



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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January 27, 2025
Schedule 11

PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2025

HB 711 Delegate Simmons, et al

OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – STUDY OF DEATHCARE AND FUNERAL PRACTICES

Requiring the Office of Cemetery Oversight, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of the Environment, to conduct a study of the environmental and public health impacts of deathcare and funeral practices in the State; and requiring the Office to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report by July 2026, to the Governor and the General Assembly including any recommended policy changes for sustainable deathcare and funeral practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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HB 712 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITIES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 22-1607 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 713 Delegate Simmons, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE TO PURCHASERS OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to prepare certain literature relating to firearms and ammunition and to distribute the literature to all county health departments in the State; requiring each county health department to distribute certain literature to all establishments that sell firearms or ammunition within the county; requiring establishments that sell firearms or ammunition in the State to make certain literature visible and available and to distribute the literature to purchasers of firearms and ammunition; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 5-901 and 5-902 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 714 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE – RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 22-1005.2(k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 715 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF LICENSE QUOTA**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 22-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 716 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY – ALTERATIONS**

Including the Department of Housing and Community Development in the definition of “public housing agency” for the purposes of the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program; authorizing the Department to project–base up to 100% of its authorized voucher units; altering the manner in which the Department and each public housing agency shall prioritize vouchers and housing assistance payments; altering from 30% to 40% of monthly adjusted gross income the amount of rent and utilities a certain family is expected to pay; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HS, §§ 4-2901(i), 4-2904(a), 4-2906, 4-2908(b), 4-2911, and 4-2919 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 717 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC LANDS – ACQUISITION, STAFFING, OPERATIONS, AND FUNDING

Altering provisions of law regarding the Department of Natural Resources' acquisition of real property; establishing a Land and Property Management Program in the Department to process certain real property transactions; authorizing the Department to establish affiliated foundations for certain purposes; altering the contents of the Forest or Park Reserve Fund; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain Program Open Space funds to the Department under certain circumstances and for certain uses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, Various Sections - amended and NR, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 718 Delegates Rosenberg and Pena–Melnyk

MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION COMMISSION – ESTABLISHED

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 719 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – ALTERATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, Various Sections - amended, § 8-704(e) - repealed, §§ 8-712.4 and 8-725.9 - added, and § 8-704(f) through (i) - renumbered

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Somers Cove Marina Commission, the Somers Cove Marina Improvement Fund, and the operation of Somers Cove Marina; authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to execute certain leases, procure and execute certain contracts, and employ certain staff; requiring the Secretary to set the compensation for certain employees under certain circumstances; and requiring the Secretary to develop a master plan for the operation and improvement of services at Somers Cove Marina by October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-908.1 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 721 Delegates Addison and Young**FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION**

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court is authorized to grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child to include that the petition for visitation rights was filed after an action for divorce, annulment, custody, or paternity was filed by a parent of the child; and requiring an equity court to grant certain visitation rights if the child resided with the grandparent for at least 12 months, or the child's parent, who is the child of the grandparent, is deceased, and the court finds it in the best interest of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 722 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REPORT ON OVERSIGHT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY RESIDENCES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 723 Delegate Kerr**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – APPLICANTS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; and requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board of Dental Examiners if the applicant pays the application fee and provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets all qualifications and requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 4-306 - amended and § 4-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 724 Delegate Simmons, et al**COMMISSION ON ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED MARYLAND CEMETERIES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on Abandoned and Neglected Maryland Cemeteries within the Office of Cemetery Oversight to establish standard definitions for neglected and abandoned cemeteries, support the development of a statewide inventory of cemeteries and burial sites in the State, develop recommendations relating to historical cemeteries concentrating on abandoned African American cemeteries; and requiring the Commission to submit an annual report by December 1 with its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, §§ 5-1001 through 5-1005 - added and §§ 5-1001 and 5-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 725 Delegate Wivell, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “dually enrolled student” to include a nonpublic secondary school student and a home school student to be eligible to apply for the Part–Time Grant Program and the Early College Access Grant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 15-127, 18-1401, and 18-14A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 726 Delegate Wivell, et al**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES – ALTERATION**

Expanding eligibility for the homestead property tax credit to include additional residences.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-105(a), (c)(1) and (4), (d), (f), (g), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 727 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – DRIVING RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS (SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FAMILIES EVERYWHERE ACT)**

Authorizing an applicant for a driver’s license or a license holder to voluntarily disclose to the Motor Vehicle Administration certain information regarding certain medical diagnoses; requiring the Administration to include a description of the voluntary disclosure in the applicant’s or license holder’s driving record; and providing that the voluntary disclosure may be removed from an individual’s driver’s record on request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 16-125 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 728 Delegate Rosenberg**OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES**

Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 7-331(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 729 Delegate Rosenberg**PUBLIC HEALTH – USE OF OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND AND TRAINING UNDER THE OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 13-3103(b) and SF, § 7-331(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 730 Delegate M. Morgan**ELECTION LAW – ONLINE PLATFORMS AND QUALIFYING PAID DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain requirements relating to online platforms and qualifying paid digital communications; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing a compliance waiver; and requiring an online platform to make certain records relating to qualifying paid digital communications available for public inspection on the online platform’s website rather than to provide the records to the State Board on request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 13-405 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 731 Delegate Ruth, et al**WILDLIFE – PROTECTIONS AND HIGHWAY CROSSINGS**

Establishing the Maryland Connectivity Coalition to foster collaboration among State and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders for the purpose of protecting endangered wildlife from habitat fragmentation; requiring the State Highway Administration to have final decision-making authority regarding decisions related to placement, funding, or design of wildlife crossings; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a website for accepting donations for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 10-2A-06.2 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added and LU, §§ 1-408 and 3-104 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 732 Delegate Miller, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CAREER LADDER – TEACHER CLASSROOM TEACHING TIME**

Altering certain requirements of the career ladder for educators to increase the required percentage of working time a certain teacher must spend teaching in the classroom from 60% to 80%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-1003(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 733 Delegate Miller, et al**ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – PARTY DESIGNATION OR AFFILIATION – CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND BALLOTS**

Authorizing a candidate for election to a county board of education to disclose the candidate's party designation or party affiliation on the candidate's certificate of candidacy; prohibiting a local board of elections from disqualifying a candidate for election to a county board for disclosing the candidate's party designation or party affiliation; and requiring each local board to include certain information on a ballot under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 8-802 and 8-803 - amended and § 9-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 734 Delegate Buckel, et al**REAL TIME FOR VIOLENT CRIME ACT**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 3-702, 3-708, and 11-502 and CP, § 5-202 - amended and CS, § 11-507.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 735 Delegate Grammer, et al**CERTIFICATE OF NEED – PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – EXEMPTION**

Altering the definition of "medical service" for the purpose of providing an exemption to the certificate of need requirement by removing psychiatry and any subcategory of psychiatry; and providing that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate a psychiatric health care facility or to offer psychiatric or other mental health services at a health care facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-120(a) and (j) - amended and § 19-122.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 736 Delegate Ghrist, et al**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – LOCAL COST–SHARE – ALTERATIONS**

Adding an adjustment for the local cost–share for school construction projects for certain counties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-303(k) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 737 Delegate Bagnall**PUBLIC HEALTH – NONOPIOID ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

Authorizing a competent individual to make a nonopioid advance directive stating that the individual refuses the offer or administration of opioid medication including during an emergency; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a model nonopioid advance directive form and make the form available on the Department’s website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 5-602.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 738 Delegate Kaiser, et al**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – REPORTING GUIDELINES**

Altering the content of certain reports by the Department of Information Technology relating to the Information Technology Investment Fund; and requiring the reports to be written, as practicable, in a manner that is clear and avoids technical jargon, structured to include an executive summary of key information, and made publicly available on the Department’s website.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 3.5-309(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 739 Delegate Ghrist, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING STATIONS – LOCAL APPROVAL**

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a solar energy generating station unless the Commission receives written approval for the construction of the generating station from each county or municipal corporation where the generating station is proposed to be located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207(i) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 740 Delegate Kaiser, et al**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN MATERIALS – DISCLOSURE OF USE OF SYNTHETIC MEDIA**

Requiring that candidates, campaign finance entities, and specified other persons, or agents of candidates, campaign finance entities, or specified other persons, that publish, distribute, or disseminate, or cause to be published, distributed, or disseminated, to another person in the State campaign materials that use or contain synthetic media include a specified disclosure in a specified manner; and defining “synthetic media” as an image, an audio recording, or a video recording that has been intentionally manipulated in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 13-401.2 - added and § 13-602 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 741 Delegate Allen, et al**HUNTING – NONLEAD AMMUNITION, FOX CHASING, AND DEER MANAGEMENT**

Altering the definition of “hunt” to no longer exclude the sport of fox chasing; establishing the Deer Management Assistance Program in the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to require, through a certain phasing-out process, the use of nonlead ammunition on or before July 1, 2029; and establishing certain exemptions and requirements for any person who participates in the sport of fox chasing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, §§ 10-101(k) and 10-408 - amended and §§ 10-214 and 10-410(q) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 742 Delegate Ghrist, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING STATIONS – EMINENT DOMAIN**

Prohibiting a person constructing a solar energy generating station from exercising a right of condemnation in connection with that construction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207(b)(2) - amended and §§ 7-207.1(h), 7-207.2(e), and 7-208(k) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 743 Delegate Bagnall**PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH CARE QUALITY FUND FOR COMMUNITY–BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Health Care Quality Fund for Community–Based Behavioral Health Programs in the Maryland Department of Health to provide funding for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve behavioral health care services in the State; requiring the Department to pay to the Comptroller certain civil penalties collected from behavioral health programs and the Comptroller to distribute the penalties into the Fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 7.5-405 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 744 Delegate Wims, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 745 Delegate Guyton**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
– BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS – LICENSURE APPLICATIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a license to practice behavior analysis to qualified applicants within 10 days of receiving the completed application; and requiring the State Board to provide a certain e-mail notification regarding the status of an application for a license to practice behavior analysis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 17-6A-13 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 746 Delegate Guyton**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
TRANSFERS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 13-1604(b), (c)(6), and (e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 747 Delegate Guyton**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS –
REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION AND PUMPING SERVICES**

Requiring a landlord of property that is served by an on-site wastewater system to ensure, on or before January 1, 2026, and before each new tenant occupies the property thereafter, that the system has been inspected and pumped out in a certain manner; and requiring a contract for the sale of real property that is served by an on-site wastewater system, beginning on January 1, 2026, to require that the purchaser has ensured that the system has been inspected and pumped out in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 8-121 and 10-715 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 748 Delegate Schindler, et al**MUNICIPALITIES – ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN CAMERAS**

Authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance or a resolution authorizing an official who is authorized to act as an enforcement officer to utilize a body–worn camera; and requiring that a municipality that adopts a certain ordinance or resolution to publish a policy for the issuance and use of body–worn cameras by enforcement officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 6-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 749 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM**

Adding Washington County to the list of counties where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

PS, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 750 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Altering eligibility requirements for a certain property tax credit for certain business entities that invest a certain amount in certain real property in Washington County and create a certain number of new and permanent full–time jobs in the county; and altering the amount and duration of the property tax credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-323(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 751 Delegate Schindler**MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXED LAND – LAND USE AND DENSITY**

Altering the restrictions on a municipality, for a period following an annexation of land, to authorize the development of certain annexed land for certain land uses or certain densities without obtaining the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located; and altering the authority of a municipality to authorize certain land uses or certain densities for certain annexed land with the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 4-416 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 752 Delegate Schindler, et al**COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY BEARING CONFEDERATE NAMES**

Establishing the Commission on State and Local Government Real Property Bearing Confederate Names to develop and implement a framework to identify real property owned by the State or a political subdivision that bears a Confederate name; and requiring the Commission to make recommendations regarding the real property that should be renamed and report its findings to the Governor, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, the governing body of each county, and the General Assembly by October 1, 2032.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, §§ 9-4101 through 9-4108 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 753 Delegate Edelson**COMPTRROLLER – BABY BOND ACCOUNT PROGRAM STUDY**

Requiring the Comptroller to conduct a study and report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before June 1, 2026, on the feasibility of a State baby bond account program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 754 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HEARING NOTICE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 22-209 and 22-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 755 Delegate Foley**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-23.2 and RP, §§ 11-108.2 and 11B-111.11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 756 Delegate J. Long**PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF ALLEGED DISABLED PERSON – STAY OF CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing a petitioner to request a stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; requiring, to effectuate service of process for certain civil actions against an alleged disabled person, the temporary or permanent guardian of the property of the disabled person to be served; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 13-223 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 757 Delegate Kaiser, et al**PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Altering the fee for a license to transfer oil in the State; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer a certain amount of the license fee to the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program; altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual budget for the Program from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000; requiring the Secretary of Health to use certain funds exclusively for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, § 4-411(c) and HG, § 13-4006 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 758 Delegate Guyton, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STOLEN VEHICLES OR REGISTRATION PLATES**

Requiring a local designee under a local automated speed enforcement program to void a citation issued under the program if the local designee determines that the motor vehicle subject to the citation or its registration plates were stolen at the time the alleged violation occurred; prohibiting a local automated speed enforcement program from issuing or mailing a citation until the program confirms that the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation or its registration plates were not reported as stolen; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(x), (d), and (f)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 759 Delegate Grammer, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – FUNDING FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to establish, by law, a special fund that may be used only to assist in covering the cost of siting, constructing, installing, and maintaining traffic calming devices on county roads; and requiring the fines collected by Baltimore County as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems to be deposited in the special fund.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4)(vii) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 760 Delegate Ghrist, et al**COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – APPROVAL OF PROJECTS DENIED BY MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to approve a certain project that was previously denied by the Maryland Historical Trust under certain circumstances; and requiring a local planning commission to hold a certain public hearing within 60 days after the request by a project applicant and to make a recommendation to the governing body of the county or municipality on whether or not to approve the project.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 761 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**MARYLAND UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY ACT – REVISIONS**

Making certain virtual currency subject to the abandoned property laws in the State; establishing certain provisions to determine certain information about certain apparent owners of abandoned property; altering and establishing certain provisions pertaining to the presumption of abandonment for certain types of property; establishing certain procedures to establish the death of a certain insured or certain annuitant; altering the procedures for filing a claim with the Comptroller to reclaim abandoned property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2025**HJ 4 Delegate Martinez, et al****DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION – THE AMERICAN DREAM**

Affirming Maryland's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as a foundation of the American Dream; and encouraging local, State, and federal policymakers, educational institutions, workplaces, and other organizations to adopt and uphold DEI principles.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 24, 2025**HB 627 Delegate Ruth, et al****EDUCATION – PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PROPERTY – APPLICATION**

Specifying that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing certain disruptive and threatening behavior on certain school grounds and property do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program sponsored at that institution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 26-101 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means