



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2025 Session.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 2025

HB 1 Delegate Ebersole, et al

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

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 2-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 2 Delegate Stewart**ANNOTATED CODE – TERMINOLOGY – CLERGY AND CHURCHES, FAITH INSTITUTIONS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Altering certain terminology throughout the Annotated Code that refers to a clergyman to refer to a member of the clergy and churches to refer to faith institutions and places of worship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 3 Delegate Bagnall**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Clarifying the definition of “physical therapist assistant” as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, §§ 13-101(g), 13-202(a)(1) through (3) and (c), and 13-311(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 5 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOFTWARE**

Defining “computer-generated image” to include images created through the use of artificial intelligence software as the term pertains to provisions of law related to child pornography.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 11-208 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 6 Delegates Fair and Pruski**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – PROPERTY APPRAISAL AIDS – GEOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to prepare, install, and maintain certain appraisal aids that consist of a database of statewide and local geographic images; requiring the Department of General Services to procure for the State a uniform system needed for the installation and upkeep of the appraisal aids; and requiring each county and Baltimore City to reimburse the State for 100% of costs of the data base less than \$1,000,000 and 50% of the costs over \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 2-106(b) and (c) and 2-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 7 Delegates Boyce and Stewart**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES – OPERATION AT INTERSECTIONS**

Authorizing a person operating a bicycle that is approaching a stop sign at an intersection on a highway with two or fewer lanes for moving traffic 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 any vehicle in the intersection or any approaching vehicle on another highway that is near enough to the intersection to pose an immediate danger

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-707 and 21-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 8 Delegate Harrison**PUBLIC HEALTH – FOOD AND MILK PRODUCT LABELING – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, beginning July 1, 2026, certain food manufacturers, processors, and retailers to use certain terms regarding the quality or safety date on labels of food items manufactured for human consumption; prohibiting, beginning on July 1, 2026, a person from selling, or offering for sale, food items manufactured for human consumption with a certain label or that do not meet certain labeling requirements; requiring the creation of an educational program to inform consumers about the meaning of certain dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 21-328.1 - added and § 21-424 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 9 Delegate Charkoudian**PUBLIC SAFETY – FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL – DEFINITIONS AND REPORTS**

Altering certain definitions related to the Food Resiliency Council; defining what constitutes “healthy food priority areas” as predominantly lower-income areas that have limited access to retail outlets that sell, affordable, healthy foods, and defining “wasted food” as not used for its intended purpose that is managed in a variety of ways; and repealing certain outdated reporting provisions and updating ongoing reporting provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 14-1101 and 14-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 10 Delegate Crosby**HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Authorizing a postsecondary institution to contact, on request of an applicant for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program, the Department of Veterans and Military Families to verify the disability status of the veteran.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 18-601(f) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 11 Delegate Sample–Hughes

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

Repealing the June 30, 2025 termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier’s provider panel; requiring that a certain referral procedure required to be established and implemented by certain carriers require the carrier to provide certain assistance to a member in identifying and arranging coverage for a specialist or nonphysician specialist for treatment of mental health or substance use disorder services; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, § 15-830(d) and (e) and Chapters 271 and 272 of the Acts of 2022, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 12 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

CANNABIS – SALE AND DISTRIBUTION – TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL OFFENSES

Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10–108 of the Criminal Law Article; 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 1-313 and 6-207 - amended and § 36-1104 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 13 Delegate Ruff

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS OF SALE – BUYER PRIVACY RIGHTS

Prohibiting a contract of sale for single–family residential real property from containing the name of an individual buyer prior to acceptance of the contract of sale by the seller; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 10-715 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 14 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – THEFT – NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS AND VICTIMS’ REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring the prosecuting attorney of thefts of property or services with a value less than \$1,500 to notify the victim or the victim’s representative about each court proceeding, the right of the victim to submit a victim impact statement, any posttrial court proceedings, any appeal, and any sentence review related to the case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 11-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 15 Delegates Qi and Charkoudian**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS – AUTHORIZATION (MARYLAND LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT)**

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA and TG, Various Sections - amended and CA, §§ 1-502(g) and 4A-12A-01 through 4A-12A-22 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 16 Delegate Jackson**STATE DESIGNATIONS – SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – FREEDOM FLAG**

Designating the Freedom Flag, designed and created by Richard Nicholas Melito of Richmond, Virginia, to memorialize the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, as the State symbol of remembrance for the attacks of September 11.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-319 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 17 Delegate Atterbearry**INTERNET GAMING – AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate Internet gaming and the conduct of Internet gaming in the State; requiring an Internet gaming licensee to require individuals to provide proof of the registration in order to participate in Internet gaming; submitting the Act to a referendum; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, ED, LE, and SG, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-13 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 18 Delegate Palakovich Carr**VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS
PILOT PROGRAM – INSPECTION AND EXTENSION**

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, § 4-321 and Chapters 624 and 625 of the Acts of 2024, §§ 2 and 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSING – LOAN REPAYMENT, EDUCATION, AND SUNSET EXTENSION (BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES ACT OF 2025)

Altering the name of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to be the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and altering the purpose of the Program; altering certain education requirements for licensure in registered nursing and licensure by endorsement in registered nursing; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain period of time; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, HO, and Various Chapters, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 20 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – PRIORITIZATION (TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ACT OF 2025)

Altering the required elements of the Consolidated Transportation Program and Maryland Transportation Plan; requiring a certain advisory committee to advise the Department of Transportation on the Maryland Transportation Plan; requiring the Department to develop a certain project-based scoring system and solicit requests from certain entities for major surface transportation projects; requiring the Department to evaluate and score certain major surface transportation projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, §§ 2-103.1, 2-103.7, 2-203, 2-204(a) and (b), 2-205, 7-309(b), and 8-502 - amended and §§ 7-309(e) and 8-1101 through 8-1103 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 21 Delegate Addison**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS AND FALSE STATEMENTS**

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from issuing an arrest warrant to an individual other than a police officer or a State's Attorney; increasing the penalty for making a certain false statement or report to a certain governmental official or unit from 6 months to up to 3 years imprisonment; and retaining the maximum \$500 fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 2-607(c) and CR, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-618 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 23 Delegate Fair, et al**PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH A SUBCLASS AND SET A SPECIAL RATE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain commercial and industrial property and to set a special property tax rate for certain commercial and industrial property for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements or the approved budget of the county board of education; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 6-202.1 and 6-302 - amended and §§ 7-402, 9-112, and 9-275 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 24 Delegates Nawrocki and Szeliga**BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES – CONNECTION TO EXISTING MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITY**

Altering the authorized uses of a certain account of the Bay Restoration Fund to include the cost of connecting certain property using an on-site sewage disposal system to an existing municipal wastewater facility under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-1605.2(h) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 25 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**ENVIRONMENT – RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining “Reservoir Augmentation” as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; providing for the modification, renewal, denial, or revocation of a reservoir augmentation permit under the Program; and requiring certain revenues to be used for the operation and oversight of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 1-601(a), 9-301, and 9-320(b) and Chapters 122 and 123 of the Acts of 2023, § 3 - amended and EN, § 9-303.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 26 **Delegate Healey****PUBLIC SAFETY – MISSING PERSON REPORTS – COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION**

Requiring the Department of State Police to compile and report on its website by December 31 each year information on missing persons disaggregated by age, race, and reporting county and provide the number of resolved missing persons reports in the State; requiring a local law enforcement agency to provide information on missing person reports to the Department of State Police as required by the Department of State Police; and requiring the Department of State Police to adopt procedures for the collection of certain information.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 3-609 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, §§ 13-218, 14.5-708, 15-511(3), 15-523, 15-524(a), and 15-526(b)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 28 Delegate Bouchat**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT – REQUIREMENT TO ADOPT CHARTER HOME RULE**

Requiring each county to adopt a charter by December 31, 2031, using a certain procedure; altering the method by which a county shall adopt a charter under certain circumstances; requiring the charter to provide for the election of members of the county council by the voters of councilmanic districts; limiting the applicability of certain Constitutional provisions governing code home rule counties; and requiring the amendment proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for approval or rejection.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XI-A, § 1 - repealed and added and Art. XI-A, §§ 1A and 3A and Art. XI-F, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 29 Delegates T. Morgan and Crosby**ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS – INTERCHANGE FEES – CALCULATION AND USE OF DATA**

Requiring certain entities that process electronic payment transactions to exclude, under certain circumstances, the amount of tax and gratuity included in the electronic payment transaction from the amount on which an interchange fee is charged; requiring certain credit and debit card issuers to credit a merchant who provides certain documentation with the amount of the interchange fee charged on the amount of tax and gratuity included in an electronic payment transaction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, §§ 12-402 and 13-301(14)(xlv) - amended and §§ 12-405 and 13-301(14)(xlv) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 30 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE – QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 10-104 and 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 31 **Delegate Kaufman**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – POWERED WHEELCHAIRS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlvi) and 14-5001 through 14-5004 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 32 **Delegate Charkoudian**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – FORENSIC REVIEW BOARD AND COMMUNITY FORENSIC AFTERCARE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; requiring each forensic review board to review the eligibility for release of committed persons on a certain basis; establishing the Community Forensic Aftercare Program in the Department to monitor committed persons on conditional release in accordance with the recommendations of the committed person's mental health team; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 3-120.1 and HG, § 13-5501 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 33 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Service and Civic Innovation)**

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION – MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAYS – REVISIONS

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; and repealing the Executive Fellows Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 21-106(b)(5) and (8), 21-204(d)(6) and (7), 21-205, 21-206, 21-209, 21-301, and 21-302 - amended and § 21-306 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 34 **Delegate Allen**

SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE DAY – VETERANS’ DAY

Establishing November 11 as a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans; requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption; and providing that evidence of eligibility may consist of a valid driver’s license or government-issued identification card that includes a notation indicating that the individual is a veteran.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 11-246 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 35 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INCOME TAX BENEFIT TRANSFER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Income Tax Benefit Transfer Program within the Department of Commerce to allow eligible technology companies in the State with unused amounts of net operating loss subtraction modifications or income tax credits to transfer those tax benefits for use by other business taxpayers in the State to assist in funding expenses incurred by the eligible technology companies in connection with operations in the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Comptroller, to administer the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, §§ 6-1101 through 6-1106 - added and TG, § 10-721(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 36 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING SERVICES – PROGRAM REPEAL AND CONSOLIDATION**

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 enter into agreements and contracts, adopt regulations, and adopt policies and procedures to implement and coordinate services to older adults; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, Various Sections - repealed and amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 37 Delegate Vogel**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO ORGANIZE**

Establishing every person employed in the State of Maryland has the fundamental right to organize and collectively bargain concerning compensation, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment; prohibiting the State from, directly or indirectly, denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means; and providing that the Constitutional amendment proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State or adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 49 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 38 Delegate Moon**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING – SCHOOL ZONES AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCES**

Requiring each county board of education to submit a report by July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, on student residency and school zones to the Department of Planning and the Interagency Commission on School Construction; repealing the authorization of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to make an enrollment deduction under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a county's adequate public facilities ordinance from restricting housing developments for more than 4 years after enactment.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 and LU, § 7-106 - added and ED, § 5-303(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 39 Delegate Fair, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 18-601.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 40 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING LICENSES AND STAMPS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the fees for resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses, angler's licenses, and trout stamps; and 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

NR, §§ 4-216, 4-604, and 4-614 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY – PROCESS

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; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, § 4-102(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 42 Delegate Boyce**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SURCHARGE AND WASTED FOOD REDUCTION AND DIVERSION FUND AND GRANT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the On–Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement on–farm organics recycling and compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; establishing a solid waste disposal surcharge on the final disposal of solid waste in the State; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly yearly beginning December 31, 2027, on the grants awarded, and the impact on job creation, producers, and food waste prevention; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, EN, and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 43 Delegate J. Lewis**FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS GRANT PROGRAM – ACQUISITION OF LAND**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 24-1302 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 44 Delegate Wu**ELECTION LAW – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS**

Requiring circuit court judges to be elected on a nonpartisan basis; prohibiting a candidate for circuit court judge from being nominated by a political party or by petition; and requiring candidates to be nominated at the primary election in each year that one or more circuit court judges are to be elected.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 5-203, 5-703(a), 5-703.1(a), 5-706, and 9-210(a)(6) and (g) - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-905 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 45 Delegates Bagnall and Stein**DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT**

Entering into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizing a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing a Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in seven other states; and requiring the Department of Health to notify the Department of Legislative Services within 10 days after enactment of similar legislation by seven other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 4-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 46 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator’s designee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 13-4502(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 47 Delegates Szeliga and Sample–Hughes**SALES AND USE TAX – BABY PRODUCTS – EXEMPTION**

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain baby products to include certain toilet training and child safety items, furniture, strollers, textiles, foods, and baby monitors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, §§ 11-211(c) and 11-244 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 48 Delegate Healey, et al**RAILROAD COMPANIES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY – APPLICATION**

Establishing that certain authority of railroad companies to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 5-409 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 49 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING**

Altering an annual compliance fee paid by certain owners of covered buildings under certain circumstances to include the energy use attributable to the building's failure to meet certain energy targets; requiring certain regulations to include a certain annual reporting fee to cover certain costs; and requiring the Department of the Environment to deposit alternative compliance fees into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 2-1602(c) and SG, § 9-20B-05(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 50 Delegate Cardin**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SPOUSAL LIFETIME ACCESS TRUSTS**

Adding to the conditions under which an individual who creates a trust may not be considered the settlor of that trust with regard to the individual's interest in the trust; and providing that a creditor may not attach, exercise, reach, or otherwise compel distribution of certain trust assets.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14.5-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 51 Delegate Lehman, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF LOCAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS
– REQUIRED NOTICE**

Requiring a local news organization, at least 120 days before the organization is sold, to provide written notice to certain employees affected by the sale, the Maryland Department of Labor, the governing body of the county where the local news organization is located, and certain nonprofit entities in the business of buying local news organizations; prohibiting the sale of a local news organization unless the written notice is provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 19-108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 52 Delegate Vogel**ELECTION LAW – VOTING AGE – BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELECTIONS (YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR VOICE ACT)**

Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment the authority of a county to lower the age at which an individual may vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; authorizing a county to enact a local law that allows an individual who is at least 16 years old to vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; submitting the amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. I, § 1 and EL, § 3-102 - amended and Maryland Constitution, Art. I, § 1A and EL, § 3-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 53 Delegate Fair, et al**TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND STUDENT
POPULATION GROWTH**

Establishing the Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth to analyze the challenges related to the delay in student enrollment counts and the effect on school funding and the connection between growing student populations and school funding; and requiring the Task Force to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the provision of school funding by December 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 54 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – USER FEE ASSESSMENT – REPEAL OF SUNSET

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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Chapters 696 and 697 of the Acts of 2022, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 55 **Delegate Ruff, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – GOOD CAUSE

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of any misdemeanor or felony conviction after the completion of the sentence, parole, probation, and any other form of mandatory treatment associated with the conviction; authorizing a court to grant a petition at any time on a showing of good cause; and providing that a denial of a certain petition may not be appealed and a subsequent petition may not be filed for at least 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-113 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 56 **Delegate Charkoudian**

PROCUREMENT – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CONTROL AUTHORITY – LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING

Altering the list of units exempt from the authority of the Board of Public Works to control procurement to include the State Department of Education 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; authorizing the Department to engage in or control procurements of certain local food; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added and SF, §§ 12-101(a), 12-107(b)(4) and (5), 13-101(b), and 13-113(a) - amended and § 12-107(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 57 **Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR PHONE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during instructional time during the school day; prohibiting the policy from limiting a student’s use of a cellular phone for any purpose documented in the student’s individual education program, to monitor or address a student’s documented health issue, or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes; and requiring the policy to include appropriate disciplinary measures.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 58 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)****PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT COLLECTION, TESTING, AND TRACKING GRANT FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the name of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund to be the Rape Kit Collection, Testing, and Tracking Grant Fund; revising the purpose of the Fund to provide law enforcement agencies with multiyear funding to pay for testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits; providing the Fund may be used for equipment, supplies, personnel, and outsourcing necessary to test sexual assault evidence collection kits collected before or after the establishment of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 59 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – REVISIONS

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; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 60 **Delegate Rogers, et al**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)

Increasing, from \$20,000 to \$40,000 over a 2-year period, the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals, regardless of age, during a taxable year for certain military service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 61 **Delegate Charkoudian**

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION – SOLAR CANOPIES FOR SCHOOL PARKING LOTS – UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE

Requiring that each construction project or major renovation project of a public school building proposed after December 31, 2025, that includes the construction or renovation of a school parking lot be designed, engineered, and constructed in a manner so that the parking lot is equipped with the appropriate underground infrastructure necessary to support solar canopy installation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-331 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 62 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 7-239.1 through 7-239.4 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 63 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORT

Continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

BOP, § 2-702 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 64 **Delegate Conaway**

THEFT OF MAIL AND PACKAGES AND VICTIM NOTIFICATION

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; requiring the prosecutor of a violation of the Act to notify the victim or the victim's representative about each court proceeding, the right of the victim to submit a victim impact statement, any posttrial court proceeding, any appeal, and any sentence review related to the court proceedings; and providing that a person who violates the Act by depriving an owner of mail or a package is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-104(f) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 65 Delegate Bagnall**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim May 8 as Community Health Worker Appreciation Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe community health workers with informative programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 7-410 through 7-421 - renumbered and § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 66 Delegate Wu**EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUILDING ENERGY USAGE – MONTHLY REPORT**

Requiring each county board of education to collect data on energy usage and report the data collected to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations specifying the data to be collected and the means and frequency of reporting; and requiring the Commission to analyze the data collected and provide recommendations for improving school building energy efficiency and usage.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-331 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 67 Delegate R. Long, et al**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS AND VERIFICATION**

Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and, except under certain circumstances, a witness and the local board verify the voter's signature; and providing that the witness signature requirement does not apply to active duty uniformed services members serving overseas or their spouses or dependents who live overseas.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 9-303 and 9-310(a)(5) and (c) - amended and § 9-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 68 Delegate Mangione**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CHILDREN SUSPECTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE – PROHIBITION ON IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE (STUDENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting a child from in-person attendance at a public school if the child has been identified as a suspect in a crime of violence, until the investigation is complete and the child is no longer identified as a suspect; and requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in-person attendance in a certain manner.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 69 Delegate Terrasa, et al**ENVIRONMENT – PLASTIC PRODUCTS – POSTCONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT PROGRAM**

Prohibiting certain producers of certain plastic products from selling, offering for sale, or distributing the products to any person in the State unless certain conditions are met; requiring certain producers of certain plastic products to, individually or as part of a representative organization, register yearly, beginning March 1, 2026, and pay a registration fee annually beginning May 15, 2026, to the Department of the Environment; establishing minimum postconsumer recycled content percentage requirements for certain products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-2701 through 9-2710 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 70 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 16-205(b), 16-208(b), and 16-404.1(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 71 **Delegate Edelson**

EDUCATION – HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program in the State Department of Education to assist local school systems with Holocaust education in public schools; authorizing a local school system to apply to the Department for a grant from the Program to be used for teacher training or teaching materials; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 72 **Delegate Vogel****EDUCATION – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; establishing minimum criteria for the award of a Seal of Civic Excellence and designation as a Center of Civic Excellence; and requiring participating local school systems to submit an annual report to the Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

Increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property from less than 2,500 square feet to up to 5,000 square feet; altering the time frame regarding State rental of building space from at least 30 days to 20 days before proposals for lease are due; and revising the platform for advertising a need of the State to rent building space by posting a publication on the Department's website and eMaryland Marketplace.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 4-318(5) and 4-320 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 74 **Delegate Foley****LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS**

Establishing certain requirements for the print or digital publication of legal advertisements and notices in counties and municipalities in the State; requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to maintain a certain digital archive that shall be available to the public; and requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to employ at least one employee whose duties include reporting, writing, or editing local news and information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 75 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; 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; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 8-202(a), 8-401(a) and (b), 9-502(a) and (d), and 9-504(a) - amended and §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 76 **Delegate Lehman, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS**

Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible for certain disability benefits; and authorizing certain 9–1–1 specialists to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System as employees of a participating governmental unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 1-202 and 7-202 and SP, §§ 29-109, 29-111, 31-2A-01, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-04, and 31-2A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 77 **Delegate Bouchat, et al****COMMISSION TO STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SAILORS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War Sailors in Maryland; requiring the Commission to study the history of the African American sailors who fought for the Union Navy; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations regarding the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to African American Civil War sailors; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 78 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORT

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 July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and 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 July 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, § 16-802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 79 **Delegate Conaway**

CRIMINAL LAW – MAILING OF FAKE, FRAUDULENT, OR ALTERED DOCUMENTS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from knowingly sending fake, fraudulent, or altered documents through the mail; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 80 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

LAND USE – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Maryland Department of Transportation to establish transit-oriented development (TOD) corridor funds financed by revenue from county special taxing districts to benefit transit-oriented development; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on certain land that is located within 0.5 miles of, or under certain circumstances, adjacent to, certain transit stations; exempting certain special taxes for the benefit of transit-oriented development from any county tax limitation or bond cap; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 4-104, LG, § 21-508(c), and TR, §§ 7-1203(c) and 7-1204(a) - amended and SF, § 11-203(l) and TR, §§ 7-1301 and 7-1302 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 81 **Delegate Mangione, et al**

REAL PROPERTY – CONDEMNATION – COMPENSATION FOR FARM AND AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY (PROTECT MARYLAND FARM LANDS ACT)

Requiring the fair market value of certain agricultural property taken in a condemnation proceeding to be valued at 350% of the highest appraisal value of the property; and applying the Act retroactively to condemnation proceedings initiated on or after January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 12-105 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 82 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

CYBER MARYLAND PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Transferring the Cyber Maryland Program from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Labor; altering the duties of the Program; altering the purposes for which the Cyber Maryland Fund may be used; repealing certain funding requirements related to the Program; and altering the membership of the Cyber Maryland Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EC, § 10-491 - transferred and LE, § 11-1701 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 83 Delegate Boyce**ENVIRONMENT – TIRE RECYCLING FEE – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, instead of the Board of Public Works, to establish a tire recycling fee to be imposed on the first sale of a new tire in the State by a tire dealer; requiring the Department to set the tire recycling fee at \$1 per tire beginning January 1, 2026; authorizing the Department to adjust the tire recycling fee for inflation every 2 fiscal years; and prohibiting the tire recycling fee from exceeding \$2 per tire.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-228(g) and 9-274 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 84 Delegate Edelson**TRANSPORTATION – MAJOR HIGHWAY CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECTS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ALIGNMENT ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, as part of the planning and implementation of certain major highway expansion projects to develop and implement a corresponding multimodal transportation program; requiring the Department beginning with a certain Consolidated Transportation Program to evaluate certain major capital projects for their impact on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to perform certain capacity expansion impact assessments; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-905 - added and § 8-102 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 85 **Delegate Mangione**

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – SANCTUARY POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW (RACHEL MORIN ACT)

Repealing provisions of law prohibiting law enforcement agents from taking certain actions related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status; prohibiting a county or municipality from adopting, enacting, or enforcing a sanctuary policy; requiring a county or municipality to fully cooperate with federal immigration authorities regarding certain individuals unlawfully present in the United States; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 5-104 - repealed and LG, §§ 1-1601 through 1-1603 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 86 **Delegate Vogel**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – TITLE VI COORDINATORS

Requiring the governing board of each institution of higher education in the State and local school systems to designate a Title VI Coordinator to ensure compliance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and authorizing a person alleging discrimination under certain provisions of law to file a complaint with a Title VI Coordinator of a local school system, as applicable.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 11-409 and 26-706 - added and § 26-705(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 87 **Delegate Foley****SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND HOME AMENITY RENTALS – TAXATION, REGULATION, AND CRIMES**

Applying certain health and safety requirements to short-term rental units and home amenities; prohibiting certain activities at a home amenity or short-term rental; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to adopt certain rules or regulations relating to short-term rentals; including “short-term rental platform” and “short-term rental unit” in the definition of “hotel” for the purpose of the county and municipal corporation hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

BR, §§ 15-301 through 15-304 - added and CR, §§ 3-902(a) and 10-201(a) and LG, § 20-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 10-603 - amended and § 10-627 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 90 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT RESTORE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Project Restore Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development; authorizing the Department to distribute Program funds to certain place-based community development organizations and units of local governments; requiring certain recipients of Program funds to distribute subgrants to certain qualified entities; and specifying the eligible uses of Program funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1401 through 6-1403 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 91 **Delegate R. Long, et al**

ELECTIONS – IN-PERSON VOTING – PROOF OF IDENTITY

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 9A-309(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 93 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOMELESS SHELTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a homeless shelter certification program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to develop certain operational and building standards for homeless shelters and minimum standards for the protection of the rights of shelter residents; and requiring the operator of a homeless shelter to participate in a certain Homeless Management Information System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1401 through 6-1408 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 94 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

OPIOID-ASSOCIATED DISEASE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS – APPEALS AND MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-902, 24-904, and 24-905 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 95 Delegate Allen**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TREATMENT – INFORMED CONSENT AND FRAUD**

Prohibiting a health care provider from using the health care provider's reproductive material when providing assistive reproductive treatment without the consent of the recipient of the treatment; prohibiting a health care provider from using a donor's reproductive material to provide assisted reproductive treatment without the donor's informed consent or in a manner that is inconsistent with the donor's consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 20-112 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 96 Delegate Bouchat**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION TIMING FOR STATE SENATORS, AND ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the membership of the Senate and House of Delegates beginning with the 2033 legislative session; altering the method and timing of the election of State Senators; requiring a Delegate who seeks election for a certain Senate term to vacate the seat of Delegate on the first day of the next immediately following legislative session; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, §§ 2, 6, 7, and 10 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 97 Delegate Qi**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – POWERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

Expanding the acceptable names authorized for an economic development authority established by a county or municipal corporation; expanding the powers of an authority, subject to limitations in the articles of incorporation of the authority; authorizing an authority to issue certain bonds in accordance with certain requirements; expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EC and The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (62) Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 98 Delegate Crosby**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS**

Establishing that a public employee is subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System when a public employee is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the public employee's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, § 21-502(a)(3) - amended and §§ 21-801 through 21-809 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 99 Delegate Rogers**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CLASS A (OFF-SALE) AND CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSES – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 11-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 19-602 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 101 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

PROPERTY TAX – DEADLINE TO SET COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TAX RATES – ALTERATION

Altering, from July 1 to June 1, the deadline by which the governing body of a county or municipal corporation is required to set its property tax rate for the next taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TP, §§ 6-302(a) and 6-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 102 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – APPLICATION YEAR AND PARTICIPATION OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing an optional self-employed enrollment program governing the participation of self-employed individuals in the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; repealing certain requirements related to the payment of contributions to the Program by participating self-employed individuals; excluding participating self-employed individuals from certain provisions of law governing the payment of benefits under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

LE, §§ 8.3-101(b), 8.3-201, 8.3-601, and 8.3-703(a) and (b)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 103 Delegate Rosenberg**ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS – TASK FORCE TERMINATION AND SPECIAL FUND**

Making permanent distributions by the Comptroller from funds gained from abandoned property in the State to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; terminating the Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force on January 31, 2026; and making permanent an annual \$14,000,000 appropriation by the Governor from the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CL, § 17-317 - amended and RP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and renumbered

Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary

HB 104 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES FUND – PURPOSE AND USE – ALTERATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 10-2003 and 10-2004 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 105 Delegate Edelson**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE VEHICLE BONDS – LIGHT RAIL REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

Authorizing the Department of Transportation to use proceeds from the issuance of certain debt that is secured by future federal aid for replacing light rail transit vehicles and costs related to the replacement of the vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 3-601(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 106 Delegate Harris**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM –
DEFINITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS**

Altering the definition of the term “first responder” as it relates to the 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System to include emergency response technicians, facility maintenance technicians, and vehicle services and recovery technicians employed by the Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 1-301(j) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 107 Delegate Pruski**CONSUMER PROTECTION – AUTOMATIC RENEWALS**

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; establishing that compliance with certain regulations shall be considered to be compliance with the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlvi) and 14-1328 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 108 Delegate Metzgar**PUBLIC HEALTH – ABORTION (HEARTBEAT BILL)**

Requiring that an abortion be performed by a physician, rather than a qualified provider; repealing certain provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion, regulations related to abortion, and liability or criminal punishment for qualified providers who perform an abortion; prohibiting a physician from knowingly performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion under certain circumstances and subject to certain exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 20-207, 20-208, and 20-214 - amended, §§ 20-202 and 20-204 through 20-212 - added, and § 20-209 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 109 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – MISDEMEANOR THEFT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Increasing, from 2 years to 3 years, the statute of limitations for the crime of theft of property or services with a value greater than \$100 but less than \$1500.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-104(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 110 Delegates Simpson and Taylor

CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 111 Delegates Palakovich Carr and D. Jones

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended and § 13-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 112 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Repealing a requirement that the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission and the Comptroller of Maryland enter into a memorandum of understanding for cooperative activities in inspections and other enforcement activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 1-321 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 113 Delegate Ziegler, et al

CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – PERSONAL INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH

Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 5-209, 5-210.5, and 5-901 through 5-906 - repealed and § 5-209 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 115 Delegate R. Long**ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES – ESTABLISHING VOTER IDENTITY (VOTER PRIVACY ACT OF 2025)**

Authorizing a voter to establish the voter’s identity at the request of an election judge at a polling place by presenting the voter’s registration card, a valid Maryland driver’s license, or any identification card that contains a photograph of the voter and is issued by a political subdivision of the State, the State, the federal government, or any unit of a political subdivision of the State, the State, or the federal government.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 10-310(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 116 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL CONFORMITY – DEFINITIONS OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN**

Altering certain definitions of “health benefit plan” to conform to federal regulatory requirements for hospital indemnity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-1201(i)(3)(ix), 15-1301(l)(2)(iv), 15-1401(h)(2)(iii), and 31-101(g)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 117 Delegate Mangione**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of October as Italian Heritage Month in recognition of the contributions that Italian Americans have made to the State; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Italian Heritage Month properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, § 7-507 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 118 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT**

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel; providing that certain provisions of law regarding the issuance of an initial teaching certificate do not apply to certain teachers; 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; providing a certain contingency requirement; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, §§ 6-601 through 6-604 - repealed, § 6-126 - amended, and § 6-601 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 119 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs)**STATE GOVERNMENT – RESEARCH DUTIES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BLACK MALES – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs conduct research, make recommendations, and submit a certain report on certain areas relating to black males; and repealing the authorization that the Special Secretary of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs create an Advisory Committee on Black Males.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-303.2 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 120 Delegate Taveras**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – CAPACITY OF MINORS TO FILE ACTION**

Authorizing a minor who is the legal and custodial parent of a child to file an action for child support.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 12-106 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 121 Delegate Charkoudian

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 122 Delegate Young

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – POLICE OFFICER COMPLAINANT

Authorizing a police officer to file a complaint of police misconduct with a police accountability board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 3-102 and 3-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 8-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 124 Delegate Rosenberg**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE
– DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 10-715 and 14-117(e)(24) - added and § 14-117(e)(22) and (23) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 125 Delegate Crosby**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT – JUDGES**

Increasing from three to four the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 126 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY
ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the U.S. Postal Service or a delivery service; providing for the disposition of interest on unpaid restitution in certain cases involving the theft of mail or packages; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-616(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM – LOCAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 4-901(e), 4-911, and 4-914 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 128 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS FROM EXTREME WEATHER (RENEW) ACT OF 2025

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, NR, PS, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended and EN, §§ 2-1701 through 2-1708 and SG, § 9-20B-05(i-2) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 129 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include a school principal as a member; and providing that the initial term of the principal member of the State Board begins July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 130 Delegate Simpson**INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTY**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 131 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM**

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 its website; altering priorities for funding the repair or replacement of certain on-site sewage disposal systems by identifying failing systems located within the watershed of a nitrogen-impaired body of water; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, §§ 9-1108.1 and 9-1605.2(h)(2) through (5) - amended and SF, § 11-203(a)(1)(xviii) & (xix) - amended and § 11-203(a)(1)(xx) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 132 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)**CANNABIS – ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS AND CANNABIS EVENTS**

Limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration to hold certain cannabis events; providing for certain fees for a cannabis event registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, §§ 36-101(c-1) and (ee-1) and 36-407.1 - added and §§ 36-101(i), 36-404(g)(3), and 36-407 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 133 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – NOTIFICATION OF CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 2-205(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 134 Delegate Taveras

MOTOR VEHICLES – SCHOOL BUSES – SEAT BELTS

Requiring the public school safety education program to include student instruction concerning school bus safety and the proper use of seat belts on school buses; requiring that school buses purchased after July 1, 2027, and registered in the State be equipped with, for every seat on the school bus, 3–point seat belts that are accessible to passengers; and prohibiting a civil action for damages based on the failure of a school bus operator to ensure that an occupant of a school bus was wearing a seat belt.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 7-410 and TR, §§ 21-1118, 22-412, and 22-412.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 135 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2025)

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the United States Postal Service or a delivery service company; requiring the Central Collection Unit to report certain overdue restitution to certain consumer reporting agencies; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-616(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 136 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM AND TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT

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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-1007(b) and 11-1008(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 137 Delegate Mangione, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CHILDREN CHARGED WITH A CRIME OF VIOLENCE – PROHIBITION ON IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE (SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2025)

Prohibiting a child from in-person attendance at a public school if the child has been charged with a crime of violence, until the child is found not delinquent or the charge is dismissed; and requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in-person attendance in a certain manner.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

STATE GOVERNMENT – VETERANS – BURIAL AT STATE VETERANS’ CEMETERIES (BURIAL EQUITY ACT)

Expanding eligibility for burial in a State veterans’ cemetery to include members of the National Guard and the military reserves; removing the residency requirement for certain veterans for burial in a State veterans’ cemetery; and establishing a burial fee equal to the annual plot allowance established by the National Cemetery Administration for National Guard and military reserves service members and their eligible dependents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-906(a), (f), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 139 Delegate Young**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION**

Requiring the investigating unit of a law enforcement agency to complete its review of a certain complaint and forward its investigatory files to the administrative charging committee as soon as possible, but not later than 9 months after the filing of the complaint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 140 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**AGRICULTURE – SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY PLAN – USES OF INFORMATION**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to use information from a soil conservation and water quality plan for certain enforcement actions and statistical purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 8-306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 141 Delegate Vogel**TASK FORCE ON LONELINESS AND ISOLATION**

Establishing the State Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation to evaluate the causes of and other factors contributing to the sense of loneliness and isolation experienced by individuals in the State; requiring to the Task Force to make recommendations regarding the creation of municipal-based social connection committees to address the isolation experienced by certain individuals and to report the findings to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 142 Delegate Miller**STATE GOVERNMENT – VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Veterans and Military Families Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans and Military Families; establishing the purpose of the Ombudsman is to serve as a resource to provide information and support to veterans and military families regarding their rights and access to services; requiring the Ombudsman to be a veteran; requiring the Ombudsman to arrange for a toll-free telephone number to assist any individual seeking information or advice about available services; and requiring the Ombudsman to submit an annual report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-901 - amended and §§ 9-960 through 9-964 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 143 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY
ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the United States Postal Service or a delivery service company; authorizing the court to order a person convicted of a certain crime to stay away from certain locations; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 144 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Teachers
and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans)****BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE
EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – RENAMING**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 32-101(f), 35-101(b), and 35-201 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 145 Delegate Boafo**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; altering the uses of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; authorizing the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 2027 budget for the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(12) and (13) - amended and SF and SG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 146 Delegate Cardin**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE – NOTICE**

Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days' notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all cotrustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14.5-705 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 147 Delegate Wu, et al**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS – STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY**

Requiring certain county boards of education to develop and adopt a policy that prohibits elementary and middle school students from using a cellular phone or personal electronic device during the school day except for any purpose documented in the student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 148 Delegate Ziegler**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PREMIUM INCREASE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing a policy premium based on the claims history of an insured where two or fewer of the claims within the preceding 3-year period were for occurrences where the insured was not at fault for the loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 27-501(k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 149 Delegate Young**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for child support payments made by an individual during the taxable year that are paid to another person on behalf of the individual's child and required by a court order issued by any state; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-208(dd) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 150 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**CHILD CARE CENTERS – CERTIFICATED STAFF RATIO REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-404(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 151 Delegate Palakovich Carr**COUNTY INCOME TAX – RATE AND INCOME BRACKETS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering, subject to certain limitations, the maximum tax rate that a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; limiting the number of brackets that a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis may set; and requiring a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis to use certain income bracket thresholds; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-106 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 152 Delegate Kaufman**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Specifying certain qualifications necessary for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 153 Delegate Fair, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION – AGE AND NOTIFICATION TO MINORS**

Altering, from 16 years old to 15 years and 9 months old, the age at which an individual may register to vote; requiring that a voter notification card sent to an individual under the age of 18 years include information regarding when the individual will be eligible to vote; and requiring the election director in the county where a registered voter under the age of 18 years becomes eligible to vote under a certain provision of law to send a certain notice to the voter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-102 and 3-301 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 154 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUD – POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a sheriff to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 155 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – ISSUANCE OF LOANS AND ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS**

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue loans, in addition to grants, for certain purposes relating to reducing direct greenhouse gas emissions from certain multifamily residential buildings; and expanding the sources of savings that the Department may include when calculating the achievement of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, § 4-211(d) and PU, § 7-224(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 156 Delegate Szeliga, et al

EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY TEAMS – DESIGNATION BASED ON SEX (FAIRNESS IN GIRLS’ SPORTS ACT)

Requiring certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain schools to be expressly designated based on biological sex; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain adverse actions against a school for maintaining separate interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams and sports for students of the female sex; and providing that certain individuals have the right to bring a civil action under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 157 Delegate Griffith

EDUCATION – SAFE SCHOOLS FUND – GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Authorizing the reallocation of grants from the Safe Schools Fund to local school systems that have fully expended their grant allocation and demonstrate unmet need within the same fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-1508(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – SOCIAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Renaming the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program to be the Social Connections Program; repealing 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 3.5-701 and 3.5-702 and HU, § 7-806(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 159 Delegate J. Lewis

ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2025

Altering the collective bargaining process for 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; 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; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 7-108, SP, §§ 3-103, 3-501, 3-502, and 3-603, and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended and SP, § 3-503 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 160 Delegate Cardin

VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATIONS – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – PARITY ACT

Repealing the prohibition on applicants for and holders of video lottery operation licenses and persons who own an interest in video lottery facility operations in the State from directly or indirectly making contributions to the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State or any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 13-237 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 161 Delegates Atterbeary and Fair**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FRAMEWORK – ESTABLISHED**

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; and requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of the family life and human sexuality topics for a certain student, subject to a certain prohibition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 162 Delegate Ziegler**MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – BREEDING STABLES AND HORSE ESTABLISHMENTS – DEFINITIONS**

Defining the term “breeding stable” as it relates to licensure, inspection, and regulation by the Maryland Horse Industry Board; and altering the definition of “horse establishment” to include a breeding stable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 2-701 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 15-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 164 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUD – POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a sheriff to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 165 Delegate Acevero**CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION OF MINORS – ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS**

Establishing a certain rebuttable presumption that a statement made by a minor during a custodial interrogation is involuntary and is inadmissible in a juvenile or criminal proceeding against the minor if the law enforcement officer intentionally used information known by the officer to be false in order to elicit the statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-926 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 166 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – STATE OFFICIALS OF AND CANDIDATES TO BE STATE OFFICIALS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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 and candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-104, 5-606, and 5-610 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 167 **Delegate Fair, et al**

VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – RATE INCREASE

Increasing the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.75%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 13-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 168 **Delegate Qi**

MANUFACTURING BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION

Exempting all personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business that is a small– or medium–sized enterprise from the personal property tax.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 6-104, 7-109(a), 7-222, 7-225, and 7-508 - amended and § 7-225.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 169 Delegate Allen**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM –
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND**

Designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural history museum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-325 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 170 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Health)****HEALTH – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH POPULATION HEALTH
IMPROVEMENT FUND – USE**

Altering from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027, the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for expenses associated with maternal and child health population health improvements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 19-210 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 171 Delegate Valentine**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND
RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following five years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of five years under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 172 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ALTERATIONS

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; and expanding the authorized uses of the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1301, 6-1304, and 6-1307 - amended and §§ 6-1305 and 6-1306 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 173 Delegate Nawrocki

BALTIMORE COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore County to establish a deer management program to manage the deer population on county parklands.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 10-415.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 174 Delegate Foley

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 175 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS – RESTORATION AND RECEIPT OF BENEFITS AND USE AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

Requiring, subject to a certain provision of law, the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to the fraudulent use of the beneficiary's Electronic Benefits Transfer card and restore the benefits without further action from the household; requiring, on or before January 1, 2026, each operator of an automated teller machine to ensure that the machine has the functionality to process and dispense cash from an Electronic Benefits Transfer card; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HU, §§ 5-609 and 5-610 and FI, § 1-401(d) - amended and FI, § 1-407 - added
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 176 Delegate Solomon

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – REVISIONS (DAVIS MARTINEZ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to appoint an Assistant Commissioner for Public Employees' Safety and Health; establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of certain public bodies; altering the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act as it applies to certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 5-801 - repealed, §§ 5-1301 and 5-1302 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 177 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND OPENING OF MAIL AND PACKAGES

Requiring a court to notify the United States Postmaster General of a certain conviction involving the theft, taking, or opening of mail or packages, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-905 - amended and § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 178 Delegate Guyton**VEHICLE LAWS – STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN A BIKE LANE OR BICYCLE PATH – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-1003(gg) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-103(b) and (f) - amended and § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 180 Delegate Addison**PUBLIC SAFETY – GUN VIOLENCE VICTIM RELOCATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program within the Victim Services Unit of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide certain victims of gun violence certain services and assistance related to relocating for the safety of the victim or the victim's family; establishing the Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program Fund; requiring the Victim Services Unit to establish a certain oversight commission; requiring the Unit to submit a yearly status report on the Program by December 1, beginning in 2027; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 11-1102 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended and PS, §§ 5-901 through 5-907 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – CHIEF OF STAFF AND AIDES – APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 13-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 182 **Delegate Stewart**

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 183 **Delegate Charkoudian**

INCOME TAX – RESIDENT

Altering the definition of “resident” under the Maryland income tax law to provide that an individual who maintains a place of abode in the State for more than 3 months, rather than 6 months, of the taxable year is a resident for income tax purposes whether or not the individual is domiciled in the State; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-101(k)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 184 Delegate Smith**NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – TRANSCRIPTS – PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO STUDENT DEBT**

Prohibiting nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs from refusing to provide a current or former student or the student's parent or guardian with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student's transcript request because the student owes a debt to the nonpublic school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 185 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the fiscal years to include fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,700,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 8-420(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 186 Delegate Young**POLICE DISCIPLINE – TRIAL BOARD COMPOSITION**

Altering the composition of trial boards responsible for adjudicating matters of police discipline to include certain attorneys.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 187 Delegate Kaufman, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS EXPLOITATION**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, isolation, or any other means; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-524 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 188 Delegate Chisholm, et al**PROCUREMENT – SCRUTINIZED ENTITIES – PROHIBITION**

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; preempting any local ordinance, rule, or regulation that conflicts with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 17-7A-01 through 17-7A-06 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 16-812(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 190 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the incarcerated individual and the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by older incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-10A-04, 25-204, and 25-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 192 Delegate Mangione**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR PHONE
USE POLICY – ESTABLISHED (NO DISTRACTED LEARNING ACT)**

Requiring county boards of education to adopt a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular phone during certain school hours; and prohibiting the policy from preventing a student with an individualized education program or any documented health issue that requires the use of an electronic device from using the student's cellular phone for that purpose.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 193 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers’ Fund)**

UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND – ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS – AMOUNT

Altering, from 1% to up to 2%, 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, § 9-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 194 **Delegate Conaway**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES – REIMBURSEMENT OF SHIPPING COSTS

Requiring that a merchant provide a refund for shipping costs to a consumer who received an incorrect item within 30 days after a certain request is made; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(xliv) - amended and §§ 13-301(xlvi) and 14-1328 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 195 **Delegate Cardin**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL DISMISSAL

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; and requiring a court to provide a certain notice and provide an opportunity to be heard to the State’s Attorney and a certain victim or victim’s representative before dismissing a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES – BOARD AND COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

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; and repealing the War Memorial Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-932 through 9-939 - repealed, § 9-908.1 - added, and §§ 9-914, 9-914.1, and 9-917 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 197 Delegate Pasteur

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RESTORATIVE PRACTICES SCHOOLS – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-306 - amended and § 7-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 198 Delegate Young**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIME SOLVERS REWARD FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Crime Solvers Reward Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide grants to law enforcement agencies and county reward programs to be used as rewards offered to the public for certain assistance in solving certain crimes; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each year thereafter, to report to the General Assembly on the number of rewards issued and the total amount of money provided under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-1201 through 11-1203 - added, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended, and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 199 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**ELECTION LAW – NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS**

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; and 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, § 9-311.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 200 Delegate Mangione**WORKGROUP TO STUDY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY (MARYLAND SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ACT OF 2025)**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study School Bus Safety; requiring the Workgroup to identify issues related to safety for and behavior of students and bus drivers on buses driven to or from a primary or secondary school in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the governing body of each county and Baltimore City, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly by June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 201 Delegate Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION – SENDING TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS BEFORE PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 9-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 202 Delegate Nawrocki**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUD – CONVEYANCE, LEASE, OR POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting the intentional fraudulent sale, conveyance, or lease or attempted sale, conveyance, or lease of real property by a person who does not own the real property; prohibiting the acquisition, sale, or conveyance or the attempted acquisition, sale, or conveyance of real property by deception, intimidation, threat, or undue influence; prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-601 - amended and §§ 8-906 and 8-907 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 203 Delegate Bouchat**DISTRICTING – SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT CONVENTION**

Requiring that each legislative district established for the purpose of electing members of the House of Delegates consist of three single-member delegate districts; requiring the General Assembly to enact a law establishing and governing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention to establish legislative and congressional districts and establishing certain requirements regarding the Redistricting Convention; establishing the Redistricting Convention; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, §§ 3 and 5 and Art. IV, § 14 - amended and EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-11 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 204 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)**CANNABIS – WHOLESALER LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a cannabis wholesaler license; and altering the maximum fee certain applicants for cannabis licenses must pay for initial licensing or renewal of licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 36-101(kk), 36-401(d) and (e), 36-403(c) and (d), and 36-404(f) and (g)(1) - amended and §§ 36-101(kk) and 36-412 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 205 Delegate Solomon**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – FIREFIGHTERS – PAYMENT OF WAGES AND PAYROLL INFORMATION**

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay for each hour over 168 hours that a firefighter works during a 28-day work period; requiring an employer to include all regularly scheduled hours, regardless of whether earned or accrued leave was used; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each employed firefighter; and authorizing a firefighter or their exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-420 - amended and LG, § 1-207 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 206 Delegate R. Lewis**VEHICLE LAWS – BUS OBSTRUCTION MONITORING SYSTEMS AND BUS STOP ZONES**

Replacing references to a bus lane monitoring system with references to a bus obstruction monitoring system; prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bus stop zone; and clarifying that a person may not stop a vehicle in a dedicated bus lane, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 7-302(e)(2) and 10-311(e) and (h) and TR, §§ 21-1133(a) and 21-1134 - amended and TR, § 21-1003(gg) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 207 Delegate Pasteur**HIGHER EDUCATION – UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS – OUT-OF-STATE TUITION EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY**

Altering, from 3 years to 2 years, the number of years before an academic year for which an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes to be eligible to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 15-106.8(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 208 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**CONSUMER PROTECTION – FALSE ADVERTISING – DIGITAL GOODS**

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 certain acknowledgments are received from the purchaser and certain statements are provided by the seller; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 14-2901 - amended and § 14-2904 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 209 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN AND ASSESSMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a duplicative provision of law requiring each county government, local school system, and local health department, in consultation with the local emergency manager, to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment in a manner and frequency established by the Department of Information Technology.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 3.5-405 - repealed and §§ 3.5-406 and 3.5-407 - renumbered

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 210 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2025)

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the United States Postal Service or a delivery service company; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 211 Delegate Foley, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AND POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATES

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants and postdoctoral associates at a system institution, Morgan State University, or St Mary's College of Maryland; and establishing separate collective bargaining units for the graduate assistants and postdoctoral associates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 212 Delegate Acevero**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – FOSSIL FUEL USE AND ELECTRIC-READY STANDARDS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2026, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels and an electric-ready standard for certain buildings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 12-503 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 213 Delegate Mangione**PUBLIC UTILITIES – NATURAL GAS ENERGY GENERATION – AUTHORIZATION AND LIMITATION**

Authorizing the construction, permitting, and operation of energy generating systems that produce energy from natural gas until the State meets 100% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources, including nuclear energy; establishing certain requirements for energy generating systems that produce energy from natural gas; requiring the Department of the Environment to approve or deny an application for the construction of a new energy generating system that produces energy from natural gas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

PU, § 7-218 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 214 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 7-114(b) - amended and §§ 7-1201 through 7-1205 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 215 Delegate Fair, et al**ELECTIONS – RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN CONTESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY**

Authorizing the State Board of Elections, beginning with the 2028 statewide primary election, to use ranked-choice voting to conduct a contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election-supporting technology and to periodically review and evaluate election-supporting technology; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 8-206 and 9-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 216 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**ELECTRIC VEHICLES – REPEAL OF EXCISE TAX CREDIT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REBATE PROGRAM**

Repealing the electric vehicle excise tax credit; establishing the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a website to administer the program; requiring a participating dealer to provide a rebate in the form of a reduction of the vehicle's purchase price equal to the full amount of the rebate for which the vehicle purchased is eligible at the time the eligible vehicle is purchased; requiring the Administration to reimburse a dealer for rebates provided by the dealer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, Various Sections - amended and added, TR, § 13-815 - repealed, and Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 217 Delegates Rogers and Pruski**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal demonstrate disablement for purposes of workers' compensation and are deemed to have hypertension for purposes of an occupational disease presumption for hypertension if certain requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 218 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT

Altering provisions relating to the commencement of a proceeding to hold a person in contempt of court for the person’s default in payment of periodic child or spousal support under the terms of a court order and provisions relating to the commencement of a contempt proceeding for failure to make a payment of child or spousal support under a court order; authorizing the Child Support Administration to take action to secure an assignment to the State of any rights to support on behalf of a child receiving foster care maintenance payments; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, FL, and TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 219 Delegate Addison

BALTIMORE CITY – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION

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 60 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 26-301(b-1) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 220 Delegate Stewart

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – ALTERATIONS (RECLAIM RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2025)

Altering the definition of “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of excluding energy derived from waste and refuse from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-701(s) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 221 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MARYLAND DIGITAL SERVICE – ESTABLISHMENT

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; requiring the Service to assist units of State government to prioritize the development and procurement of user-friendly, accessible, and multilingual digital platforms to ensure that all Maryland residents can easily access and use government services and information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, §§ 3.5-901 through 3.5-905 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 222 Delegate Stein

PUBLIC SAFETY – CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING FOR FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing that does not meet a certain International Code Council standard or is not proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; requiring certain tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings to meet a certain International Code Council standard or be proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; and providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027

BR, § 19-108 - added and PS, § 12-206 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 223 Delegate Crutchfield**FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
("KNOW BEFORE THEY KNOCK" FAMILY RIGHT TO NOTICE ACT)**

Requiring a local department of social services or a law enforcement agency to provide oral and written notice of certain rights to a parent or caretaker of a child at the time of initial contact during an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect; and excluding evidence obtained in violation of the Act from being used in certain judicial or administrative proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 5-706 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 224 Delegate Conaway**COMMERCIAL LAW – FALSE ADVERTISING – PENALTIES**

Increasing, from \$500 to \$1,000, the maximum penalty for violating the prohibition against false advertising.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 11-705(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 225 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)****VEHICLE LAWS – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS FOR FARM
PRODUCTS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 24-113.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 226 Delegate Bagnall**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SCHEDULE OPTIONS**

Authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to operate one or more schools within the county using a school scheduling model that eliminates early dismissal days if the minimum 1,080-hour requirement is met.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-103(a), (f), and (g) - amended and § 7-103(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 17-304(g) - amended and CA, § 5-650.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 228 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-913(b) and 9-914.2(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 229 Delegate Chisholm, et al**REAL PROPERTY – HOLDING OVER – EXPEDITED HEARING AND SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-205(d) and (e), 5-505(c)(2)(i), and 5-607(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 231 Delegate Mangione**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – FEE OR TAX RATE INCREASES – YEA AND NAY VOTE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRED (TAXPAYER DISCLOSURE AND PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting a certain increase of a State fee or the rate of a State tax from taking effect unless the General Assembly, by a yea and nay vote, explicitly approves the increased fee or tax rate; and requiring that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2026 for adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 62 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 232 Delegate Terrasa, et al**MARYLAND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a certain stewardship organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1737 through 9-1755 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 233 Delegate Vogel, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MANDATORY MEETINGS ON RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MATTERS – EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (MARYLAND WORKER FREEDOM ACT)**

Prohibiting employers from taking certain adverse 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 234 Delegate Stein**VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalties for causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as the result of an individual operating a motor vehicle in violation of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law; providing that an individual convicted of a certain violation is subject to not just a fine of \$2,000 but also imprisonment of up to 2 months or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-901.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 235 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY REVISIONS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 14-104.1(b) and SF, §§ 3.5-2A-04 and 3.5-303(a)(1) and (5) - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 236 Delegate Valentine

PEACE ORDERS – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE

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 and expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-1503(a)(1) and 3-1505(d)(1) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 237 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – PROCEDURES

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 requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 238 Delegates Cardin and Grammer**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – TIME LIMIT FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

Altering the deadline for the completion of the process of review by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 239 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – LATE FEES AND REGISTRATION – SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

BR, § 6-407 - amended and § 6-418 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 240 Delegate Young**COURTS – MARYLAND JUDICIAL PUBLIC TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM – REPORT**

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts, beginning December 1, 2025, and each December 1 thereafter, to provide a report to the General Assembly containing certain information on the Maryland Judicial Public Text Messaging System; and requiring the report to include a review of any future plans for development, expansion, and implementation of the System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, § 13-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 242 Delegate Addison**DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY**

Prohibiting the inclusion of a consumer credit history, any written account by a credit reporting agency bearing on a consumer’s creditworthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity, in a reusable tenant screening report; prohibiting certain discrimination in housing on the basis of consumer credit history; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-218 and SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-704, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, §§ 5-3B-13, 5-3B-15, 5-3B-16, and 5-3B-20 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 244 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

PLANT DISEASE CONTROL – NURSERIES – INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION, AND LICENSING FEES

Increasing the inspection fee that a nursery is required to pay to the Secretary of Agriculture in a specified manner; increasing the annual certification fee that a nursery is required to pay from \$100 to \$150; and increasing the annual license fee that a broker or dealer is required to pay from \$100 to \$150.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 245 Delegate Cardin

INHERITANCE TAX – BENEFICIARIES OF LIMITED MEANS – INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Requiring a register of wills to allow an installment payment plan for the inheritance tax to be paid by a certain beneficiary of limited means under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; and applying the Act to all decedents dying on or after July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 7-218.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

HUMAN SERVICES – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; and expanding the definition of “health practitioner” to include certain emergency medical services providers in certain provisions of law relating to adult protective services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 1-201 and FL, §§ 14-101(g) and 14-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 247 Delegate Fair, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS – UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTHS**

Altering the period of time after which an unaccompanied homeless youth who holds a learner’s instructional permit and is under the age of 19 years may take certain examinations for a provisional driver’s license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, 16-105(d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 248 Delegate Griffith**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE EXEMPTION – UNEMPLOYABLE DISABLED VETERANS**

Establishing that not more than one vehicle owned by, or leased to, an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-903(a)(9) and (10) - amended and § 13-903(a)(11) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 249 Delegate Palakovich Carr**RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

RP, § 14-126 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 250 Delegate Vogel**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of certain firearm safety devices in an amount equal to the lesser of 100% of the purchase price or \$200 during the taxable year; allowing an individual to carry over any excess credit to the next taxable year; requiring the Comptroller to establish a process to issue tax credit certificates; limiting the aggregate allowable amount of credits to \$250,000 for any taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 251 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDITS**

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless a determination is made that more frequent audits are required, 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 3-602 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 252 Delegate Conaway**REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS FOR WRONGFUL DETAINER – REQUIRED POSTINGS**

Providing that certain provisions of law pertaining to wrongful detainer actions do not apply unless certain property is posted conspicuously against trespass or loitering.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 253 Delegate Harris**ELECTION LAW – PRETRIAL DETAINEES – ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections or the local boards of elections to automatically send an absentee ballot to each registered voter in pretrial detention in a correctional facility without the voter having to submit an absentee ballot application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CS, § 2-501 and EL, §§ 1-303.1 and 1-303.2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 254 Delegate Addison**INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS – ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a public library, a recipient of a certain award from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department, a public housing agency, a county, or a municipality from requiring an individual experiencing homelessness to provide a current address in certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 23-411 and HS, § 1-103 - added and HS, § 4-2905 and LG, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 255 Delegate Acevero**NO-KNOCK WARRANTS**

Repealing the authority for the issuance and execution of a no-knock search warrant; establishing that a warrant may not authorize an officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, or place without first announcing the officer's purpose and authority; specifying that a warrant may be executed only between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and requiring an officer executing a search warrant, prior to entering certain areas to be searched, to give reasonable notice to alert any occupants of the officer's authority and purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 1-203 and PS, §§ 3-207(a)(24) and 3-525(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 256 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATION AND SUNSET EXTENSIONS

Continuing certain health occupations boards 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; and altering the membership of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HO, §§ 2-502, 6-202(a), 6-602, 12-802, 17-6A-31, and 17-702 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 257 Delegate Charkoudian

NATURAL RESOURCES – FOOD FORESTS AND FORAGING PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a Food Forests and Foraging Program on areas owned or managed by the Department of Natural Resources; defining “foraging” as harvesting plant materials, including seeds, nuts, mushrooms, roots, tubers, and berries for noncommercial personal consumption; requiring individuals who forage in a food forest to obtain a permit; requiring the Department to charge a permit application fee and establish a fee waiver process for individuals who demonstrate financial need; establishing the Food Forests and Foraging Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, §§ 5-2101 through 5-2104 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii) 206. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii) 204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EMERGENCY BILL

EC and SF, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended and Chapters 80 and 81 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 259 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATABASE SYSTEM, DNA COLLECTION, AND PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 2-504 and 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 260 Delegate Cardin**CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, §§ 5-619(c) and (d) and 5-620(a), (b), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 261 Delegate Forbes**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PRIORITY OF CLAIMS ON AN ESTATE – UNPAID CHILD SUPPORT**

Prioritizing the payment of unpaid child support over certain other claims on an estate of a decedent with insufficient assets to pay all claims in full.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 8-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 2-201, 2-202, and 2-203(a) and (c) - amended, § 2-206 - added, and §§ 2-1001 through 2-1005 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 263 Delegate R. Long**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE – NAMING**

Requiring that, on completion of a new bridge to replace the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall name the new bridge the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 4-408 - added and §§ 4-101(h)(1) and 6-209(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 264 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES – SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION FOR WORKPLACE FRAUD**

Requiring, under certain circumstances, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to notify a licensing authority when a licensee is found in violation of certain workplace fraud provisions; requiring licensing authorities to suspend or revoke the licenses of licensees who are reported by the Commissioner; and establishing certain appeal and license reinstatement procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-912 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 265 Delegate Bagnall**DENTAL SERVICES – QUALIFICATION FOR MARYLAND DENT–CARE PROGRAM AND STUDY ON USE OF DENTAL ONLINE CREDENTIALING**

Altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance Grants under the Maryland Dent–Care Program to include part–time employment; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to submit a report, by December 1, 2025, to certain committees of the General Assembly on the use of online credentialing systems by dental insurance carriers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 18-2404, 18-2405, and 18-2406 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 266 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the condition that must be met for a certain exclusive representative to meet with a new employee by video or similar technology; providing that a certain employee organization has the right to membership dues deductions until the employee organization ceases to be the exclusive representative of a bargaining unit; altering certain requirements for the deputy directors appointed by the Public Employee Relations Board; and altering certain procedures regarding the timing of exclusive representation elections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 22-207(b)(4), 22-209(d)(1), 22-305, 22-307, and 22-405(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 267 **Delegates Allen and Rogers**

VETERANS BENEFITS MATTERS – CLAIM SERVICERS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Establishing prohibitions and requirements regarding compensation for certain services related to veterans benefits matters; prohibiting a person that is not V.A. accredited from making certain guarantees; providing for the enforcement of the Act under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and repealing certain advertising and disclosure requirements for veterans benefits services and veterans benefits appeals services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) - amended and § 13-301(14)(xlvi) - added and SG, § 9-905.1 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 268 Delegate Charkoudian**HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLECTION OF DEBTS – POLICIES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 19-214.1 and 19-214.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 269 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – PETTY THEFT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Increasing, from 2 years to 3 years, the statute of limitations applicable to the crime of theft of property or services with a value of less than \$100.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-104(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 270 Delegate Crosby**DATA CENTER IMPACT ANALYSIS AND REPORT**

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 requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 271 Delegate Addison**REAL PROPERTY – EXPEDITED WRONGFUL DETAINER PROCEEDINGS – PROPERTY FOR SALE OR LEASE**

Requiring certain expedited proceedings in a wrongful detainer action if the property that is the subject of the action is, at the time of the complaint, advertised or listed for sale or lease by the complainant and requiring that notice of a hearing or appeal be served in person or, under certain circumstances, posted conspicuously on the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 272 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MODERNIZATION**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 2-303(d), EN, § 9-507(b), and SF, §§ 5-306, 5-307, 5-503, and 5-7A-02 - amended and SF, §§ 5-311, 5-407, and 5-502 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-208(d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 274 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – ELECTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 2-303.1, 2-304, and 10-301.1(d) through (h) - amended and § 10-301.1(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 275 **Delegate Crutchfield**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – MULTIFAMILY ADJUSTMENT

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, §§ 12-201(c), 12-202(a), and 12-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

STATE GOVERNMENT – FORMS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that certain departments or units of State government annually submit a report on the management of forms to the Department of General Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 10-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 277 Delegate Ruth, et al

ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

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

EN, §§ 9-2701 through 9-2703 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 278 Delegates Bouchat and Fair

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for enhanced agricultural management equipment to include equipment that the Secretary of Agriculture determines by regulation to qualify as enhanced agricultural management equipment; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-208(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS – SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 4-414 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 280 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2025)

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages from intended recipients; and authorizing the court to order a person convicted under the Act for a third or subsequent offense to participate in substance use disorder evaluation and treatment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 281 Delegate Embry

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 282 Delegate Mangione

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS – PROHIBITED IN LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS

Prohibiting sexually explicit materials in elementary, middle, and secondary public school libraries and media centers; defining sexually explicit materials as books and auditory and visual material that contain graphic or obscene depictions of sexual activity that are not age-appropriate or used as part of the approved instructional materials for instruction on family life and human sexuality as part of a certain program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 283 Delegate Young**PUBLIC SAFETY – SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS – PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish a Safe Neighborhoods Pilot Program to provide doorbell cameras or security systems with doorbell cameras to residents of high-crime areas; requiring the Office to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027, regarding the usefulness and viability of the Program based on a cost-benefit analysis; and requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 4-1801 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 284 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**PROCUREMENT – ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS – CLARIFICATION OF FEES DUE**

Specifying that fees collected for electronic transactions for procurements are those due to the State and not any fees due to a third party.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 13-226 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 285 Delegate R. Long**ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION LIST – ABSENTEE VOTERS (ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections, on request of a candidate, to provide the candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and requiring that the list of absentee voters provided include the e-mail address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 3-506(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

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; and 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 the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 1-201 and SF, §§ 5-7A-01 and 5-7B-05(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 287 Delegate Harris

ELECTION LAW – PARTY AND ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICES – PROHIBITION

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; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 5-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 4-312(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 289 Delegate Metzgar**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
– INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and offer an apprenticeship program in skilled trades for incarcerated individuals; establishing the purpose of the program is to assist incarcerated individuals to develop marketable job skills and to earn money that can be used once the individual is released from incarceration; authorizing the Department to pay all or part of an incarcerated individual's wages to a spouse, child, or other dependent in need of financial support; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 3-901 through 3-908 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 290 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Health)****OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – DISCLOSURE OF
AUTOPSY INFORMATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INVESTIGATIVE
DATABASE**

Altering the autopsy information in a public record with respect to which a custodian is required to deny inspection; requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to maintain an investigative database; and providing that certain data and records maintained in the database are not public records and not subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 4-329 and HG, §§ 5-301 and 5-310 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 291 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – TAKING AND BREAKING OPEN LETTERS –
PENALTY**

Increasing the fine for violating the prohibition against taking and breaking open a letter addressed to another without the other's permission from \$15 to \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-905 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 2025

HJ 1 Delegates Qi and Wu

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Urging the U.S. Congress to pass H.R. 4052 to establish a national infrastructure bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 2 Delegate Bagnall

CRIMINAL LAW – WITCHCRAFT – EXONERATION

Exonerating those accused, tried, or convicted of witchcraft in the Province of Maryland prior to the American Revolution.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 3 Delegate Ruth

RATIFYING THE FEDERAL CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Ratifying the federal Child Labor Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by U.S. House Joint Resolution 184 of 1924, to provide the U.S. Congress with the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18 years.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations