



SYNOPSIS

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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 FEBRUARY 5, 2025

HB 1035 The Speaker and Delegate Wilson

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY GENERATION PLANNING – PROCUREMENT, PERMITTING, AND CO-LOCATION (NEXT GENERATION ENERGY ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; prohibiting an electricity supplier or other owner of a certain generating station from entering into a certain contract with a commercial or industrial customer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 1036 Delegates Wilson and Crosby**PUBLIC UTILITIES – GENERATING STATIONS – GENERATION AND SITING (RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTAINTY ACT)**

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing certain requirements for the construction of a certain solar energy generating station or energy storage device; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study to establish a process by which the Commission may establish partnerships between electric companies and electricity suppliers for electricity generation projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-207(b)(1) and (e) and 7-306.2(a), (c), and (d)(7) - amended, and §§ 7-207(i), 7-207.4, 7-218, 7-219, 7-306.2(o), and 7-320 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1037 Delegate Crosby**ENERGY RESOURCE ADEQUACY AND PLANNING ACT**

Establishing the Integrated Resource Planning Office in the Public Service Commission; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Energy Forecast and conduct a certain study to support the development of the Forecast; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration, to complete certain energy modeling; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to adopt regulations requiring each electric company to develop a certain integrated resource plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-1201 through 7-1206 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1038 Delegates Vogel and Stonko

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – COMPLAINT PORTAL AND ANNUAL REPORT

Requiring the Department of Commerce to create and maintain a complaint portal for reporting when a governmental unit takes longer than 60 days to process an application for a license, form, certificate, certification, permit, or registration for a business or nonprofit organization; and requiring the Department, by September 15, 2025, and each September 15 thereafter, to submit an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the complaints filed through the portal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, § 2.5-110 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 1039 Delegate Allen

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT – REGISTRATION, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT

Requiring the owner of public electric vehicle supply equipment to register with the Secretary of Agriculture on or before certain dates; applying certain provisions of law regarding weights and measures to public electric vehicle supply equipment; requiring the Secretary to establish a program to test the weight and measure of public electric vehicle supply equipment and ensure the equipment conforms to certain standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AG, §§ 11-204.2, 11-204.6, and 11-208.1 - amended and §§ 11-501 through 11-509 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1040 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff**REAL PROPERTY – INSUFFICIENT CONDOMINIUM RESERVE ACCOUNT GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring regulated financial institutions to develop a community benefit plan in connection with applications to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation relating to financial services for purposes of providing safe and sound loans, and other financial products for low–and moderate–income individuals and communities and other distressed or underserved individuals and communities; requiring the Commissioner to exercise certain oversight authority relating to the adequacy of the community benefit plans and attainment of goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FI, Various Sections - added and amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1041 Delegate Roberts**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption to reserve funding requirements for homeowners associations that experience exigent financial circumstances, subject to certain requirements; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; and authorizing a certain lot owner to file an action against the governing body of a homeowners association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) and RP, § 11B-112.2(d) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) and RP, § 11B-112.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1042 Delegate Roberts**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – DULY AUTHORIZED AGENTS**

Requiring that certain information regarding the use of an agent to pick up and deliver absentee ballots be conspicuously displayed on each specimen ballot; and prohibiting a candidate’s representative from being a duly authorized agent for the purpose of picking up and delivering an absentee ballot for a registered voter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 9-214 and 9-307 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1043 Delegate Smith, et al**MARYLAND VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2025 – VOTER SUPPRESSION AND VOTE DILUTION**

Altering public notice requirements of the State Board of Elections, local boards of elections, and certain municipal corporations with respect to changes in administrative policy affecting voting rights; prohibiting local governments from taking any action related to the election process that results in a disparity between members of a protected class and other members of the electorate or that would deny or impair the right of a protected class member to vote; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

EL, §§ 1-101(b-2) and 1-305 - amended and §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-401 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1044 Delegate Smith, et al**MARYLAND VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2025 – PRECLEARANCE AND VOTER INTIMIDATION AND OBSTRUCTION**

Requiring the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to review and grant preclearance to certain policies before enactment or implementation; authorizing certain persons to file an action if the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County fails to properly carry out certain provisions of the Act; and prohibiting acts of intimidation or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

EL, §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-301 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1045 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES –
CONSUMER PROTECTIONS – UPDATES**

Updating references to federal law related to family planning services, grandfathered plans, explanation of benefits, summaries of benefits and coverage, medical loss ratios, catastrophic plans, annual limits for cost sharing, prescription drugs, and rescissions; providing that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and the Commission on Civil Rights have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce certain provisions of law related to discrimination in health insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, §§ 13-3401, 13-3402, and 15-102.1(b)(6) and IN, Various Sections - amended and IN, § 15-1A-22(f) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1046 Delegate Bagnall**INSURANCE PROTECTIONS FOR VEHICLE SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Establishing that a licensed vehicle dealer, an obligor, or an agent that sells mechanical repair contracts for motor vehicles may not make deceptive or misleading statements regarding the mechanical repair contract and shall ensure that testimonials of any of their endorsers are truthful, accurate, and not deceptive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 15-311.2(i) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1047 Delegate Wu, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS OF ELIGIBLE
APPRENTICES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “eligible apprentice” for purposes of a certain credit against the State income tax for the employment of certain eligible apprentices by repealing a certain wage requirement; extending the termination of the credit until June 30, 2031; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TG, § 10-742 and Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2017, § 9, as amended - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1048 Delegate Buckel, et al**SPORTS WAGERING – WAGERS ON HISTORICAL HORSE RACES – AUTHORIZATION**

Altering the definition of “sporting event” for purposes of provisions of law governing sports wagering to include historic horse races; authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to accept wagers on historic horse races that are made by an individual physically present and subject to certain limitations; and authorizing sports wagering on historical horse races only in a designated area on the premises of a sports wagering facility licensee that is approved by the Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-1E-01(i) and 9-1E-09(a) and (b) - amended and §§ 9-1E-09(f) and 9-1E-09.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1049 Delegate Feldmark**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 7.5-208(e) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1050 Delegate Bartlett, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SURRENDER OF FIREARMS**

Altering and establishing provisions relating to the surrender of firearms by a respondent under the domestic violence statutes; creating the Task Force to Study the Use of Firearms in Domestic Violence Situations; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report on its recommendations on or before November 15, 2025.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

FL, §§ 4-504(b), 4-504.1(d) though (i), 4-505(a), 4-506.1, and 4-509(a) - amended and §§ 4-504(e) and 4-504.1(d) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1051 Delegate Kaiser, et al**MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – NOT-FOR-PROFIT FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

Altering the definition of “corporation” for the purpose of provisions relating to the provision of mortuary sciences and the operation of a funeral establishment to include a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from taxation under a certain provision of federal law; and authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue and renew a license to practice funeral direction to a certain not-for-profit organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, §§ 7-101(f), 7-309, and 7-310 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1052 Delegate Charkoudian**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a limited equity housing cooperative subject to certain requirements; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative for certain households to receive notice and vacate a portion of a certain residential rental facility; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CA, § 5-207(a) - amended and CA, §§ 5-6D-01 through 5-6D-10 and TP, §§ 7-308 and 9-275 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1053 Delegate Buckel**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES – PARENT PROVIDERS**

Clarifying that a parent of the recipient may provide services for the recipient of self-directed services under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 7-409(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1054 Delegate Wu, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – HIGH IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “high impact economic development activity” to exclude cost savings related to the reduction in the number of University System of Maryland employees; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to report the amount of State or University funds used on each high impact economic development activity, the net benefit of each activity, and whether the activity is in the best interest of the State; and making a high impact economic development activity subject to State procurement law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 12-104.1 and 12-113(c) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1055 Delegate Fair, et al**COMMISSION ON NONDISCRIMINATION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on Nondiscrimination to monitor and study nondiscrimination laws and regulations and the impacts of the actions of the federal government on those laws and regulations and to recommend legislation to address any deficiencies in nondiscrimination protections in Maryland; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15 each year.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1056 Delegate Conaway**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – EXCISE TAX ON PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS**

Requiring a county to impose an excise tax on the amount of a fee charged by a retailer to a customer for a plastic or paper carryout bag that exceeds the amount required by local law; and providing for the allocation of the excise tax revenue between the county and the State.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LG, § 20-610 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1057 Delegate Roberts, et al**FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES – CHILD CARE STIPENDS FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS**

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Human Services to review and reallocate a portion of the Department of Human Services' annual budget to be used to provide child care stipends to certain private treatment foster care homes to cover child care expenses in a manner similar to public treatment foster care homes; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2027, the Secretary to include in the Department's annual budget proposal certain funding for child care stipends for private treatment foster care homes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FL, § 5-525.3 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1058 Delegate Terrasa, et al**EMISSION STANDARDS, AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS, AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt ordinances, rules, or regulations that set emission standards or ambient air quality standards under certain conditions; specifying that the requirement for the Department of the Environment to approve a county water and sewerage plan does not limit certain authority of the county; requiring the Department to publish certain information on its website by October 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 2-104 and 9-502 - amended and § 9-731 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1059 Delegate Fair, et al**HEALTH – MARYLAND HELPING EVERYONE AFFORD LIFE–
SAVING TREATMENTS AND HEALTH CARE (HEALTH) FUND AND
INCOME TAX CHECKOFF**

Establishing the Helping Everyone Afford Life–Saving Treatments and Health Care (HEALTH) Fund to assist Maryland Medical Assistance Program enrollees and insured individuals with health care costs associated with services and benefits provided under State law that are subject to federal restrictions; requiring certain individuals to provide evidence of need for certain health care assistance; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

IN, § 31-107.3 and TG, §§ 2-113.2 and 10-804(m) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

HB 1060 Delegate Crutchfield**JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, CR, FL, GP, and PS, Various Sections - amended and added and CS, RP, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1061 Delegate Moon**STATE–OWNED PROPERTY – INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION –
HOUSING AND SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION**

Requiring each unit of State government to submit to the Department of Planning an inventory of State–owned property used or controlled by the unit; requiring the Department to determine the suitability of each property for use or redevelopment for housing or solar energy productions; requiring a unit to sell or donate certain State–owned property in a certain manner for redevelopment for housing or solar energy production under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HS, § 2-203 - amended and SF, §§ 5-1001 and 5-1002 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1062 Delegate Harrison

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – CYBERSECURITY PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-2701 through 9-2707 - added and GP, § 4-338 and PS, §§ 14-104.1 and 14-104.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Health and Government Operations

HB 1063 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION – ALTERNATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY AND SOLICITATION METHODS MC/PG 102–25

Repealing a limitation on the design/build contracts into which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may enter; and authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations establishing certain alternative project delivery and solicitation methods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1064 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – OPEN MEETINGS – LIVE STREAMING REQUIREMENT MC/PG 101–25

Altering the requirement that the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, respectively, stream live video or audio of their open meetings to apply only to meetings held at the headquarters of the Board or the Commission, respectively, or at a location where the Board or the Commission, respectively, held at least 10 meetings during the immediately preceding calendar year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LU, § 20-202(e) and PU, § 17-106(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1065 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 22-309 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1066 **Delegates Ruth and Guzzone**

COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT AND ACCESS – MEMBERSHIP AND WORKGROUPS

Altering the membership of the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access; requiring the Commission to establish a workgroup on the improvement of health, social, and economic outcomes related to substance use; and requiring the workgroup to submit an annual report and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 13-4803 and 13-4806 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1067 Delegate Conaway**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – FEE FOR PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS – PROHIBITION ON CHARGE**

Prohibiting certain retailers that are authorized or required by a local law to charge a fee to a customer for a plastic or paper carryout bag from charging the fee if the customer's form of payment uses federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or federal Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1068 Delegates J. Long and Stewart**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLLS – COLLECTION AND USE (MARYLAND TOLL RATE REFORM ACT OF 2025)**

Establishing the Transportation Facilities Overage Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to fix, revise, charge, and collect fees, tolls, and other charges for the use of transportation facilities under its control to maximize revenues above certain amounts and to distribute the additional revenues to the Transportation Facilities Overage Account for certain purposes; and establishing certain standards under which the Authority is required to set certain toll rates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 3-215(b), 3-216(c)(2)(i), and 4-312(c) - amended and §§ 3-216(d)(6) and 4-312(b-1) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1069 Delegates Woorman and Kaufman**LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITY CONTRACTS – DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES – PROHIBITION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-706(q) - added and IN, § 12-211 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1070 Delegate Woorman, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – ACCESS TO TELEPHONES
– STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the feasibility of installing and maintaining a telephone system in assisted living facilities, psychiatric facilities, and nursing homes; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by September 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1071 Delegate Forbes**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 23-802 through 23-812 - renumbered, §§ 23-801(h), 23-803, and 23-810(a) - amended, and § 23-802 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1072 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATIVE
FEES – REPEAL**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain employer contribution rates each fiscal year; requiring the employer contribution rates to include recognition of certain administrative and operational expenses; repealing a requirement that certain administrative and operational expenses of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency be funded by charging each participating employer an administrative fee for each system participant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SP, §§ 21-125, 21-302, 21-303, and 21-315 - amended and § 21-316 -repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1073 Delegates Toles and J. Long

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

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages from intended recipients; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1074 Delegate Toles

CRIMINAL LAW – GIFT CARD CRIMES

Prohibiting a person from taking a certain gift card from another or receiving a gift card with the intent to use, sell, or transfer the gift card in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from receiving a gift card that the person knows was lost, mislaid, or delivered under a mistake and retaining possession in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from selling and buying a gift card under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-201 - amended and §§ 8-204.1 and 8-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1075 Delegate J. Long

CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS REPRESENTING SPECIFIC DISTRICTS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring that members of the Calvert County Board of Education representing certain districts be elected only by the voters of that district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1076 Delegate Terrasa, et alRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT –
NOTICE OF LANDLORD ENTRY

Requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain written notice in a certain manner at least 48 hours in advance of when the landlord intends to enter a leased premises, except in the event of a certain emergency; and authorizing the court to issue a certain injunction or assess certain damages under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-220 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1077 Delegates Boafu and WilkinsLANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – PROSPECTIVE
TENANT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK (MARYLAND FAIR
CHANCE HOUSING ACT)

Prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant; permitting a landlord to consider certain criminal history information prior to extending a conditional offer to a prospective tenant and requiring the landlord to consider certain information provided by a prospective tenant relating to a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) and RP, § 8-218(b) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) and RP, §§ 8-2A-01 through 8-2A-11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1078 Delegate Williams, et alPRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS – MANDATED APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include \$200,000,000 in the annual operating or capital budget bill for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements if the U.S. General Services Administration relocates the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Prince George's County.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 7-110.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1079 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Wilson**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – STUDY ON THE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct a study on the electric transmission system and the electric distribution system in the State; and establishing that the purpose of the study is to provide a comprehensive assessment of the potential application of grid-enhancing technologies and advanced conductors in a manner that ensures system reliability and safeguards the cybersecurity and physical security of the electric transmission system and electric distribution system in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, §§ 1-207 and 1-208 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1081 Delegate Boafó, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – MASKED INTIMIDATION – PROHIBITION (UNMASK HATE ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally harassing, intimidating, or threatening another person while hiding or concealing their face; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of up to \$500 or both for a first offense, and for subsequent offenses, imprisonment of up to 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or both; and establishing certain affirmative defenses for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-810 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1082 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE–BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM**

Establishing the State–Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to individuals in the State to mitigate the impact of a reduction in certain federal advance premium tax credits for calendar year 2026; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Program under certain circumstances.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

IN, § 31-107 - amended and § 31-125 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1083 Delegate Woods, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WORKGROUP TO IMPLEMENT EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements; requiring the workgroup to create a plan to implement the recommendations in a certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Health Official letter; and requiring the Department to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1084 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICATION–ASSISTED TREATMENT FUNDING**

Requiring the Maryland Secretary of Health to provide funding to counties for medication–assisted treatment programs; requiring counties that receive funding to submit a certain report; authorizing the Governor to appropriate certain funds in the annual budget bill; altering the requirements for a certain report; authorizing funds in the Opioid Restitution Fund to be used for medication–assisted treatment programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-603 and SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 1085 Delegate Fair, et al**HOUSING AUTHORITIES – TAX-EXEMPT STATUS –
MODIFICATIONS**

Exempting certain property owned by public housing authorities, certain subsidiary entities of public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit housing corporations from State and local taxation; directing public housing authorities, certain subsidiary entities of public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit housing corporations to make payments in lieu of taxes that may be set by agreements with political subdivisions; and applying the Act tall taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HS, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1086 Delegate Martinez, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH
INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA – PROHIBITING TIME
LIMITATIONS**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, managed care organizations, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia for a procedure for which a licensed medical professional issues an order, to provide the coverage for the entire duration of the procedure.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m), 15-103(a)(2)(xxv), and 15-157 - added and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv) - amended and IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1087 Delegates Bhandari and Woods

HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS
– DRUGS TO TREAT ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS OF ADVANCED
METASTATIC CANCER

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol for certain prescription drugs used to treat a symptom of or side effect from the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer that the treating provider determines will negatively impact the insured or enrollee’s health if left untreated and use of the prescription drug is consistent with best practices for treatment of the condition.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-142(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1088 Delegate Stein, et al

COAL TRANSPORTATION FEE AND FOSSIL FUEL MITIGATION
FUND (COAL DUST CLEANUP AND ASTHMA REMEDIATION ACT)

Imposing a coal transportation fee on a person that transports coal in the State; providing that the rate of the coal transportation fee is \$13 per short ton transported in the State; providing the fee does not apply to the transportation of coal that is solely for use on a farm and the carrier does not otherwise use or sell the coal; establishing the Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to support activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 7-701 through 7-703 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 and Economic Matters

HB 1089 Delegate Solomon**DATA BROKERS – REGISTRY AND GROSS INCOME TAX (BUILDING INFORMATION GUARDRAILS DATA ACT OF 2025)**

Establishing the Privacy Protection and Enforcement Unit within the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General; establishing a data broker registry; requiring certain data brokers to register each year with the Comptroller; imposing a tax on the gross income of certain data brokers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026; requiring the revenue from the data broker tax be used by Maryland Public Television to provide digital literacy support to students in kindergarten through 12th grade; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CL, § 13-204.1 - added and § 13-204.1(c)(1) - amended and TG, Various Sections - renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 1090 Delegate Solomon**FOOD SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS – STUDENTS – ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to provide food supplement benefits to students enrolled in an institution of higher education in the State who meet certain work study requirements; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to add a certain question to the Maryland College Aid Processing System application asking if the applicant has missed a meal in the previous 6 months because of an inability to afford a meal; and prohibiting the Commission from requiring a student to answer the question.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HU, § 5-502 - amended and § 5-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1091 Delegate Smith**BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – COMPENSATION**

Including salary, wages, and certain benefits in the compensation with regard to which full-time sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers in Baltimore City may collectively bargain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 2-316(i)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1092 Delegate Terrasa, et al**RECYCLING – PROHIBITION ON THE CHEMICAL CONVERSION OF PLASTIC**

Altering the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical conversion processes, pyrolysis, hydrolysis, methanolysis, gasification, enzymatic breakdown, or similar processes as determined by the Department of the Environment; and prohibiting a person from building in the State a facility that converts plastic to fuel or feedstock through a chemical conversion process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-1701(q) - amended and § 9-1715 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1093 Delegate Roberts**LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTIONS – TENANT’S PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOVING EXPENSES AND SERVICES (SMALL LANDLORD EVICTION RELIEF ACT)**

Providing for the disposition of a tenant’s personal property in certain evictions; prohibiting a county or municipality from enacting or enforcing a local law or ordinance requiring a certain landlord to compensate a tenant for certain moving expenses or to provide certain moving services or supplies in connection with an eviction; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

RP, §§ 8-401(f)(1)(i), 8-402(b)(2)(i), and 8-402.1(b)(1) - amended and § 8-407 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1094 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VOTING METHODS MC 9–25**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked-choice voting method or an approval voting method for elections for certain local offices.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, §§ 8-101 and 9-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1095 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE MC 3–25

Authorizing a holder of a beauty salon license in Montgomery County to provide up to 1.7 ounces of liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and altering the amount of beer the holder may provide for on–premises consumption from 5 ounces by the glass to 12 ounces.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 25-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1096 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

FRAUD PREVENTION AND WORKER PROTECTIONS – PROHIBITIONS, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT

Prohibiting a person from knowingly making or using, or causing to be made or used, a false record or statement resulting in underpayments of unemployment insurance contributions or payment of unemployment insurance benefits of more than a certain amount; altering the enforcement mechanisms of the Maryland Wage and Hour Law, the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, workplace fraud laws, living wage laws, and prevailing wage laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, LE, SF, and SG, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1097 **Delegate Feldmark, et al**

WORKGROUP ON MAIL–IN BALLOT ACCESSIBILITY

Establishing the Workgroup on Mail–In Ballot Accessibility to examine current processes in the State relating to mail–in ballot return, assessing the impact on voters with disabilities, collect information about current practices for accessible alternatives to paper mail–in ballot return, and evaluate the alternatives for individuals with disabilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1098 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Wilson**INSURANCE – AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – MARYLAND
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND AND AFFORDABILITY STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to calculate and report its risk based capital level in accordance with certain provisions of insurance law and maintain total adjusted capital in a certain amount; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to review and determine the adequacy of an RBC plan filed by the Fund; establishing that certain provisions of insurance law regarding prior approval rate making apply to the Fund during a certain time period and under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

IN, § 20-306 - added and § 20-507 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1099 Delegates Clippinger and Barnes**CIVIL ACTIONS – PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS – SURCHARGE**

Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with gross negligence; requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a certain surcharge on a defendant against whom a judgement for punitive damages is entered; requiring the Administrator to deposit money collected from the surcharge into the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-113 - added and ED, § 5-206(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1100 Delegate White Holland, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH EQUITY DASHBOARD**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard at least every 30 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 13-5501 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1101 Delegate Hartman, et al

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION (ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2025)

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1102 Delegate Griffith

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing certain members and former members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive credit for certain military service even if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than once.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, § 38-104 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1103 Delegate Atterbary

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARIES – HOTEL RENTAL TAX COLLECTION BY COMPTROLLER

Requiring certain accommodations intermediaries to collect and remit the hotel rental tax to the Comptroller rather than to each county; providing for the administration of the hotel rental tax by the Comptroller; providing that certain provisions of State law prevail over certain local laws or agreements related to the hotel rental tax; repealing the authority of certain counties to provide for certain exemptions from the hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG and TG, Various Sections - amended and added and PLL of Howard Co and Prince George's Co, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1104 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – AHEAD MODEL IMPLEMENTATION – ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE TRANSACTIONS AND POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT FUND

Clarifying that electronic health care transactions information may be used to support the participation of the State in the States Advancing All–Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model and any successor models; establishing the Population Health Improvement Fund to support the statewide population health targets under the AHEAD Model and any successor models; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess a certain amount in hospital rates to be credited to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 4-302.2(f)(3)(i), (h)(1), and (j)(3) - amended and §§ 13-5501 and 13-5502 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 1105 Delegate Patterson, et al

APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH MINORS – REQUIRED INFORMATION, REVIEW PROCESS, AND REPORTING – ALTERATIONS

Requiring child care centers and youth–serving organizations to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information; requiring county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information relating to certain boundary–violating behavior; requiring child care centers and youth–serving organizations to follow certain procedures when hiring certain applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-113.2 - amended and § 6-113.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1106 Delegate Boafo**BUSINESS REGULATION – TRAVEL SERVICES – SURETY REQUIREMENT (DON'T YOU WORRY (WURIE) ACT)**

Requiring certain providers of travel services to file with the Department of Labor evidence of financial security; and requiring the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office and the Department to provide reasonable notice of the requirements of the Act to consumers and sellers of travel.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 17-2201 through 17-2205 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1107 Delegate Bartlett, et al**JUVENILE LAW – CONFINEMENT AND RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – LIMITATIONS**

Limiting the circumstances under which an incarcerated minor may be involuntarily placed in restrictive housing to the extent necessary to eliminate identifiable risk; prohibiting the placement of a minor in restrictive housing for more than 6 hours; authorizing a correctional facility to place a minor in restrictive housing at the minor's request; establishing certain requirements for detaining, confining, or transporting a child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-614.1, CJ, § 3-8A-16, and CP, § 4-202(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1108 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIMUM AGE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS**

Altering the minimum age for employment in Allegany County for alcoholic beverages license holders that do not derive more than half of their revenues from the sale of food from 16 years of age to 18 years of age.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 9-1902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1109 Delegate Pippy**PUBLIC HEALTH – MEDETOMIDINE AND XYLAZINE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine product or a xylazine product unless the purchaser provides to the retailer certain proof; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine product or a xylazine product to an individual under the age of 21 years; requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a medetomidine product or a xylazine product to maintain certain records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 8-6A-01(b)(3) - amended and §§ 21-2F-01 through 21-2F-03 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1110 Delegate Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to transmit a list that includes the name and new residential address of individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility to the State Board of Elections on a weekly basis; and requiring the State Board to automatically restore the voter registration of certain individuals released from State correctional facilities who were registered to vote in the State before being incarcerated.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, § 3-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1111 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – FLOATING SYSTEMS AND SYSTEMS LOCATED ON BROWNFIELDS**

Providing that certain floating solar energy generating systems are eligible for the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; and exempting certain floating solar energy generating systems and solar energy generating systems located on brownfields from a certain property tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, § 7-709.1(d) and (e) and TP, § 7-249 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1112 Delegate Hornberger, et al**PFAS CHEMICALS – CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROHIBITION ON CONSUMER PRODUCT SALES**

Altering the time limits for bringing an action for wrongful death or personal injury concerning exposure of a person to PFAS chemicals; and prohibiting a person, on or after July 1, 2026, from manufacturing, selling, or distributing in the State a consumer product that contains PFAS chemicals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-904(g) and 5-113(b) and EN, § 6-1601(e) - amended and CJ, § 5-113.1 and EN, § 6-1604.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 1113 Delegate Feldmark**ELECTION LAW – ENHANCED AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement an enhanced automatic voter registration system on or before July 1, 2026; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of enhanced automatic voter registration information by the Administration, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board; authorizing the State Board to implement certain enhanced automatic voter registration at certain agencies with their consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-203, 3-303, and 3-503 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1114 Delegate Rosenberg**PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – RENAMING AND FUNDING**

Renaming the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program to be the Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; adding services in transportation and other fields within State or local government to the list of certain criteria for which an eligible student must be given priority for participation in the Program; and requiring that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the Program sufficient to provide a certain number of internships.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 18-1701, 18-1702, and 18-1704 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1115 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND – FUNDING**

Altering the fiscal years during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund; altering the funding source of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to include money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; and altering uses of the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 20-120 - amended and SF, § 7-317(f)(1) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1116 Delegate Healey**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MISSING PERSONS**

Renaming and transferring the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children to be the State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 9-403 - transferred and PS, § 3-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1117 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – DISPUTES, PAYMENTS, AND ELECTIONS MC 11–25

Establishing certain requirements for elections to governing bodies and organizing activities of cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations in Montgomery County; establishing procedures and requirements during a dispute between a member or an owner and a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11B-118 - renumbered and CA and RP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1118 Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCY PROCEDURES – ALTERATIONS

Altering the procedures used to fill a vacancy of a voting member of the Carroll County Board of Education under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1119 Delegate Foley

PROCUREMENT – ADVERTISING – LOCAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS

Requiring units of State government to ensure that at least 50% of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts for print and digital advertising is being made directly to local news organizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 14-419 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1120 Delegates Vogel and Schmidt**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MARYLAND ONESTOP – REQUIRED STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL INFORMATION**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology by December 1, 2025, and periodically thereafter, to update certain information available on the Maryland OneStop portal, the internet-based statewide licensing portal managed by the Department; requiring, beginning on July 1, 2026, each county and municipal corporation, in coordination with the Department, to make certain information available on the portal; and requiring each county and municipal corporation to periodically update certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 3.5-319 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1121 Delegate Shetty, et al**CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – YOUTH TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER PLACEMENT TO SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOOD PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Youth Transitioning From Foster Placement to Successful Adulthood Pilot Program in the Child Care Scholarship Program to assist foster youth in applying for and accessing subsidies in the Program; establishing that the duration of the program is from January 1, 2026, until December 31, 2028; and requiring the State Department of Education to report on the status and an evaluation of the Pilot Program's goals to the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year of the Pilot Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-113(c)(1) and (d) - amended and § 9.5-113.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1122 Delegate Feldmark**OFFICE OF CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of members of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council from 30 to 31; and adding a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the membership of the Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-803(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1123 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL AND ELDER PAROLE**

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an incarcerated individual serving a term of life imprisonment; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit to the Commission the names of certain individuals at a certain time; requiring the Commission to conduct a risk assessment for a certain individual at a certain time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added and SG, § 9-3207(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1124 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – WELL AND ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES – PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, at the request of the Dorchester County government and the local health department or county agency in Dorchester County that has received a well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority by the Department, to establish a privatization program for the performance of activities associated with the well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, § 9-1104.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1125 Delegate Clippinger**WORKGROUP ON HOME DETENTION MONITORING – REPORT ALTERATIONS AND DATA COLLECTION**

Requiring the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain policies, practices, and responses when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to collect and report to the Workgroup certain data on or before September 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Chapter 763 of the Acts of 2024, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1126 Delegate Ruff, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE TO WORK PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program within the Department of Labor to connect individuals who are unemployed and in arrears under a child support order with employment opportunities in the State; and requiring the Department to report on or before July 1, 2026, on the Department's findings and any recommendations related to the continuation of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, § 8-311.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1127 Delegate Toles, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING – INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT, PLAN, AND REPORTING**

Requiring each county board of education to develop certain instructional content on water safety and swimming for public school students in the county; and requiring each county board to develop a certain plan regarding access to swimming pools and related facilities to ensure public school students in the county have access to swimming pools and water safety courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-452 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1128 Delegate Holmes**LAND BANK AUTHORITIES – POWERS AND AUTHORITY**

Authorizing certain land bank authorities to create a special fund for certain purposes, make loans or grants for certain purposes, and enter into partnerships for certain purposes; requiring a land bank authority to include in the sale, lease, transfer, or disposition of the land bank authority's property a certain agreement; and authorizing a county or municipal corporation to authorize, by law, a land bank authority to foreclose on certain property through a certain in rem foreclosure action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, Various Sections - amended and added and TP, §§ 14-874, 14-875(a), (b), and (d), and 14-876(c) and (d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1129 Delegate D. Jones, et al**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – GENDER–NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**

Altering terminology in the Maryland Constitution that refers to constitutional officers to be gender–neutral.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, Art. V, Art. VI, and Art. IX, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1130 Delegate Rosenberg**BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON INTERSTATE 83 – UNPAID AND OVERDUE CITATIONS**

Requiring Baltimore City to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration for certain purposes if an owner or a driver of a vehicle accumulates more than \$250 in unpaid and overdue fines for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; authorizing Baltimore City to immobilize a vehicle owned or driven by a person that has accumulated more than \$250 in unpaid and overdue fines for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 26-305 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1131 Delegates Vogel and Tomlinson**PUBLIC HEALTH – BUPRENORPHINE – TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM AND WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Buprenorphine Training Grant Program to assist counties with offsetting the cost of training paramedics to administer buprenorphine; including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$50,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund for the Program; and requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response to convene a workgroup to study access to buprenorphine in the State.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 13-5501 and 13-5502 - added and SF, § 7-331(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1132 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT FIGHTS – SCHOOL INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE**

Requiring a principal or school administration to investigate each student fight or physical struggle; prohibiting a school employee from disciplining a student who, after an investigation, more likely than not used reasonable force necessary to protect the student or to escape the attack; and requiring a principal or school administration to expunge certain documentation from a student's disciplinary record under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1133 Delegate Rosenberg**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RESERVE STUDIES – ANNUAL REVISIONS**

Authorizing the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association to revise a required reserve study at the end of each calendar year to reflect any changes made to the common elements that year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-26.1(g) and RP, §§ 11-109.4(f) and 11B-112.3(f) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1134 Delegate Fair**SPORTS WAGERING – SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEES – PROVISION OF SERVICES**

Authorizing a sports wagering facility licensee that operates sports wagering on behalf of another sports wagering facility licensee to utilize certain branding and loyalty rewards programs; prohibiting the sports wagering facility licensee from allowing an individual to utilize a certain account wallet under certain circumstances; and authorizing a sports wagering facility licensee that receives sports wagering services to utilize and market certain branding and loyalty reward programs in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-1E-09(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1135 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff

ENVIRONMENT – MARYLAND CLEAN WATER FUND –
AUTHORIZED USES

Altering the uses of the Maryland Clean Water Fund to include activities that are related to urban forest management.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-320 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1136 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff

COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES – LICENSING
ENTITIES – PROVISION OF LICENSING CRITERIA AND SINGLE
POINT OF CONTACT

Requiring a licensing authority, on request, to provide to an interested party the criteria used by the licensing authority to determine whether to issue a license for or renew a license of a community facility; and requiring a licensing authority to designate a single point of contact to respond to complaints, concerns, or issues regarding a community facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-2501 and 24-2502 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1137 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – BALTIMORE EAST-
WEST CORRIDOR – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the Red Line transit project, from acquiring any real property for planning, construction, operation, or maintenance of the Red Line if the acquisition would result in involuntary residential displacement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 7-718 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1138 Delegate Fair**HIGHER EDUCATION – PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS – ADVERTISING**

Authorizing certain private career schools to advertise certain information and collect contact information for potential new students before receiving a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate a private career school in the State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 11-212 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1139 Delegate Allen**MOTOR VEHICLES – INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 16-404(c) - amended and § 16-404.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1140 Delegate Ebersole**GAMING – PROHIBITION OF ONLINE SWEEPSTAKES GAMES AND REVENUE FROM ILLEGAL MARKETS**

Prohibiting a person from operating, conducting, or promoting online sweepstakes games or supporting the operation, conducting, or promotion of online sweepstakes games; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to deny certain license applications and revoke certain licenses under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission from issuing a license to certain persons or allowing the person to commence or continue operations under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CR, § 12-115 and SG, §§ 9-1A-07(g) and 9-1A-08.1 - added and SG, §§ 9-1A-07(g) and 9-1E-03(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1141 Delegate Ebersole**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CHANGE OF LOCATION**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 13-1702 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1142 Delegate Bagnall**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND INTERESTED PARTIES ADVISORY GROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group to ensure adequate access to applicable home- and community-based services and the existence of an adequate direct care workforce in the State; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain support to the Advisory Group; and requiring by September 1 each year beginning in 2026, the Advisory Group to report its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly addressing recommendations for increasing Medicaid payment rates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 15-1201 through 15-1205 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1143 Delegate Bagnall, et al**DENTAL SERVICES – DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND THE MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE TO IMPROVE CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH THROUGH SCHOOL–BASED PROGRAMS**

Providing that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist in a school or school–based health center; establishing the Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children’s Oral Health Through School–Based Programs to study and make recommendations on ways to improve school–based dental programs; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, § 4-308(f)(1) - amended and § 4-308(n) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1144 Delegates Addison and Lehman**STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE AND STATIONS – EXCLUSION FOR ASSAULT AND BODILY INJURY**

Providing that a person alleged to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may not board a State public transit service or enter a State public transit service station for a certain period of time and under certain circumstances; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is subject to prosecution for trespassing etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 7-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1145 Delegate Ebersole**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WAITING PERIOD AFTER LICENSE DENIAL**

Establishing in Baltimore County certain waiting periods for the application for or issuance of an alcoholic beverages license at a specific location if an application for a license at that location has been previously denied.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 13-1501(b) - amended and § 13-1506 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1146 Delegate White Holland**MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM –
INTEGRATION OF 9–8–8 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE NETWORK
AND OUTCOME EVALUATIONS**

Requiring each crisis communication center in the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to coordinate with the 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network to provide supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, and referrals to additional resources; and altering the evaluation of outcome of services the System is required to include.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 10-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1147 Delegate Embry**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION –
IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY**

Requiring the annual report of the Maryland Parole Commission to contain certain information; altering a certain provision of law to require the Commission to provide certain documents to a certain incarcerated individual at a certain time, rather than allow the incarcerated individual to examine the documents on request; requiring the Commission to document, state on the record, provide to an incarcerated individual, and make available to the public certain information; etc.

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CS, §§ 7-208, 7-303, 7-304(b), 7-306, and 7-307 - amended and 7-307.1 and 7-307.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

Reassigned to: Health and Government Operations