER**"; in line 20, strike "**OR A PEACE OFFICER**"; and in line 23, strike "**OR PEACE OFFICER**".

On pages 11 and 12, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page

11 through line 2 on page 12, inclusive.

On page 12, in lines 3, 11, 21, and 24, strike "**(D)**", "**(E)**", "**(F)**", and "**(G)**", respectively, and substitute "**(C)**", "**(D)**", "**(E)**", and "**(F)**", respectively; in line 11, strike "**(F)**" and substitute "**(E)**"; in line 15, strike "**PROMPTLY**"; in the same line, strike "**AN INFORMAL**" and substitute "**A**"; and in the same line, after "**HEARING**" insert "**IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 16.7–208 OF THIS SUBTITLE**".

On pages 12 and 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 12 through line 28 on page 13, inclusive, and substitute:

"**16.7–213.4.**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 872 – Senator Jennings

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Hiring and Promotion Preferences for Veterans and Spouses of Service Members and Veterans (Families Serve Act)

SB0872/853426/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 872
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 7, strike "**FOR**" and substitute "**IF**"; in the same line, strike "**WHO**" and substitute "**THAT**"; in the same line, after "**CORPORATION**" insert "**CHOOSES TO**

GRANT A PREFERENCE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION"; and strike beginning with "**AUTHORIZED**" in line 9 down through "**SECTION**" in line 10.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0872/143020/1
BY: Senator Jennings

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 872
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, strike ", by local law,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 3, in line 8, strike "**SHALL**" and substitute "**MAY**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 219 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)

AN ACT concerning

Uninsured Employers' Fund – Additional Assessment on Awards and Settlements – Amount

SB0219/473823/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 219

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "**Additional**" in line 2 down through "**Amount**" in line 3 and substitute "**Assessments and Special Monitor**"; in line 4, after "of" insert "altering the circumstances under which the Uninsured Employers' Fund must collect or suspend a certain assessment;"; in line 7, after "losses;" insert "requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to designate a certain special monitor for certain purposes;"; and in line 10, after "9–1007" insert "and 9–1011".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 30, strike "**2%**" and substitute "**1.5%**"; and after line 36, insert:

"9–1011.

(a) (1) When the amount of the Fund equals at least **[**$5,000,000**]** **$10,000,000**, the payment of assessments by employers and insurers is suspended.

(2) The Director shall notify each self–insured employer and insurer of the suspension of the payment of assessments under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) (1) Payment of assessments shall be resumed if:

(i) the amount of the Fund becomes less than **[**$3,000,000**]** **$8,000,000** because of payments made under § 9–1002 of this subtitle or other payments; or

(ii) the Director determines that payments that are likely to be made from the Fund in the next 3 months will reduce the amount of the Fund to less than **[**$3,000,000**]** **$8,000,000**.

(2) When payment of assessments is to be resumed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Director shall notify each self–insured employer and insurer that payment of assessments is to:

(i) resume on a specified date; and

(ii) continue until the amount of the Fund becomes at least **[**$5,000,000**]** **$10,000,000**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Workers' Compensation Commission shall designate a special monitor to

assess the financial condition of the Uninsured Employers' Fund, including the reserve setting and third–party administrator practices of the Fund.

(b) The special monitor shall monitor the financial condition of the Fund for a period of up to 1 year, with the duties of the special monitor ending on or before June 30, 2026, unless an earlier date is agreed on by the Fund and the Commission.

(c) The special monitor shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article:

(1) on or before December 1, 2025, an interim report regarding the financial condition of the Uninsured Employers' Fund and any recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes necessary to improve the condition of the Fund; and

(2) on or before June 1, 2026, a final report regarding the financial condition of the Uninsured Employers' Fund and any recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes necessary to improve the condition of the Fund.

(d) The Fund shall reimburse the monitor at a rate commensurate with the rate the Commission pays to retired judges to hear cases before the Commission.

(e) The Fund shall allocate $100,000 to provide funding for the special monitor.".

On page 3, in line 1, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 2, after "2025." insert "Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2026, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 447 – Senator Lam

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Emergency Medical Conditions – Procedures

SB0447/253021/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 447
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Lam**" and substitute "**Senators Lam, Love, and Gile**"; in line 2, before "**Medical**" insert "**Pregnancy–Related**"; in lines 3 and 6, in each instance, strike "an individual" and substitute "a patient"; in line 4, strike "individual" and substitute "patient"; in lines 5, 6, and 9, in each instance, after "emergency" insert "pregnancy–related"; and in line 7, after "condition;" insert "requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, before "**MEDICAL**" insert "**PREGNANCY–RELATED**"; in the same line, strike the colon; in line 4, strike "**(I) A**" and substitute "**A**"; in the same line, after "**PRESENTS**" insert "**IN A PREGNANT PATIENT**"; in line 5, strike "**, INCLUDING SEVERE PAIN,**"; in lines 8, 11, and 12, strike "**1.**", "**2.**", and "**3.**", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**", "**(II)**", and "**(III)**", respectively; strike beginning with "**INDIVIDUAL**" in line 8 down through "**CHILD,**" in line 10 and substitute "**PATIENT**"; strike beginning with "**; OR**" in line 13 down through "**CHILD**" in line 19; in lines 20 and 21, strike "**: (I) FOR**" and substitute "**, FOR**"; in the same line, after "**EMERGENCY**" insert "**PREGNANCY–RELATED**"; in lines 21 and 22, strike "**AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION**"; in line 23, after "**TO**" insert "**ALLEVIATE THE CONDITION OR**"; and strike beginning with "**; OR**" in line 25 down through "**PLACENTA**" in line 28.

On page 2 in line 25 and on page 3 in lines 10, 13, 14, 22, and 25, in each instance, strike "**INDIVIDUAL**" and substitute "**PATIENT**".

On page 3, strike beginning with "**ON**" in line 1 down through "**(D)**" in line 5; in line 7, strike "**AT**" and substitute "**TO**"; in line 9, after "**CONDITION**" insert "**, INCLUDING THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY WHEN THE TERMINATION IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY TO STABILIZE THE PATIENT**"; after line 10, insert:

"**(D) A HOSPITAL SHALL ALLOW THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY AT THE HOSPITAL IF THE PATIENT'S TREATING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER DETERMINES TERMINATION IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY TO STABILIZE A PATIENT.**";

in lines 13, 14, 16, 18, and 23, in each instance, strike "**INDIVIDUAL'S**" and substitute "**PATIENT'S**"; in lines 16 and 18, in each instance, strike "**AN INDIVIDUAL**" and substitute "**A PATIENT**"; and in line 26, strike the colon and substitute "**THE TRANSFER IS DONE CONSISTENT WITH 42 U.S.C. § 1395DD.**".

On page 3 in lines 5 and 24 and on page 6 in line 2, in each instance, strike "**AN INDIVIDUAL**" and substitute "**A PATIENT**".

On page 3 in lines 5, 9, and 24 and on page 6 in line 2, in each instance, after "**EMERGENCY**" insert "**PREGNANCY–RELATED**".

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 3 through line 31 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 32, strike "**(J)**" and substitute "**(G)**"; and in the same line, after "**ACTION**" insert "**, INCLUDING AN ACTION RELATED TO DISCHARGE, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, SUSPENSION, COMPENSATION, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, STAFF PRIVILEGES, OR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES,**".

On page 6, in lines 1 and 4, in each instance, strike "**QUALIFIED MEDICAL**" and substitute "**TREATING HEALTH CARE**"; in line 10, strike "**(K)**" and substitute "**(H)**"; and after line 15, insert:

"**(I) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STAY A FINAL DECISION ON A POTENTIAL VIOLATION IF THERE IS AN ONGOING FEDERAL INVESTIGATION UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1395DD REGARDING THE SAME INCIDENT.**

(2) IF A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1395DD RESULTS IN A FINE BEING IMPOSED FOR THE SAME INCIDENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF THE FEDERAL FINE FROM THE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FINE UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE SAME INCIDENT.

(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1395DD RESULTS IN A FINE BEING IMPOSED FOR THE SAME INCIDENT WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT IMPOSES A FINE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFUND THE HOSPITAL AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FEDERAL FINE.

(II) THE AMOUNT REFUNDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAME INCIDENT.".

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 6 through line 2 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 7, in lines 6 and 10, in each instance, strike "**AUTHORIZE**" and substitute "**ALLOW**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 748 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias – Information on Prevalence and Treatment

SB0748/193422/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 748
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 2, strike "Disorders" and substitute "**DEMENTIAS**"; in line 15, after "**DEMENTIAS**" insert "**, INCLUDING RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES**"; in line 16, after "Increase" insert "**PUBLIC**"; in line 20, strike the second "and"; in line 23, after "**DEMENTIAS**" insert "**; AND**

(IV) TREATMENTS APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATED TO TREATMENT OUTCOMES BASED ON BIOLOGICAL SEX".

On page 3, in line 9, strike "**AND**"; and in line 10, after "**COUNTY**" insert "**;**

(VI) CO–OCCURRENCE OF DOWN SYNDROME (TRISOMY–21); AND

(VII) TYPE OF DEMENTIA".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 792 – Senator Mautz

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – Expanded Function Dental Assistants – Education and Reinstatement

SB0792/573123/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 792
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike "an option for an" and substitute "a certain number of hours of in–person and"; and in line 7, strike "course of study when appropriate" and substitute "instruction".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 1, after "**(F)**" insert "**(1)**"; strike beginning with "**, WHEN**" in line 2 down through "**STUDY**" in line 3 and substitute "**AT LEAST 35 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION CONSISTING OF BOTH ONLINE AND IN–PERSON INSTRUCTION**"; after line 3, insert:

"**(2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF HOURS FOR IN–PERSON INSTRUCTION, ONLINE INSTRUCTION, AND CLINICAL HANDS–ON TRAINING.**";

in line 14, after "**EDUCATION**" insert "**, INCLUDING CLINICAL HANDS–ON TRAINING,**"; in the same line, strike the colon; strike beginning with "**(1)**" in line 15 down through "**BE**" in line 16 and substitute "**BE**"; in lines 17 and 19, strike "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively, and substitute "**(1)**" and "**(2)**", respectively; and in line 17, strike "**DENTAL**" and substitute "**STATE–BASED DENTAL**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 439 – Senator Lam (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – High Impact Economic Development Activities – Alterations

SB0439/413120/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 439
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "Maryland" insert "or Morgan State University"; in line 6, after "Maryland" insert "and the Board of Regents of Morgan State University"; in line 11,

after "Maryland" insert "and Morgan State University"; and in line 14, strike "12–104.1 and 12–113(c)" and substitute "12–104.1, 12–113(c), and 14–104.1".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 30, strike "and"; in line 31, after "3." insert "**THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO AUDIT ALL EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS OF THE ENTITY DURING AN AUDIT CONDUCTED UNDER § 12–105 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 2–1220 THROUGH 2–1227 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND**

4.";

and after line 33, insert:

"14–104.1.

(a) **(1)** In this section, "high impact economic development activity" means an initiative, transaction, or other undertaking by Morgan State University to create or facilitate:

[(1)**]** **(I)** 20 or more new jobs in the State;

[(2)**]** **(II)** The award or completion of at least $1,000,000 in externally funded research or other projects;

[(3)**]** **(III)** The establishment or relocation of one or more new companies to be registered or incorporated in the State and doing business in the State;

[(4)**]** **(IV)** The production of at least $1,000,000 of annual gross revenue;

[(5)**]** **(V)** The licensing and potential commercialization of a promising new technology or other product; or

[(6)**]** **(VI)** An academic program to meet workforce demand in a documented labor shortage field.

(2) "HIGH IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE COST SAVINGS RELATED TO THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES.

(b) To promote the economic interests of the State as mandated in §§ 10–205(c) and 15–107 of this article, the Morgan State University shall utilize its powers as a public corporation established in § 14–104 of this subtitle to undertake high impact economic development activities that support:

(1) Job creation and workforce development;

(2) Technology transfer, commercialization, and entrepreneurship; and

(3) Increased sponsored research funding and other revenues.

(c) In order for an activity to qualify as a high impact economic development activity:

(1) The President or the President's designee shall certify that the activity meets the criteria defined in subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) The President or the President's designee shall notify the Board of Regents and the Board of Public Works of any certified activity for review.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any high impact economic activity within the scope of § 5–310 or § 10–305 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Board of Regents shall be fully responsible for administering the review and comment process prescribed in those sections.

(2) In administering the review and comment process prescribed in §§ 5–310 and 10–305 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Board of Regents shall include in the process the appropriate legislative committees and units of State government, which may include:

(i) Committees of the General Assembly;

(ii) The Board of Public Works;

(iii) The Maryland Historical Trust;

(iv) The Department of Planning;

(v) The Department of the Environment; and

(vi) The Department of Natural Resources.

(3) The Board of Regents shall adopt policies and procedures to ensure that the notice and opportunity for review are conducted in a manner that provides a reasonable period to complete while not impairing the institution's capacity for the expeditious and successful pursuit of a high impact economic development activity.

(e) **(1)** On or before October 1 of each year, the Board of Regents shall report to the Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on the high impact economic development activities undertaken under this section during the preceding fiscal year.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE AMOUNT OF STATE OR UNIVERSITY FUNDS USED ON EACH HIGH IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR;

(II) THE NET BENEFIT OF EACH HIGH IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY; AND

(III) WHETHER THE BOARD OF REGENTS BELIEVES THAT EACH HIGH IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 790 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Workgroup to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements

SB0790/653827/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 790
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Maryland Department of Health – Workgroup**" and substitute "**Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access – Plan**"; in line 4, strike "Maryland Department of Health to convene a" and substitute "Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access, through its"; in the same line, after "workgroup" insert "on youth behavioral health, individuals with developmental disabilities, and individuals with complex behavioral health needs, to provide recommendations to"; and in line 6, strike "workgroup" and substitute "plan".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 20, inclusive.

On page 2, in lines 1 and 16, strike "(c)" and "(d)", respectively, and substitute "(a)" and "(c)", respectively; in line 1, after "The" insert "Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access, through its"; in the same line, after "workgroup" insert "on youth behavioral health, individuals with developmental disabilities, and individuals with complex behavioral health needs,"; in the same line, strike "create a plan" and substitute "provide recommendations"; after line 15, insert:

"(b) In performing the duties described in subsection (a) of this section, the Council and Commission, through its workgroup, shall consult with:

(1) behavioral health professionals who work with children and families;

(2) early childhood mental health specialists;

(3) clinicians who work with children and families;

(4) children with behavioral health issues;

(5) behavioral health advocates;

(6) parents and caregivers with experience navigating the behavioral health system on behalf of children; and

(7) other interested stakeholders.";

in line 16, strike "December 1, 2025" and substitute "January 1, 2026"; in line 17, strike the first "the" and substitute "its"; in the same line, strike "of the workgroup"; and strike beginning with "It" in line 20 down through "effect." in line 22.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 846 – Senator Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Cellular Phone Carriers – Service Contract Requirement

SB0846/453422/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 846
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Service Contract Requirement**" and substitute "**Authorized Users**"; strike beginning with "include" in line 3 down through "circumstances" in line 5 and substitute "allow a certain customer 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"; and in line 6, strike

"service contracts" and substitute "authorized users".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 22, inclusive; and after line 22, insert:

"**A CELLULAR PHONE CARRIER SHALL ALLOW:**

(1) THE CUSTOMER OF RECORD WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT ON AN ACCOUNT TO DESIGNATE OTHER INDIVIDUALS AS AUTHORIZED USERS ON THE ACCOUNT; AND

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS AN AUTHORIZED USER ON AN ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE SERVICES OR DEVICES OR TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION UNDER ANY SERVICE CONTRACT CONNECTED TO THE ACCOUNT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE AUTHORIZATION EXTENDS TO THE ACTION.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 900 – Senator Augustine

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System – Integration of 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network and Outcome Evaluations

SB0900/763523/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 900
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "of" insert "requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health

Crisis Response System to have a State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, rather than a crisis communication center, in each jurisdiction;"; in the same line, strike "crisis communication center" and substitute "State 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline"; in lines 4 and 5, strike "Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response"; and in line 5, after "the" insert "national".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 19, strike "crisis communication center" and substitute "**STATE 9–8–8 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE**".

On page 2, in line 1, after "**THE**" insert "**NATIONAL**"; in line 2, after the second "**THE**" insert "**NATIONAL**"; in line 6, strike "**AND**"; and in line 7, after "**RESOURCES;**" insert "**AND**

5. DIRECT DISPATCH OR WARM HAND–OFFS TO MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES AND OTHER IMMEDIATE SERVICES AS NEEDED;".

On page 4, in lines 14 and 15, strike "**AN** annual survey by the Administration of" and substitute "**DATA OBTAINED FROM**"; in line 16, after "System" insert "**COLLECTED THROUGH ONGOING DATA COLLECTION FROM 9–8–8 CALL, TEXT, AND CHAT PROVIDERS AND OTHER CRISIS PROVIDERS THAT IS REPORTED ANNUALLY**"; in line 17, after "**ANNUAL**" insert "**CRISIS SERVICES**"; strike beginning with "number" in line 18 down through "diagnoses" in line 21 and substitute "**INVOLVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, INVOLUNTARY STATUS OF CLIENTS, AND DIVERSION FROM HIGHER LEVELS OF CARE, INCLUDING HOSPITALS**"; and in line 25, after "**YEAR**" insert "**, BEGINNING IN 2026**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 400 – Senator Gile

AN ACT concerning

Residential Child Care Programs – Transportation Companies – Regulation
(Preventing Abduction in Youth Transport Act of 2025)

SB0400/743328/1
BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 400
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 20, insert:

"**(B) "CHILD" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE CARE, CUSTODY, OR GUARDIANSHIP OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**";

and in line 21, strike "**(B)**" and substitute "**(C)**".

On page 3, in line 7, strike "**YOUTH**" and substitute "**CHILDREN**".

On page 4, in line 1, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(D)**"; in line 2, strike "**PERSON**" and substitute "**CHILD**"; in line 9, after "**PHYSICAL**" insert "**OR MECHANICAL**"; strike beginning with "**AN**" in line 12 down through "**BEHAVIOR**" in line 13 and substitute "**A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF IMMINENT SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO A CHILD OR OTHERS**"; strike beginning with "**IMMEDIATE**" in line 15 down through "**BEHAVIOR**" in line 16 and substitute "**SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF IMMINENT SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO THE CHILD OR OTHERS**"; after line 23, insert:

"**(3) IF RESTRAINTS ARE NECESSARY DUE TO A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF IMMINENT SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO A CHILD OR OTHERS, THE RESTRAINTS MAY BE USED ONLY AS LONG AS THE IMMINENT RISK PERSISTS.**";

in line 24, strike "**A**" and substitute "**(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**"; and after line 26, insert:

"**(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A YOUTH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 1013 – Senator Attar

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Beidle, Chair, for the Committee on Finance reported favorably:

Senate Bill 1039 – Senator Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 5 Breweries – On–Premises Consumption

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 105 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund

SB0105/713521/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 105
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike "Maryland Energy Administration" and substitute "Maryland Clean Energy Center"; and after line 14, insert:

"BY renumbering
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–862 and the part "Part VII. Short Title"
to be Section 10–871 and the part "Part VIII. Short Title"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–862 through 10–868 to be under the new part "Part VII. Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

On page 2, strike beginning with the semicolon in line 15 down through "Loan" in line 16; strike line 17 in its entirety; and in line 21, after "That" insert "Section(s) 10–862 and the part "Part VII. Short Title" of Article – Economic Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10–871 and the part "Part VIII. Short Title".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 2 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

"**Article – Economic Development**";

in line 13, strike "**SUBTITLE 21.**" and substitute "**PART VII.**"; in line 15, strike "**9–2101.**"

and substitute "**10–862.**"; in line 16, strike "**SUBTITLE**" and substitute "**PART**"; strike in their entirety lines 18 and 19; and in lines 20, 22, 24, and 27, strike "**(C)**", "**(D)**", "**(E)**", and "**(F)**", respectively, and substitute "**(B)**", "**(C)**", "**(D)**", and "**(E)**", respectively.

On page 4 in lines 9, 16, 24, and 28, on page 5 in lines 7, 9, 15, 29, and 30, and on page 6 in line 11, in each instance, strike "**ADMINISTRATION**" and substitute "**CENTER**".

On page 4, in line 1, strike "**(G)**" and substitute "**(F)**"; in lines 7, 10, 15, and 22, strike "**9–2102.**", "**9–2103.**", "**9–2104.**", and "**9–2105.**", respectively, and substitute "**10–863.**", "**10–864.**", "**10–865.**", and "**10–866.**", respectively; in line 12, after "**FOR**" insert "**:**

(1)";

in line 14, after "**STATE**" insert "**; AND**

(2) ACTIONS THAT IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SUCH AS REPAIRING OR REPLACING WINDOWS, DOORS, AND HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR–CONDITIONING SYSTEMS AND OTHER SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS";

and in line 29, after "**SYSTEM**" insert "**, ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION,**".

On page 5, in line 3, after "**INSTALLED**" insert "**OR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION WILL OCCUR**"; in lines 6, 11, and 13, in each instance, after "**SYSTEM**" insert "**OR ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION**"; in line 10, strike "**9–2106(A)(1)**" and substitute "**10–867(A)(1)**"; in line 18, strike "**9–2106.**" and substitute "**10–867.**"; in line 22, strike "**AND**"; in line 24, after "**SYSTEM**" insert "**; AND**

(3) ACTIONS THAT IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SUCH AS REPAIRING OR REPLACING WINDOWS, DOORS, AND HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR–CONDITIONING SYSTEMS AND OTHER SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS";

and in line 27, after "**SYSTEM**" insert "**OR ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION**".

On page 6, in line 8, strike "**9–2107.**" and substitute "**10–868.**"; and in line 19, strike "**THIS TITLE**" and substitute "**THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE**".

On page 7, after line 12, insert:

"**10–869. RESERVED.**

10–870. RESERVED.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

6–226.

(a) (2) (i) 1. This subparagraph does not apply in fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

204. the Climate Technology Founder's Fund; **[**and**]**

205. the Victims of Domestic Violence Program Grant Fund**; AND**

206. THE GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN FUND.

Article – State Government

9–20B–05.

(a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

(f) The Administration shall use the Fund:

(12) to provide grants through the Customer–Sited Solar Program under §

9–2016 of this title; **[**and**]**

(13) TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–868 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE; AND

[(13)**] (14)** to pay the expenses of the Program.";

in line 13, strike "2." and substitute "3."; in line 14, strike "Maryland Energy Administration" and substitute "Maryland Clean Energy Center"; in lines 16 and 17, strike "Title 9, Subtitle 21 of the State Government" and substitute "Title 10, Subtitle 8 of the Economic Development"; and in the same line, strike "1" and substitute "2".

On page 8, in lines 3 and 5, strike "3." and "4.", respectively, and substitute "4." and "5.", respectively; in line 3, strike "1" and substitute "2"; and in line 6, strike "3" and substitute "4".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 278 – Senators Simonaire, Salling, Jennings, Gallion, Mautz, and Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Tax Relief and Pensions Equality for Service Members Act

SB0278/953425/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 278
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and Bailey**" and substitute "**Bailey, Benson,**

Corderman, Guzzone, Hettleman, M. Jackson, King, Lewis–Young, McCray, Rosapepe, and Zucker"; in line 2, strike "**Pensions**" and substitute "**State Personnel**"; and in line 5, strike ", pensions,".

On page 2, in line 13, strike the first comma and substitute "and"; in the same line, strike ", and 38–101(a)"; in line 18, strike "and 38–101(b–1) and (e–1)"; in the same line, strike "(h–1),"; in line 23, strike "2–704," and substitute "2–705(b), 2–706(b) and (c),"; in the same line, after "7–207(c)," insert "and"; and in lines 23 and 24, strike ", 38–101(d), 38–103(d), and 38–104(c)".

On page 3, in line 7, strike "7–208(a)(1) and (b),"; in line 8, strike "9–265(b),"; in line 19, strike "7–208(a)(2) and (3),"; and in line 20, strike "9–265(a),".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 10, insert:

"**(A) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(B)";

in line 12, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 16 down through "**ARTICLE**" in line 17.

On page 5, in line 15, strike the first opening bracket; and in the same line, strike the closing bracket.

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 23, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 4, before "In" insert "**(A)**"; in the same line, strike beginning with the comma through the colon and substitute "**THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(B)";

in line 5, after "(1)" insert "**"RETURNING VETERAN"**"; in the same line, strike "military"; in line 6, after "service" insert "**IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**"; in line 8, after "(2)" insert "**"RETURNING VETERAN"**"; after line 9, insert:

"**(C) "SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 38 U.S.C. § 4303.**";

in lines 11, 17, 18, 19, and 21, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 16, strike "**AND**"; in line 30, strike "military"; and in the same line, strike "armed forces" and substitute "**UNIFORMED SERVICES**".

On page 9, in line 1, strike "military"; in the same line, after "service" insert "**IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**"; in line 7, strike the bracket; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

"2–705.

(b) If, because of a disability sustained during **[**military**]** service **IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**, a returning veteran is not qualified to perform the duties of the position that the veteran previously held, the returning veteran shall be reinstated to a position that:

(1) has duties that the veteran is qualified to perform; and

(2) provides the rate of pay, seniority, and status that are the same as or as similar as the circumstances of the case allow to those of the position previously held by the veteran.

2–706.

(b) In calculating seniority, status, and length of State employment of a returning veteran who is reinstated under this subtitle, the period from the day the veteran entered **[**military**]** service **IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES** to the day that the veteran is reinstated shall be added to the period of the veteran's State employment.

(c) A returning veteran who is reinstated under this subtitle is entitled to:

(1) all benefits and privileges, including rate of pay, that result from the additional seniority and status credited under subsection (b) of this section;

(2) pension and retirement rights as determined under Title 38, Subtitle 1

of this article; and

(3) any service status that the veteran had when the veteran entered **[**military**]** service **IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**, with adjustments to reflect the additional seniority credited under subsection (b) of this section.".

On page 10, in lines 7, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20, 22, and 28, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 9, strike beginning with the comma through "means" and substitute "**SPOUSE" MEANS**"; strike beginning with "of" in line 12 down through "States" in line 13; strike beginning with "the" in line 14 down through "reserves" in line 15 and substitute "**A RESERVE COMPONENT**"; and in lines 19, 20, and 28, in each instance, strike "**A**".

On pages 11 through 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 11 through line 11 on page 13, inclusive.

On page 16, in line 9, strike "**OFFICIAL**".

On pages 17 and 18, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 17 through line 30 on page 18, inclusive.

On pages 20 and 21, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 20 through line 17 on page 21, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0278/793328/1
BY: Senator Hester

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 278, AS AMENDED

On page 1 of the Budget and Taxation Committee Amendments (SB0278/953425/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, strike "**and Zucker**" and substitute "**Zucker, and Hester**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably:

Senate Bill 605 – Senator Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax – Assessments – Appeals and Corrections

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 849 – Senator Guzzone

AN ACT concerning

Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding

SB0849/383228/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 849
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 7, strike "academic medical" and substitute "research".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, in line 11, strike "**ACADEMIC MEDICAL**" and substitute "**RESEARCH**"; and in the same line, after "**CENTERS**" insert "**, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH COMPUTING,**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Guzzone, Chair, for the Committee on Budget and Taxation reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 861 – Senator Corderman

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund – Alterations

SB0861/933623/1
BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 861
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike "is required to" and substitute "may".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 4, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "**2031**"; in the same line, after "(2)" insert "**(I)**"; and after line 6, insert:

"**(II) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2031, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST $10,000,000 TO THE FUND.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 207 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Drunk and Drug–Impaired Driving and Failure to Remain at the Scene – Revocation of Driver's License

SB0207/823028/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 207
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the comma in line 5 down through the first comma in line 6; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 10 down through "Program;" in line 12; and in line 17, strike "16–205(b), 16–208(b), and 16–404.1(d)(1)(i)" and substitute "16–205(b) and 16–208(b)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "**OF**" in line 1 down through "**VIOLATION**" in line 3; and in line 15, after "**OR**" insert "**SERIOUS**".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 17, strike "**IF**" and substitute "**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF**"; after line 22, insert:

"**(II) THE INDIVIDUAL MAY FILE A REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION AT ANY TIME AFTER 2 YEARS FROM THE DAY THE REVOKED LICENSE IS SURRENDERED TO AND RECEIVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OR, IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT HAVE A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, AFTER 2 YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REVOCATION IF THE ADMINISTRATION FINDS THAT:**

1. NOT ALLOWING THE INDIVIDUAL TO FILE A REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION WILL CAUSE UNDUE HARDSHIP; OR

2. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST JUSTIFYING THE FILING OF A REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION.";

and in line 23, strike "**(II)**" and substitute "**(III)**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 4 down through line 14 on page 5, inclusive.

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 600 – Senator McCray

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems – Authorization

SB0600/753724/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 600
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Authorization**" insert "**of Pilot Program**".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 3, after the first "in" insert "certain"; in line 9, after "manner;" insert "requiring that a certain percentage of the fines collected under this Act be distributed to the local management board for Baltimore City and be used only for certain purposes;"; in line 13, after "7–302(e)(1)(i)" insert ", (3), and (4)(i)"; after line 15, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7–302(e)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

and in line 24, after "Section" insert "7–302(e)(6) and".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

"(3) **[**Civil**]** **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, CIVIL** penalties resulting from citations issued using a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system, school bus monitoring camera, bus lane monitoring system, or noise abatement monitoring system that are collected by the District Court shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and distributed in accordance with § 12–118 of the Transportation Article.

(4) (i) Except as provided in **[**paragraph (5)**]** **PARAGRAPHS (5) AND (6)** of this subsection, from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems, a political subdivision:

1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems; and

2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian or highway safety programs.

(6) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY BALTIMORE CITY OR THE DISTRICT COURT AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM, 50% SHALL BE:

(I) DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR BALTIMORE CITY; AND

(II) USED ONLY FOR PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH LIVING IN OR ATTENDING A SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.".

On page 3, in line 18, strike "Civil" and substitute "**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, CIVIL**"; and in line 24, strike "paragraph (5)" and substitute "**PARAGRAPHS (5) AND (6)**".

On page 4, after line 4, insert:

"**(6) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY BALTIMORE CITY OR THE DISTRICT COURT AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM, 50% SHALL BE:**

(I) DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR BALTIMORE CITY; AND

(II) USED ONLY FOR PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH LIVING IN OR ATTENDING A SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.".

On page 6, in line 16, after "**ZONE**" insert "**IN THE 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND**"; and in line 18, after "**ZONE**" insert "**IN THE 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**".

The preceding 3 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 707 – Senator Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows – Repeal of Time Limitation

SB0707/563426/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 707
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Repeal of**"; and in line 5, strike "on certain vehicles" and substitute "for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 17, strike "A" and substitute "**1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A**"; in line 19, strike the brackets; and after line 19, insert:

"**2. IF THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THAT THE OWNER'S MEDICAL CONDITION IS PERMANENT, A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALID INDEFINITELY.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 711 – Senator McKay

AN ACT concerning

Off–Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board – Establishment

SB0711/153628/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 711
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 4 and 5, strike "and review certain expenditures".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with the colon in line 10 down through "**ADVISE**" in line 11 and substitute "**ADVISE**".

On pages 3 and 4 strike beginning with the semicolon in line 13 on page 3 down through "**BOARD**" in line 5 on page 4.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 721 – Senator Henson

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 765 – Senators Zucker, Folden, Gallion, Smith, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Out–of–Home Placement Providers – Maximum Number of Children – Exemption

SB0765/793321/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 765
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "**Maximum**" in line 2 down through "**Exemption**" in line 3 and substitute "**Individuals Enrolled in Higher Education and Vocational Training Programs**"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "circumstances;" in line 8 and substitute "authorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education or a residential vocational training program to return to an out–of–home placement provider with whom the individual was previously placed under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of social services within a certain time period to return to an out–of–home placement provider under certain circumstances; requiring a local department to make a recommendation to the Department of Human Services regarding a certain request within a certain period; requiring the Department to make a determination regarding a local department's recommendation within a certain time period;"; and in line 8, strike "placement of children in" and substitute "return of individuals enrolled in higher education and vocational training programs to".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

"**(A) SUBSECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM MAY RETURN TO AN OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL WAS PREVIOUSLY PLACED IF:**";

in line 3, strike "**WHO**" and substitute "**THE INDIVIDUAL**"; in the same line, after "**INSTITUTION'S**" insert "**OR TRAINING PROGRAM'S**"; in line 4, after "**INSTITUTION**" insert "**OR TRAINING PROGRAM**"; in line 5, strike "**AND**"; in line 6, strike "**WHOSE**" and substitute "**THE INDIVIDUAL'S**"; in the same line, strike "**IN THE HOME**"; in line 7, strike "**CHILD**" and substitute "**INDIVIDUAL**"; in line 8, after "**AGENCY**" insert "**; AND**

(3) THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE INDIVIDUAL'S REQUEST TO RETURN TO THE OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER";

and after line 8, insert:

"**(B) (1) TO RETURN TO AN OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER WITH WHOM AN INDIVIDUAL WAS PREVIOUSLY PLACED DURING A SCHEDULED BREAK OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL MAKE A REQUEST TO A LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO RETURN TO THE OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED BREAK.**

(2) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING A REQUEST MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION NOT LATER THAN 21 DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED BREAK.

(3) IF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVING AN INDIVIDUAL'S REQUEST TO RETURN TO AN OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER DURING A SCHEDULED BREAK, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A DETERMINATION REGARDING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION NOT LATER THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED BREAK.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 828 – Senator Smith

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

SB0828/153324/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 828
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 2, strike "**Guidelines**" and substitute "**Access, Guidance,**"; in line 4, after "of" insert "prohibiting certain schools, libraries, and units of State government that operate at certain sensitive locations from allowing certain federal personnel to access certain areas, subject to certain exceptions;"; in the same line, strike "guidelines relating to" and substitute "guidance regarding"; in line 5, after "locations;" insert "requiring the Attorney General to develop guidance regarding individuals interacting with certain federal personnel;"; in the same line, strike "State agencies" and substitute "certain schools, libraries, and units of State government"; strike beginning with "that" in line 5 down through "policies;" in line 7 and substitute "to adopt policies consistent with certain guidance;"; and after line 8, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–104.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

"**Article – Criminal Procedure**

2–104.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SENSITIVE LOCATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–111 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(2) A PUBLIC SCHOOL, A PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT OPERATES AT A SENSITIVE LOCATION SHALL DENY ACCESS TO ANY PORTION OF THE SENSITIVE LOCATION THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SEEKING ACCESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW, UNLESS:

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTS A VALID WARRANT ISSUED BY A

FEDERAL COURT OR A COURT OF THE STATE; OR

(II) EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST.".

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 down through line 11 on page 3 and substitute:

"**(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SENSITIVE LOCATION" MEANS:**

(1) A PUBLIC SCHOOL;

(2) A PUBLIC LIBRARY;

(3) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OPERATED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT;

(4) A FACILITY OPERATED BY THE COMPTROLLER;

(5) A COURTHOUSE; OR

(6) ANY OTHER LOCATION THAT:

(I) PROVIDES STATE–FUNDED SERVICES RELATED TO:

1. PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH;

2. EDUCATION; OR

3. SHELTER CARE; AND

(II) AS DETERMINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, REQUIRES SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

(B) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH GUIDANCE REGARDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AT SENSITIVE LOCATIONS THAT INFORMS THE PUBLIC AND RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES ABOUT:

(I) THE LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL IMMIGRATION

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AT SENSITIVE LOCATIONS; AND

(II) THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS ON STATE AGENCIES THAT AFFECT THE AGENCIES' ABILITY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW WHILE MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY.

(C) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH GUIDANCE REGARDING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO INTERACT WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ACTING TO ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.

(D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT OPERATES AT A SENSITIVE LOCATION SHALL IMPLEMENT A POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) THE GUIDANCE AND POLICIES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 10, SUBTITLES 1, 2, AND 3 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike beginning with "is" in line 12 down through "enacted" in line 16 and substitute "shall take effect June 1, 2025".

The preceding 3 amendments were read only.

Senator Smith moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably:

Senate Bill 834 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers – Prices Listed on Dealer Websites

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 432 – The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Charles, Ellis, Henson, Hettleman, King, and West

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Records – Expungement and Maryland Judiciary Case Search (Expungement Reform Act of 2025)

SB0432/713223/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 432
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**and West**" and substitute "**West, Smith, Waldstreicher, Love, Muse, and Sydnor**"; strike beginning with "determine" in line 8 down through the second "restitution" in line 9 and substitute "make certain determinations in relation to a petition to expungement, under certain circumstances"; and in line 15, after "(8)" insert "and (e)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

"(e) (1) If the State's Attorney files a timely objection to the petition, the court shall hold a hearing.

(2) If the court at the hearing finds that the person is entitled to expungement, the court shall order the expungement of all police records and court records about the charge.

(3) If the court finds that the person is not entitled to expungement, the court shall deny the petition.

(4) The person is not entitled to expungement if:

(i) except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, the petition is based on the entry of probation before judgment, except a probation before judgment for a crime where the act on which the conviction is based is no longer a crime, and the person within 3 years after the entry of the probation before judgment has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or a crime where the act on which the conviction is based is no longer a crime;

(ii) the petition is based on the entry of probation before judgment for a violation of § 21–902(a) or (b) of the Transportation Article and the person within 15 years after the entry of the probation before judgment has:

1. been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or a crime where the act on which the conviction is based is no longer a crime; or

2. received probation before judgment for a violation of § 21–902 of the Transportation Article; or

(iii) the person is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding.

(5) IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE PERSON IS ENTITLED TO EXPUNGEMENT, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE:

(I) THE PERSON'S SUCCESS AT PROBATION, PAROLE, OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION; AND

(II) WHETHER THE PERSON HAS PAID ANY MONETARY RESTITUTION ORDERED BY THE COURT IN THE ORIGINAL PROCEEDING OR DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY THE RESTITUTION.".

On page 6, in line 21, strike "**COURT–ORDERED PROBATION**" and substitute "**PROBATION, PAROLE, OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION**".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 9, strike "**§ 8–610,**"; and in line 10, strike "**§ 9–408, § 9–501, § 9–502,**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, in line 12, strike "January 1" and substitute "January 31".

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Smith, Chair, for the Committee on Judicial Proceedings reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 586 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Methodist Church Trust Requirement – Repeal

SB0586/593128/1
BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 586
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "– **Repeal**" and substitute "**Repeal and Disaffiliation Requirements**"; in line 8, after "Church;" insert "providing that a local church that disaffiliates from the United Methodist Conference shall retain ownership of its real property, subject to a certain reimbursement requirement;"; after line 14, insert:

"BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–326
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)";

and in line 18, strike "5–326" and substitute "5–327".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

"**5–326.**

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL CHURCH MAY DISAFFILIATE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE AND RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF ITS PROPERTY.

(B) A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH SHALL REIMBURSE THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, OR IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE SHALL PROVIDE A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH WITH A FULL AND TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTING OF ALL FUNDS THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH FROM WHICH THE AMOUNT OF THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) SHALL BE DETERMINED.

(2) A DISAFFILIATING LOCAL CHURCH MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FOR ANY AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, OR RENOVATION OF REAL PROPERTY MADE BY THE LOCAL CHURCH.";

and in line 26, strike "5–326" and substitute "5–327".

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator King moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 186 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License – Prohibited Regulations

SB0186/513024/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 186
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Bailey**" and substitute "**Senators Bailey and Mautz**"; strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute "**Natural Resources – Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program**"; strike beginning with "prohibiting" in line 4 down through "license" in line 7 and substitute "establishing the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program to curb the spread of the invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and generally relating to the establishment of the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program"; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 15 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) The Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Invasive Catfish Advisory Committee, shall establish the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program.

(b) The purpose of the Pilot Program is to curb the spread of the invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

(c) The Pilot Program consists of:

(1) the For–Hire/Commercial Blue Catfish Program;

(2) the Mid– and Lower–Bay Blue Catfish Trotline Program; and

(3) any other program that the Department determines to be effective in curbing the spread of blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

(d) (1) Under the For–Hire/Commercial Blue Catfish Program, the Department may:

(i) authorize eligible participants to run for–hire and commercial fishing trips simultaneously; and

(ii) make any regulatory or administrative changes it believes will increase the commercial harvest of blue catfish.

(2) (i) Under the Mid– and Lower–Bay Blue Catfish Trotline Program, the Department shall authorize the use of finfish trotlines south of the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge to the maximum extent feasible to harvest blue catfish.

(ii) The Department may restrict the areas south of the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge where finfish trotlines may be used to harvest blue catfish based on potential bycatch, user conflicts, or other issues it considers relevant.

(e) In implementing the Pilot Program, the Department shall consider for the harvest of blue catfish:

(1) authorizing the use of electrofishing;

(2) authorizing the use of finfish trotlines of up to 2,400 feet in length;

(3) eliminating any limits on the number of hooks used on a finfish trotline; and

(4) authorizing the use of hooks that are not corrodible.

(f) The Department shall:

(1) expand the use of practices determined to be effective under the Pilot Program throughout the duration of the Pilot Program; and

(2) continue to implement and update the Pilot Program until the termination date of this Act.

(g) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on its findings and recommendations under the Pilot Program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency

measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2026, and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 335 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Canada Geese – Bag Limits

SB0335/773425/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 335
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Baile**y" and substitute "**Senators Bailey and Mautz**"; and in line 4, after "in" insert "certain areas of".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 23, after "**(C)**" insert "**(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN:**

(I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;

(II) FREDERICK COUNTY;

(III) GARRETT COUNTY;

(IV) WASHINGTON COUNTY; AND

(V) THE PORTION OF CARROLL COUNTY GEOGRAPHICALLY WEST OF ROUTE 31 AND ROUTE 97.

(2)".

On page 2, in line 7, after "2025." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 363 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation – Oyster Shucking House Loan Program

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 375 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Roosters – Restrictions

SB0375/673720/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 375
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Agriculture – Roosters**" and substitute "**Crimes Relating to Animals**"; in the same line, after "**Restrictions**" insert "**on Keeping Roosters**"; in line 3, strike "unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture" and substitute "beginning on a certain date"; in line 4, after "a" insert "rooster movement–constrained through the use of a certain enclosure or tether"; strike beginning with the second "certain" in line 4 down through "date" in line 5; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 5 down through "Act;" in line 7; in line 10, strike "Agriculture" and substitute "Criminal Law"; in line 11, strike "3–105.2" and substitute "10–608.1"; in line 13, strike "(2016" and substitute "(2021"; and strike in their entirety lines 21 and 22 and substitute:

"**Article – Criminal Law**

10–608.1.".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

"**(2) "ENCLOSURE" MEANS A STRUCTURE USED FOR CONFINEMENT, INCLUDING A WIRE CAGE OR AN ITEM TRADITIONALLY USED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE SUCH AS A WATER TANK OR PLASTIC BARREL, THAT:**

(I) IS USED TO PROVIDE LONG–TERM HOUSING FOR ONE ADULT ROOSTER; AND

(II) PREVENTS INTERACTION WITH OTHER ROOSTERS.";

in lines 3 and 7, strike "**(2)**" and "**(3)**", respectively, and substitute "**(3)**" and "**(4)**", respectively; in lines 4, 5, 14, 16, and 19, in each instance, strike "**A**" and substitute "**A**"; in lines 8 and 10, in each instance, strike "**IS**" and substitute "**IS**"; in line 9, strike "**HAS**" and substitute "**HAS**"; in line 12, strike "**COMMERCIAL**" and substitute "**COMMERCIAL**"; in line 13, strike "**THIS ARTICLE**" and substitute "**THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE**"; in line 17, strike "**AN**" and substitute "**AN**"; in line 18, strike "**OR**"; in line 23, strike "**MEMBERSHIP**"

and substitute "**MEMBERSHIP**"; and in line 25, strike "**AUTHORIZATION**" and substitute "**AUTHORIZATION**".

On page 3, in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, in each instance, strike "**THE**" and substitute "**THE**"; strike beginning with "**MORE**" in line 1 down through "**25**" in line 2; in line 8, after "**KEPT**" insert "**; OR**

(6) A PERSON IF, ON REQUEST OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, AN OFFICER OF A COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, OR A POLICE OFFICER, THE PERSON PROVIDES IN WRITING PROOF THAT THE PERSON KEPT MORE ADULT HENS THAN ROOSTERS WITHIN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 6–MONTH PERIOD";

strike beginning with "**UNLESS**" in line 9 down through "**DEPARTMENT,**" in line 10; in line 11, strike "**AND KEPT**" and substitute "**MAY NOT KEEP A ROOSTER**"; strike beginning with "**MAY**" in line 12 down through "**PROPERTY**" in line 16; and strike beginning with "**A**" in line 24 down through "**SUBTITLE**" in line 27 and substitute:

"**(1) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.**

(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A WARNING;

(II) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO $500 PER ROOSTER; AND

(III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO $1,000 PER ROOSTER.

(3) THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED BY:

(I) ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; OR

(II) A LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURS".

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 3

through line 5 on page 4, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 449 – Senator Folden

AN ACT concerning

Frederick and Washington Counties – Bow Hunting – Openly Carrying Handguns

SB0449/393924/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 449
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Folden**" and substitute "**Frederick County Senators**".

The preceding amendment was read only.

Senator Benson moved that the Bill and Amendments be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 718 – Senator Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws – 2025 Edition – Legalization

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 946 – Senators Carozza, Hester, and McKay

AN ACT concerning

Endangered and Threatened Species – Incidental Taking – Bats

SB0946/103520/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 946
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4 in line 18, and on page 5 in lines 5 and 12, in each instance, after "**BAT,**" insert "**THE EASTERN SMALL–FOOTED BAT,**".

On page 4 in line 19, and on page 5 in lines 6 and 13, in each instance, strike "**TRICOLOR**" and substitute "**TRICOLORED**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 313 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Postelection Tabulation Audits – Risk–Limiting Audits

SB0313/983729/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 313
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after "election;" insert "authorizing a local board to conduct a risk–limiting audit of a local contest under certain circumstances;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 11, strike "**THE LOCAL BOARDS**" and substitute "**EACH LOCAL BOARD**"; in line 12, after "**VOTES**" insert "**IN EACH COUNTY**"; in line 14, after "**CONTEST;**" insert "**AND**"; strike beginning with "**AT**" in line 15 down through "**(III)**" in line 16; and in line 30, after "**MET**" insert "**OR THE CORRECT ELECTION OUTCOME IS ESTABLISHED**".

On page 5, strike beginning with "**CERTIFICATION**" in line 1 down through "**RESULTS**" in line 2 and substitute "**THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS TRANSMITS A CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF THE ELECTION RESULTS TO THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 11–503(A) OF THIS TITLE**"; in line 5, after "**(5)**" insert "**(I)**"; strike beginning with "**INCORRECT**" in line 6 down through the second "**AUDIT**" in line 11 and substitute "**INACCURATE, THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD, SHALL DIRECT THE RELEVANT BOARD OF CANVASSERS TO IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATE THE MATTER TO DETERMINE AN ACCURATE ELECTION RESULT.**

(II) THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL CONCLUDE THE INVESTIGATION WITHIN 3 DAYS.

(III) THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL CORRECT THE ELECTION RESULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.

(6) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE RISK–LIMITING AUDIT TO THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS AND THE STATE BOARD";

after line 15, insert:

"**(D) A LOCAL BOARD MAY CONDUCT A RISK–LIMITING AUDIT OF A LOCAL CONTEST AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOCAL BOARD.**";

and in line 16, strike "**(D)**" and substitute "**(E)**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 574 – Howard County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Howard County Board of Education – Board Member Terms and Compensation Commission

Ho. Co. 2–25

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 789 – Senator M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Hunger–Free Campus Grant Program – Alterations

SB0789/343127/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 789
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator M. Washington**" and substitute

"**Senators M. Washington, Attar, Augustine, and Brooks**"; strike beginning with "altering" in line 6 down through "Program;" in line 8; in line 12, strike "and 11–1703 through 11–1706" and substitute ", 11–1703, 11–1705, and 11–1706"; and in line 17, after "11–1702" insert "and 11–1704".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 7, strike "**(A)**"; in the same line, strike the brackets; strike beginning with "**YEARS**" in line 7 down through "**2026**" in line 8; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 12, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 813 – Howard County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Howard Community College – Board of Trustees, Meetings, and Contracts – Alterations

Ho. Co. 1–25

SB0813/383023/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 813
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike "every 2 years"; and strike beginning with "establishing" in line 9 down through "contract;" in line 11.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike the second set of brackets; strike beginning with "**HOWARD**" in line 3 down through "**DELEGATION**" in line 4; in line 5, after "(b)" insert

"**(1)**"; in lines 6 and 7, strike "(1)" and "(2)", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively; after line 8, insert:

"**(2) THE FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM:**

(I) FOUR MEMBERS; OR

(II) A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS ACTIVELY SERVING.";

in line 15, strike "**12 HOURS**" and substitute "**2 BUSINESS DAYS**"; in line 17, strike "**(1) EVERY**" and substitute "**AS PART OF ONGOING TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND AT LEAST EVERY**"; in line 18, strike "**ON THE PURPOSE OF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES**" and substitute "**SPECIFIC TO BOARD GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES**"; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 21, inclusive; in line 22, after "**(F)**" insert "**(1)**"; and after line 25, insert:

"**(2) THE BOARD SHALL REDACT ANY HUMAN RESOURCES OR PERSONNEL–RELATED FEEDBACK BEFORE ANY PUBLIC RELEASE OF SURVEY RESULTS.**".

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with "**(A)**" in line 27 on page 2 down through "**(C)**" in line 12 on page 3.

On page 3, in line 13, strike "**JULY 1, 2028**" and substitute "**A FACULTY UNION CONTRACT IS FINALIZED**".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably:

Senate Bill 885 – Carroll County Senators

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County Board of Education – Vacancy Procedures – Alterations

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 17

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 116 – Senator Lewis Young

AN ACT concerning

Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

SB0116/183621/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 116
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the comma in line 3 down through the comma in line 4; and in line 6, strike ", energy,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 in line 10, and on page 2 in line 19, in each instance, strike ", the Maryland Energy Administration,".

On page 1, in line 12, strike ", energy,".

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 8, inclusive; in line 10, strike "(3)" and substitute "(2)"; in the same line, after "Business" insert ", in consultation with industry experts,"; and in line 23, after "Commerce," insert "the Maryland Energy Administration,".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0116/183627/1
BY: Senator Ready

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 116
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "**Senator Lewis Young**" and substitute "**Senators Lewis Young and Ready**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 149 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025

SB0149/333728/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 149
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "**Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation – Total Assessed Cost of Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Study and Reports**"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 3 down through "Program;" in line 11 and substitute "requiring the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability to conduct a study to assess the total cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State and report certain findings on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Comptroller to report to certain committees on or before certain dates on the total assessed cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State based on the findings of a certain study; requiring the reports to include certain information and calculations;"; and

in line 12, strike "the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program" and substitute "greenhouse gas emissions in the State".

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 through line 7 on page 3.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 27, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 3 through 25, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 3 through line 19 on page 25, inclusive.

On page 25, after line 19, insert:

"(a) (1) The University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability, in coordination with the Comptroller and the Department of the Environment, shall conduct a study to assess the total cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State.

(2) On or before November 1, 2026, the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability shall report to the Comptroller and the Department of the Environment on the findings of the study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) On or before December 1, 2026, the Comptroller and the Department of the Environment shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the total assessed cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State based on the findings of the study conducted by the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The report required under subsection (b) of this section shall include:

(1) a summary of the various cost–driving effects of covered greenhouse gas emissions on the State, including effects on public health, natural resources, biodiversity, agriculture, economic development, flood preparedness and safety, and housing, and any other effect that the Comptroller and the Department of the Environment determine to be relevant;

(2) a categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and costs that are projected to be incurred by the State and its residents for each effect identified under item (1) of this subsection; and

(3) a categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and costs that are projected to be incurred by the State and its residents to mitigate the effects of covered greenhouse gas emissions during the covered period.

(d) On or before July 1, 2026, the Department of the Environment shall provide a status report, including preliminary findings, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0149/363026/1
BY: Senator Hester

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 149, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendments (SB0149/333728/1), in lines 4 and 5 of Amendment No. 1, strike "University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability" and substitute " Comptroller, in coordination with the Department of the Environment and the Department of Commerce,"; strike beginning with "on" in line 6 down through "report" in line 7; in line 8, after "before" insert "a"; in the same line, strike "dates" and substitute "date"; in line 9, after "study;" insert "authorizing the Comptroller to hire a consultant to conduct the study;"; and in the same line, strike "reports" and substitute "report".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendments, in line 1 of Amendment No. 2, strike "University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability" and substitute "Comptroller"; in line 2, strike "Comptroller" and substitute

"Department of Commerce,"; after line 3, insert:

"(2) The Comptroller may hire a consultant to conduct the study.";

strike in their entirety lines 4 through 7, inclusive; in line 8, after "Comptroller" insert ", Department of Commerce,"; and in lines 14 and 15, strike "by the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability".

On page 3 of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 2, after "period" insert "; and

(4) an economic analysis to determine whether there would be a cost passed on to taxpayers as a result of requiring each fossil fuel company that has a sufficient nexus to the State and emitted more than 1,000,000,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions globally between 1995 and 2024 to compensate the State for climate change"; and strike in their entirety lines 4 through 9, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read only.

Senator Hershey moved that the Bill and Amendment be laid over under the Rule.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Feldman, Chair, for the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment reported favorably with amendments:

Senate Bill 867 – Senator Hester

AN ACT concerning

Cyber Maryland Program – Revisions

SB0867/503922/1
BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 867
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 8 down through "year;" in line 9.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with "**FOR**" in line 25 down through the second "**TECHNOLOGY**" in line 26 and substitute "**TO ENHANCE CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING CYBERSECURITY FOR OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**".

On page 5, in line 12, strike "**SHALL**" and substitute "**MAY**"; in line 14, after "**SEEK**" insert "**ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCES TO INCLUDE**"; in line 15, strike "**PARTNERS**" and substitute "**SOURCES OTHER THAN THE STATE**"; in line 16, strike "**DOUBLE**" and substitute "**SUPPLEMENT**"; and in line 21, strike "shall" and substitute "**MAY**".

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 5 through line 10 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 8, strike beginning with "**(1)**" in line 22 down through "**QUALIFIES**" in line 30 and substitute "**THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS THAT ESTABLISH STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP**".

On page 9, after line 10, insert:

"(a) The Cyber Maryland Program, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Labor and the Cyber Maryland Board, shall report on cyber workforce program activities determined relevant by the Program through collaboration with relevant departments and entities, including:

(1) Employment Advancement Right Now Program;

(2) Pathways in Technology Early College High School;

(3) Cyber Public Service Scholarship;

(4) Maryland Technology Internship Program;

(5) Maryland Institute for Innovative Computing;

(6) Accelerating Cyber Careers Program;

(7) University of Maryland Baltimore County's Center for Cybersecurity;

(8) Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program; and

(9) Registered Apprenticeships in Cybersecurity.

(b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall capture the following data for each program:

(1) program outputs, such as the number of program participants served;

(2) program outcomes, such as the impact of or changes resulting from the program;

(3) the performance targets for program outputs and outcomes; and

(4) if possible, the return on program investments.

(c) On or before December 1, 2026, the Cyber Maryland Program, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Labor, shall submit the report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That";

in line 11, strike "(a) It" and substitute "it"; in the same line, after "that" insert ":

(1)";

in lines 13 and 14, strike "not exceed the following: (1)" and substitute "may be allocated to provide"; in line 14, strike the semicolon and substitute ", including clinics related to operational technology, that:

(i) are focused on ensuring individuals attain hands–on cybersecurity skills to protect critical infrastructure sectors including emergency services, water, elementary and secondary schools, health care, energy, small businesses, and nonprofit entities;

(ii) provide cyber awareness and training to customers;

(iii) perform cybersecurity assessments for customers;

(iv) provide recommendations for necessary remediations;

(v) install free or reduced–cost cybersecurity tools as part of the grant or at a reduced rate to the end customer; or

(vi) provide additional cybersecurity tasks as appropriate; and

(2) the balance of the Cyber Maryland Fund be used to implement initiatives approved by the Cyber Maryland Board, including strategies to support transitioning veterans, existing worker training, education for kindergarten through 12th grade students at summer camps, the Maryland Statewide Computing Alignment to Locate your Education Scale (SCALE) portal, a marketing campaign for the Cyber Maryland Brand to attract talent to the State, and others outlined in the statewide strategic plan required under § 11–1702(c)(4) of the Labor and Employment Article.".

On pages 9 and 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 9 through line 11 on page 10, inclusive.

On page 10, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 17, inclusive; and in line 19, strike "October" and substitute "July".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 32

Senate Bill 338 – Senators West, Hettleman, Salling, Sydnor, and Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 695 and Interstate 83

STATUS OF BILL: BILL IS ON SECOND READING AND OPEN TO AMENDMENT.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0338/123924/1

BY: Senator West

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 338
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 4, in line 3, after "**PLACE**" insert "**NOT MORE THAN THREE**"; in the same line, after "**SYSTEMS**" insert "**IN EACH DIRECTION**"; in line 6, strike "**FOUR**" and substitute "**TWO**"; in lines 7 and 17, in each instance, strike "**OPERATED**" and substitute "**IN OPERATION AT THE SAME TIME**"; in line 13, after "**PLACE**" insert "**NOT MORE THAN TWO**"; in the same line, after "**SYSTEMS**" insert "**IN EACH DIRECTION**"; in line 16, strike "**THREE**" and substitute "**ONE**"; and in the same line, strike "**SYSTEMS**" and substitute "**SYSTEM**".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0338/213327/1
BY: Senator Hayes

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 338
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after "County;" insert "requiring at least a certain percentage of fines collected in Baltimore County as a result of violations enforced by certain speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 to be distributed to the Transportation Trust Fund;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

"**3. FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83 IN BALTIMORE COUNTY OPERATED BY A STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTOR, AT LEAST 51% SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.**".

The preceding 2 amendments were withdrawn.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0338/813322/1
BY: Senator McCray

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 338
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 10, after line 32, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before June 1, 2030, the State Highway Administration shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the speed monitoring systems placed on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County in accordance with § 21–811 of the Transportation Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) any changes since the implementation of speed monitoring systems under Section 1 of this Act in:

(i) accident and fatality rates on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County; and

(ii) the number of repeat violations recorded by speed monitoring systems;

(2) any measurable improvements in driver awareness and compliance with posted speed limits at areas on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County where speed monitoring systems are operated;

(3) any unintended consequences including traffic congestion or an increase in the use of alternative routes;

(4) the gross revenue collected as a result of violations enforced by the

speed monitoring systems;

(5) the percentage of the gross revenue collected that has been used:

(i) to recover the cost of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems; and

(ii) for public safety purposes, including pedestrian or highway safety programs;

(6) whether revenue collected as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems has been sufficient to cover the costs specified under paragraph (5)(i) and (ii) of this subsection;

(7) how funds have been used for public safety purposes on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County;

(8) whether revenue collected has been supplemental to, and has not supplanted, existing State and local funds allocated for transportation;

(9) the percentage of issued citations that have been contested;

(10) the percentage of contested citations that were overturned or reduced;

(11) whether citations have consistently been issued within the time frames required under § 21–811(d)(4) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, and any required maintenance, calibration, and certification checks have been documented and performed as scheduled;

(12) whether there has been any pattern of citation errors or disputes regarding vehicle identification;

(13) whether speed monitoring systems have been consistently maintained and calibrated in accordance with § 21–811(b)(7) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(14) whether the locations that have been identified as being at high risk for motor vehicle crashes that result in serious bodily injury or death have changed since the implementation of the speed monitoring systems;

(15) whether speed monitoring systems have been relocated as a result of any changes under item (14) of this subsection, or any changes in traffic patterns;

(16) whether the speed limit thresholds under § 21–811(b)(4) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act have effectively influenced driver behavior;

(17) any issues with speed monitoring system visibility, signage, or technical malfunctions;

(18) whether there have been any formal complaints or legal challenges to the implementation of speed monitoring systems under Section 1 of this Act;

(19) any privacy or data security concerns that have arisen from the handling of recorded images or citation data;

(20) any significant delays in processing citations or appeals;

(21) whether any public safety improvements intended to be funded as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems have been completed on schedule and within budget; and

(22) any disparities in the number of citations issued as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems on different communities or demographic groups in the State.".

On page 11, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Senator West moved to make the Bill a Special Order for the end of today's business.

The motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR NO. 33

Senate Bill 544 – Senator Bailey

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

STATUS OF BILL: QUESTION IS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS (2) OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR BY SENATOR ELLIS.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0544/863926/1
BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, strike "otherwise".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, in line 27, strike "**OTHERWISE**" and substitute "**:**

(I) OTHERWISE";

and in line 28, after "**SECTION**" insert "**; AND**

(II) IS PLACED AT LEAST 25 FEET FROM ANY WATER SOURCE, INCLUDING A WELL".

The preceding 2 amendments were withdrawn.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

SB0544/983222/1
BY: Senator Jennings

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 544
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, strike "otherwise".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, strike "**OTHERWISE**" and substitute "**:**

(I) OTHERWISE";

and in line 28, after "**SECTION**" insert "**; AND**

(II) IS PLACED AT LEAST 25 FEET FROM A WELL".

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

MOTION

Senator Lam moved that the Senate receive in Open Session the following Report for the Committee on Executive Nominations.

The motion was adopted.

March 13, 2025

Report No. 5

Senator Lam, Chair for the Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

Clarence K. Lam
Chair

Senate Executive Nominations Committee
Report No. 5
March 12, 2025

Correction, Commissioner of

1. John Phillip Morgan — District 1

Commissioner of Correction; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Maryland Cannabis Administration

2. Tabatha Robinson NY

Director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Accountability and Implementation Board

3. William English Kirwan District 19

Member of the Accountability and Implementation Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 2, 2024

4. Jennifer M. Lynch District 44

Member of the Accountability and Implementation Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 2, 2024

5. Justin K. Robinson District 23

Member of the Accountability and Implementation Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 2, 2024

Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

6. Brittney Drakeford District 47

Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Education, State Board of

7. O'Marie Barnes District 26

Student Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve a term of 1 year from July 1, 2025

Environmental Service, Maryland

8. Sean Linn Coleman District 44

Member of the Maryland Environmental Service; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Hate Crime Response and Prevention, Commission on

9. Kirsten Gettys Downs District 41

Member of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; appointed to serve a term of 2 years ending December 31, 2026

Higher Education Commission, Maryland

10. Kathleen C. Bands, Ph.D. District 4

Member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

11. Sarah Otwey District 2

Student Member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; appointed to serve a term of 1 year from July 1, 2025

12. Narcisa Antonia Polonio District 24

Member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board

13. Jonathan Aguilar District 43

Student Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

14. Sabrina Harris District 40

Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

15. Isabelle John District 43

Student Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

16. Sumana Kondle District 45

Student Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 1 year from June 1, 2025

17. Natasha OrtizFortier District 43

Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

18. Daniel Webster District 16

Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

Judicial Disabilities, Commission on

19. Linda Hefler Lamone District 30

Member of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

Juvenile Services Education Board

20. Yolanda Boyd Holloway District 37

Member of the Juvenile Services Education Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, State

21. E. Randolph Marriner District 9

Member of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from October 1, 2022

22. Nicholas Mosby District 40

Member of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from October 1, 2024

Morgan State University Board of Regents

23. Swati Agrawal District 16

Member of the Morgan State University Board of Regents; reappointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

24. Julissa Ferreras District 11

Member of the Morgan State University Board of Regents; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

25. John Wayman Henry, III NJ

Member of the Morgan State University Board of Regents; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Public Defender, Board of Trustees of the Office of the

26. Christine B. DuFour District 37

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024

27. Michael Gambrill District 41

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from June 1, 2025

28. Justin Hollimon District 8

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024

29. Chantal Marcelle Joseph District 23

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from June 1, 2025

30. Kerri Lee Smith District 8

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024

31. Aidan Smith District 43

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from June 1, 2024

Social Work Examiners, State Board of

32. Stephen Michael Liggett–Creel District 12

Member of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Transportation Authority, Maryland

33. Maricela Cordova District 19

Member of the Maryland Transportation Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors

34. Janet Saunders Currie District 27

Member of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from June 2, 2025

University System of Maryland Board of Regents

35. Rayne E. Rivera–Forbes District 26

Student Member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

36. Dana Stebbins District 23

Member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Washington Suburban Transit Commission

37. Daborah Lockhart Jarvis District 16

Member of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

African American History and Culture, Commission on

S–1. Dina Gomes Daly District 37

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–2. Walter H. Gill District 32

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–3. Gina Marie Lewis District 26

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

S–4. Jyoti Mohan District 42

Member of the Commission on African American History and Culture; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission

S–5. Serena Mcllwain District 40

Member of the Appalachian States Low–Level Radioactive Waste Commission; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from May 7, 2025

Assistive Technology Loan Program Board of Directors

S–6. Dominique Sessa District 38

Member of the Assistive Technology Loan Program Board of Directors; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists, State Board of Examiners for

S–7. Valerie Hooper District 10

Member of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Boiler Rules, Board of

S–8. Jennifer Bullock District 39

Member of the Board of Boiler Rules; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

S–9. Jeffrey Byron Pope District 5

Member of the Board of Boiler Rules; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority

S–10. Colleen Taylor Peterson District 1

Member of the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2024

S–11. Ashli Renee Workman District 1

Member of the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2022

Certified Interior Designers, State Board of

S–12. Nichole McCollum District 11

Member of the State Board of Certified Interior Designers; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Civil Rights, Commission on

S–13. Jeffrey Rosen District 19

Member of the Commission on Civil Rights; reappointed to serve a term of 6 years from July 1, 2025

Clean Energy Center, Board of Directors for the Maryland

S–14. Benjamin Link District 41

Member of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Clean Energy Center; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S–15. Jerry Sanford District 20

Member of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Clean Energy Center; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–16. Karen Gayle Wayland District 37

Member of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Clean Energy Center; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Consumer Council

S–17. Stephanie Lashawn Baker District 8

Member of the Consumer Council; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2024

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

S–18. Scott Kurlander District 11

Member of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Education, State Board of

S–19. Xiomara V. Medina District 32

Member of the State Board of Education; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Elections, State Board of

S–20. Yaakov "Jake" Weissmann District 33

Member of the State Board of Elections; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Electricians, State Board of

S–21. Leaurdra Raye District 34

Member of the State Board of Electricians; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Environmental Health Specialists, State Board of

S–22. John Anthony Boris, Jr. District 30

Member of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Food Center Authority, Maryland

S–23. Monica Eleonora Lapenta District 43

Member of the Maryland Food Center Authority; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Foresters, State Board of

S–24. Jack Lee Perdue District 36

Member of the State Board of Foresters; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from July 1, 2025

Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors, State Board of

S–25. Kabir Abiodun Ahmed District 40

Member of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; appointed to serve remainder of term of 3 years from January 1, 2024

S–26. Robert Parker District 1

Member of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from January 1, 2025

Heritage Areas Authority, Maryland

S–27. Tara Balfe Clifford District 30

Member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

Infants and Toddlers, Interagency Coordinating Council for

S–28. Deborah Golant Badawi District 43

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–29. Jennifer K. Barrett District 2

MD Insurance Commissioner of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–30. Doreen Conca Engel District 19

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–31. Stanley Alexander Forbes District 30

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–32. Ruth Getachew District 46

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

S–33. Kristian McElroy District 9

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–34. Koryne Carroll Nnoli District 34

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–35. Janelle Parker District 37

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of years from July 1, 2025

S–36. Laura Jane Pearce District 7

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–37. Erin Renee Simmons District 24

Member of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board

S–38. Elizabeth Hazel, Ph.D. District 40

Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; reappointed to serve term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

S–39. Edward Kangethe District 45

Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; reappointed to serve a term of 2 years from January 1, 2025

S–40. Yuli Wang District 43

Student Member of the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board; appointed to serve a term of 1 year from June 1, 2025

Juvenile Services Education Board

S–41. Darryl Armfield Kelley District 27

Member of the Juvenile Services Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–42. Andrae Townsel District 27

Member of the Juvenile Services Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland 9–1–1 Board

S–43. Dawn Blanchard District 33

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–44. Marcia Lynn Deppen District 34

Member of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission

S–45. Laura Merritt NY

Member of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term for the duration of the appointive body from October 1, 2024

Plumbing, State Board of

S–46. Joseph Anthony Radtka District 31

Member of the State Board of Plumbing; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from May 1, 2025

Potomac River Fisheries Commission

S–47. Gregory Philip Gwaltney District 30

Member of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from January 1, 2025

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S–48. Jennifer Bishoff District 1

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–49. Janill Ayana Bobbitt District 41

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–50. Sean Bulson District 7

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S–51. Dionne Nicole Curbeam District 45

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Public Defender, Board of Trustees of the Office of the

S–52. Mandeep Singh Chhabra District 33

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from June 1, 2025

Public Employee Relations Board

S–53. Jennifer Epps District 24

Member of the Public Employee Relations Board; appointed to serve a term of 2 years from July 1, 2025

Public Information Act Compliance Board, State

S–54. Nivek Musheer Malik Johnson District 36

Member of the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; reappointed to serve a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board

S–55. Daniel Pierce Buck, Jr. District 4

Member of the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission

S–56. Brooke Hayden District 37

Member of the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–57. Stephanie Pazzaglia District 36

Member of the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–58. Daniel Nelson Worrell District 38

Member of the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of

S–59. Monica C. Maa District 27

Member of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; appointed to serve a term of 5 years from June 1, 2025

Wellmobile Program Advisory Board, Governor's

S–60. Kennedi Riley District 11

Member of the Governor's Wellmobile Program Advisory Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from October 1, 2024

Women, Maryland Commission for

S–61. Judy A. Carbone District 1

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–62. Gabriela Diana Lemus District 20

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–63. Fiona Oliphant District 16

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–64. Stacey Rebbert District 34

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S–65. LaShaune Stitt District 11

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

Senator Lam moved to make the Report a Special Order for March 14, 2025.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 493)

SENATE THIRD READING CALENDAR NO. 37 (GENERAL SENATE BILLS)

Senate Bill 46 – ~~Senator Watson~~ Senators Watson, Charles, Folden, James, Jennings, Lewis Young, McKay, Ready, Salling, A. Washington, ~~and West~~ West, Attar, and C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

~~Criminal Law – Fraud – Possession of Residential Real Property~~
Real Property – Wrongful Detainer Actions

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 44 Negative – 1 (See Roll Call No. 494)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 63 – Senator Muse

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans

Senator King moved to make the Bill a Special Order for March 14, 2025.

Senate Bill 107 – **Senator Sydnor**

AN ACT concerning

Evidence – Interception of Oral Communications – Fair Housing Testing

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 28 Negative – 18 (See Roll Call No. 495)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 181 – ~~**Senator Hettleman**~~ **Senators Hettleman, Charles, Henson, Love, Muse, Smith, Sydnor, and West**

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Geriatric and Medical Parole

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 36 Negative – 10 (See Roll Call No. 496)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 648 – **Senators Muse ~~and Charles~~, Charles, Henson, James, Love, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, and West**

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment

Senator Smith moved to make the Bill a Special Order for March 14, 2025.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill 844 – ~~**Senator Hershey**~~ **Senators Hershey and Lam**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Self–Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien – Notice Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 45 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 497)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 929 – Senators Brooks, West, and Muse

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Mail–In Ballot Accessibility

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 35 Negative – 11 (See Roll Call No. 498)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 956 – Senator West

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Medicare Supplement Policies – ~~Broker~~ Insurance Producer Commission

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 46 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 499)

The Bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

PURIM REMARKS GIVEN BY SENATOR KRAMER

Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I have the honor of having been asked by my friends in the Jewish Caucus to mention that tonight is the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

And to quickly give a background as to why this is such an important holiday. I'll ask you to indulge me for a moment while we step back from the grind of these waning days here before crossover and step into the wayback machine where we are landing five centuries before the common era to a time when the then–great nation of Persia was growing and dominating much of the world, particularly throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East.

Persia was ruled by a king in the Old Testament referred to as King Ahasuerus, whom many of you know as Xerxes I. This was a time where the rule of Persia had swallowed the ancient homeland of the Jewish people and now, they were under the rule of the Persians. The King Ahasuerus named a Prime Minister. The Prime Minister came from a sect of idol

worshippers, which was still a big thing in the day. He also wore, to show the support of this sect, an idol attached to his clothing. He was a virulent Jew hater because the Jews were not idol worshippers. They believed in the one true God. In Jewish culture growing up as a child, whenever you heard the story and the name Haman was mentioned, you boo. He's the bad guy in the story. When he became Prime Minister, Haman demanded that when he was seen in public, everyone bow down before him.

Now, we have the heroes of this story: Mordechai and his cousin, Esther. Mordechai was a Jew, Esther a Jew. Mordechai was her older cousin who raised her. King Ahasuerus, being the sexist pig that he was, demanded at a gathering that his then current wife Queen Vashti perform before his guests wearing nothing other than her crown.

To her credit, Queen Vashti refused. For that, she was executed. Now, King Ahasuerus wanted a new queen. He demanded that every woman in the kingdom be brought before him to determine his new queen. Mordechai complied and brought his cousin Esther to the capital where the king determined she was beautiful and would be his next queen. He took Esther as his queen not knowing that she was a Jew.

Meanwhile, Mordechai was outside the gates of the King's palace. Mordechai overheard a conversation amongst a couple of the King's closest allies discussing how they were going to assassinate him. Mordechai shared that with Esther, who was now to become queen; she shared it with the king and the two alleged plotters were executed. The King was very grateful for that.

Now, we have Haman in public demanding people bow down before him. He went past Mordechai, who had just shared with Esther about the assassination plot, and Mordechai, seeing this idol on Haman's clothing, refused to bow before him. Haman was incensed. He went to the King and stated that obviously these Jews are rebel rousers and a problem. He asked the King to order a proclamation for every Jew under the control of Persia to be executed. The King agreed. Word got back to Mordechai, who in turn went to Esther and said "Esther, this is happening." In fact, Haman cast lots to determine the date the Jews would be executed, hence the word "Purim" in the festival. In Hebrew, it means to cast lots. That's where the name originated.

Haman cast lots and the day was determined. Esther, who was not permitted to approach the King unless told to do so, boldly went to the King. Esther let the King know she was going to be executed. The King was infuriated and said, "nobody is going to touch you." She said, "I am a Jew. And you placed an order for all Jews to die." He had not paid attention as he should have, and it was revealed that Haman had brought this order to him.

He had built gallows for Mordechai, who would not bow to Haman, out in the courtyard. The King ordered that Haman be hung from those gallows, not Mordechai, because he loved his wife, Queen Esther. He named Mordechai, who had tipped off the plotted assassination attempt, as the new Prime Minister.

But the twist to the story is that once that order had been given, it could not be rescinded. The King extended an order that the Jews were permitted to arm themselves and defend

themselves against the onslaught. It was Haman's sect of idol worshippers, including his ten sons, who set upon the Jews in Persia to kill them. But the Jews were now armed and defeated and killed the entire sect, including all of Haman's sons.

This, my friends, is a story of hope and redemption. We, not just as Jews, but as everyone, can look at this story and say wherever there are oppressed people, there is hope. That is why this story has been celebrated for centuries. I can assure you there is no people on this planet who crave peace more than Jews who have suffered through very similar incidents like this for centuries.

I hope and pray that in my time we will see peace in the Middle East, where everyone can enjoy their freedom to be who they are and pray as they choose.

Colleagues, tomorrow you are all welcome to come to the Cade Room at 9AM to share in the tasty treat served on Purim, called a Hamantasch (named for Haman). It is a three–sided pastry, and it is done in the shape of the hat that Haman would wear in public.

Colleagues let's celebrate Purim and always fight oppression and God bless. Thank you, Mr. President.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION GIVEN BY SENATOR HENSON

Women's History Remarks – Senate Floor 2025

Mr. President, esteemed colleagues, and guests,

Today, I rise to honor a trailblazer in Maryland's legal and civil rights history—Juanita Jackson Mitchell. In 1950, Juanita Jackson Mitchell became the first Black woman admitted to the Maryland Bar—a monumental achievement in a time when Black women faced significant racial and gender barriers in the legal profession.

Her courage and resilience in breaking both racial and gender barriers paved the way for future generations of women, especially women of color, to enter law and public service.

Mitchell was not just a pioneer in the legal field; she was also a powerful advocate for justice, equality, and civil rights. As an attorney for the NAACP, she fought tirelessly for voting rights, educational access, and equal housing opportunities.

She understood the intersection of race and gender, and her work directly improved the lives of women in Maryland, empowering them to demand their rightful place in society.

Her influence extended far beyond the courtroom—Mitchell helped organize voter registration drives and led legal challenges to discriminatory practices, ensuring that Black women could fully participate in the democratic process.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us remember Juanita Jackson Mitchell not

only for her courage as a legal trailblazer but also for her unwavering commitment to women's rights and her lasting impact on future generations of women leaders.

Thank you.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 44 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 500)

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:15 P.M. on motion of Senator King the Senate adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Legislative Day February 25, 2025, Calendar Day, Friday, March 14, 2025.