



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 6, 2025
Schedule 17

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 6, 2025

HB 1148 Delegate Wivell, et al

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – LAPSES IN COVERAGE – PROHIBITION ON DENIAL

Prohibiting a property and casualty insurer from denying coverage based on a prior lapse in coverage of the applicant if the lapse was due to the choice of the applicant and not losses incurred by or the claims history of the applicant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 27-501(u) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 1149 Delegate Adams**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – FULL COSTS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS OF SOURCES OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct an analysis of the full costs and benefits of sources of electricity generation in the State; requiring the Commission to include recommended policy changes to support the development of energy sources with the lowest costs and greatest benefits to the ratepayers of the State; and requiring the Commission to reports its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1150 Delegate Martinez, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND IMAGES OF INDIVIDUALS – DISSEMINATION**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally disseminating the personal identifying information or image of an individual under the age of 25 years without express permission and with the intent to intimidate or harm the individual; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-810 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1151 Delegate Taylor, et al**RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY SALES – APPRAISALS**

Authorizing the seller of residential real property to request that a certain lender have an additional appraisal made if the appraisal is lower than the current market value of the property; and requiring the lender to provide to the seller a written copy of the additional appraisal at no cost to the seller.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 14-104.1 - amended and § 14-104.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1152 Delegate Stein

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website, in digital advertisements, in information provided for residential rental search engines, and in applications for a rental unit on the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-210 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1153 Delegate Adams, et al

MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2026; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 7-309(b)(1) through (3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1154 Delegate R. Long, et al

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – HOME DETENTION – REMOVAL

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction or the Commissioner's designee to remove an incarcerated individual from home detention for violating a condition of the incarcerated individual's placement in home detention.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1155 Delegate Stein

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through specified measures; and requiring the Department of the Environment to update its regulations, as appropriate, to incorporate the definition of ecological restoration or be consistent with the definition of ecological restoration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 1-1001 and 1-1002 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1156 Delegate Phillips

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION – MEMBERS AND HEARING EXAMINERS

Altering the number of members of the Maryland Parole Commission from 10 to at least 15 but not more than 20 members; altering the appointing authority and method of appointment of parole commissioners; and repealing the authority of the Commission to appoint and utilize hearing examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 7-202, 7-204, 7-205(a), 7-207, 7-302, 7-303, and 7-305 - amended and 7-306 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1157 Delegate Phillips

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ASSESSMENT OF STATE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

Requiring the Office of the Correctional Ombudsman to engage an independent consultant to perform a comprehensive assessment of the State’s correctional system beginning on or before October 1, 2026; altering the items required to be included in a certain annual report of the Office; and requiring the consultant to complete the assessment and provide the Office with a written report of its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-4006 - amended and § 9-4009 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1158 Delegate Phillips**CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS – PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION**

Authorizing persons who suffer injury or loss to bring an action against a firearm industry member for certain unlawful or unreasonable conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-2503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1159 Delegate Wivell, et al**INSURANCE – PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LOSS RATIO AND PREMIUM REFUNDS**

Establishing a minimum acceptable loss ratio of 85% during a plan year for property and casualty insurers and requiring the insurer to refund a certain amount of premiums paid by an insured if the insurer's loss ratio does not meet or exceed the established loss ratio.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 19-118 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1160 Delegate Fisher**CALVERT COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting certain personal property from the Calvert County property tax; providing that operating personal property of a railroad or public utility and certain property used to provide cable television, data, or telecommunications services remains subject to the Calvert County personal property tax; providing that certain personal property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement is subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1161 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – CALVERTHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER**

Altering the statutory reference to the name Calvert Memorial Hospital to be CalvertHealth Medical Center, Inc., and its successors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 5-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 9A-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1163 Delegate Patterson, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY FENCING FOR BODIES OF WATER AND PLAYGROUNDS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Fencing for Bodies of Water and Playgrounds; requiring the Task Force to review best practices for fencing bodies of water, assess how fencing and similar environmental interventions can be used to prevent injuries and fatalities that occur in or around bodies of water and playgrounds, examine data and research related to incidents of wandering and drowning, and make recommendations on possible interventions to fence bodies of water and playgrounds; and requiring the Task Force to report by July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1164 Delegate Feldmark**COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – HOMELESSNESS – LOCAL LAWS
(RIGHT TO REST ACT)**

Prohibiting a county or municipality from enacting or enforcing a local law that is designed to prevent an individual from resting or sleeping in a public space, protecting oneself from the elements in a manner that does not obstruct the use of or access to private property, or sleeping in a legally parked vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1165 Delegate Phillips, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – VISITATION
REEVALUATIONS AND REMEDIES**

Authorizing a parent to petition a court for an emergency hearing to reevaluate a visitation schedule if the other parent fails to comply with a court-ordered visitation schedule without just cause; requiring the court to hold an emergency hearing within 10 days after the petition has been filed; and requiring and authorizing a court to take certain actions as a result of a parent's failure to comply with a court-ordered visitation schedule.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1166 Delegates Adams and Hutchinson**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – RETENTION PROCEEDS**

Requiring that undisputed retention proceeds retained by a unit or a certain contractor under a State procurement contract be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 13-225 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1167 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE STRUCTURES – ALTERATIONS MC/PG 116–25**

Altering the authority of a municipal corporation or governed special taxing district in Montgomery County to adopt an additional or stricter building requirement than is required by a State, regional, or county unit to regulate the construction, repair, or remodeling of certain structures on land zoned for single-family residential use to apply to all types of residential structures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 20-509 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1168 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SERVICE CHARGES MC/PG 112–25**

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish certain customer classes for certain service rates or charges; requiring that service rates for each customer class shall be chargeable against certain properties and shall be uniform for a given class throughout the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; authorizing the minimum or ready to serve charge to include a certain component; and altering the methods by which the minimum or ready to serve charge may be based.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, §§ 25-501 and 25-502(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1169 **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MANDATORY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MC 6–25**

Requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to close public schools in the county to observe, if the holiday begins on a weekday, the first day only of Diwali, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, Lunar New Year, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1170 Delegate Adams, et al**MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – RESIDENTIAL SOLAR POWER SYSTEM INSTALLATION – CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIRED**

Requiring a person to have a contractor license to install residential solar power system equipment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 8-101 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, §§ 2-411(e), 3-104, and 3-109(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1172 Delegate Amprey**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REVISIONS**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee of not more than \$250 for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses; and authorizing the Board to issue certain alcoholic beverages licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 12-1311 and 12-1603(c)(17) and (18) - amended and §§ 12-1314 and 12-1603(c)19 through (22) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1173 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – HIGH-RISK HIGHWAYS MC 17–25**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4)(vii) - added and TR, §§ 21-101(1-1) and 21-809(b)(1)(xii) and (l) - added and TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1174 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BD–BWL LICENSES – MULTIPLE LICENSES MC 18–25**

Increasing to two the number of Class BD–BWL alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County that the same person may hold; and specifying that the second Class BD–BWL license issued to the same person authorizes the holder to sell only private-label products manufactured exclusively for the holder for off-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 25-903, 25-1503, and 25-1614 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1175 Delegate Stein**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT – TIDAL BUFFER – VEGETATIVE BUFFERS AND RESTRICTION ON FERTILIZER APPLICATION**

Authorizing, in accordance with technical specifications adopted by the Department of Agriculture, that State cost-share funding be made available for installing various vegetative buffer practices on land within the 100-foot tidal buffer on an agricultural operation; prohibiting a nutrient management plan renewed after July 1, 2025, from allowing a person to apply certain fertilizer to land within the 100-foot tidal buffer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

AG, § 8-706 - amended and §§ 8-707 and 8-803.10 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1176 Delegate Foley, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES IN HOV LANE – TERMINATION DATE**

Extending the termination date of a provision of law that authorizes certain plug-in electric drive vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle to September 30, 2030.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2023, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1177 Delegate Hill, et al**LANDLORD AND TENANT – TENANT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMPLAINT HOTLINE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Attorney General to establish a certain toll-free hotline for certain tenant complaints concerning repair and maintenance; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to take certain actions under certain circumstances; and requiring, on or before February 1, 2026, through 2030, the Office to report on the hotline established under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-504 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1178 Delegate Young, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY TO SET SPECIAL RATES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set special property tax rates for any class or subclass of property that is subject to the county property tax.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1179 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR PHONE POLICY MC 13–25

Requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to establish a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during instructional time except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1180 **Delegate Fisher, et al**

EDUCATION – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OPTIONS (RIGHT TO LEARN ACT)

Requiring, on or before January 1 each year, each county board of education to provide certain information to the parents or legal guardians of students who attend a failing school; requiring that a failing school continue to be designated as a failing school until certain conditions are met; requiring that a student who is attending a failing school be provided the opportunity to attend an alternative school; establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 5-244 and 5-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1181 **Delegate Baker**

TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PARK DEDICATED TO VETERANS' CARE

Establishing the Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans' Care to study issues and estimate costs related to the establishment of a State park dedicated to providing recreational opportunities and therapeutic services to veterans; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1182 Delegate Fisher, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – METHODIST CHURCH TRUST REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that the assets of any Methodist Church be held in trust for the United Methodist Church and be subject to the control of the Church; repealing a provision of law providing that the absence of a trust clause in any deed or conveyance executed before June 1, 1953, does not exclude certain local churches from certain provisions of law or responsibilities related to the United Methodist Church; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, §§ 5-326 and 5-327 - repealed and § 5-328 - renumbered

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1183 Delegate Fisher**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVERS’ SCHOOLS AND DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS – AGE OF INSTRUCTION VEHICLES**

Prohibiting a vehicle that is older than 10 model years from being used for instruction in a drivers’ school or a driver education program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 15-708 and 16-505 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1184 Delegate Reilly, et al**PORT OF DEPOSIT STATE HISTORICAL PARK – SIZE AND SCOPE**

Altering the size and scope of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park; extending the deadline for the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer certain property to the Department of Natural Resources to June 1, 2026; and altering the purpose for which a certain appropriation may be used.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 5-1012(g), Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2022, as amended, § 5, and Chapter 602 of the Acts of 2023, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1185 Delegate Nkongolo, et al**HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS IN MARYLAND – RIGHT TO PLAY**

Authorizing a public high school to allow students in home instruction programs to participate in athletic activities if the student not enrolled participates in a home instruction program under certain circumstances; and requiring public high schools to give placement priority to enrolled students if there are a limited number of spaces available for students in athletic activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1186 Delegate Miller, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CAUSING INGESTION OF AN ABORTION–INDUCING DRUG – PROHIBITION (WOMEN’S FREEDOM FROM COERCION ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully causing another to ingest an abortion–inducing drug when the person knows or believes that the other person is pregnant and without consent, through fraud or coercion, or by force or threat of force; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 25 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-216 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1187 Delegate Nkongolo, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – SCALP COOLING SYSTEMS – REQUIRED COVERAGE**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1188 Delegate Miller, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT – COOPERATION**

Requiring law enforcement agencies, law enforcement agents, and local detention facilities who take custody of an individual to run a search of the individual in the National Crime Information Center, make a certain notice to federal immigration authorities, and cooperate with federal immigration authorities in regards to certain individuals; and prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or an agency of the State or a unit of local government from adopting, implementing, or enforcing certain policies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 5-104 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1189 Delegate Young, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A SUBCLASS AND SPECIAL RATE FOR PROPERTY NO LONGER USED FOR NONPROFIT PURPOSES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain property owned by a nonprofit organization but no longer used for the purpose for which the nonprofit organization was established and to set a special property tax rate for that property.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 6-202.2 - added and § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1190 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFETY ACT**

Providing that a person who was a child at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed felony murder in the first degree under certain provisions of law unless the person was a principal in the first degree; and providing for a motion for review of a certain conviction under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 2-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, §§ 9-201 and 9-202 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1192 Delegate R. Long, et al**INCOME, SALES AND USE, AND PROPERTY TAXES – RECISSION OF EXEMPT STATUS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORTING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

Requiring, as practicable, the Comptroller and the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to jointly determine on a regular basis whether a certain nonprofit organization in the State has been found to be a certain terrorist-supporting organization; requiring that the Comptroller and the Director rescind a terrorist-supporting organization's tax-exempt status with respect to certain Maryland income tax, sales and use tax, and property tax exemptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TG, § 2-120 - added and TP, § 7-111 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1193 Delegate Wolek, et al**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – LOCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND HOUSING DATA TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring certain local jurisdictions to report information about certain housing development permits to the Department of Planning beginning January 1, 2027, and on the first day of each month thereafter; and requiring the Department of Planning to make certain permit information public on a public, interactive, and searchable website; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the collection of building permit information by December 31 each year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LU, § 7-105 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1194 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INJURY INCIDENTS – REQUIREMENTS FOR TRACKING AND REPORTING**

Requiring certain public schools to develop and implement a system to track and report injury incidents, whether intentional or accidental, to a student, teacher, or school employee on the school campus during the school year; and establishing certain reporting requirements for county boards of education, the Juvenile Services Education Program Superintendent, and the State Department of Education regarding certain injury incidents in schools.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 1195 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

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

Requiring one of the three commissioners from Montgomery County on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection or a designee; requiring the Commission to develop certain long-range planning scenarios every 5 fiscal years; requiring the Commission to include certain information related to the Commission on the Commission's searchable website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 17-102, 17-107, 17-401, and 25-504(a) and (b) - amended and §§ 17-202.1 and 28-102 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1196 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – UTILITY SERVICES – MASTER METERS MC/PG 115–25

Exempting, in Prince George's County, a duplex constructed, converted, or intended to be constructed or converted to condominium or cooperative ownership, from provisions prohibiting the use of a master meter for water and sewer service in a residential multiple occupancy building.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 23-202(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1197 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 2-324(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1198 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRERELEASE SERVICES – FEMALE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS (THE MONICA COOPER PRERELEASE ACT)**

Altering the required location and timeline for a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Correction to make certain services available to certain female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to implement certain comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease services by July 1, 2026; requiring the Department to report certain information to certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CS, §§ 3-301 and 3-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1199 Delegate Hill, et al**PHYSICIANS – LICENSING – INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PHYSICIANS**

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians, beginning October 1, 2027, to issue a license to practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications and application fees and to provide a pathway to full licensure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 14-321 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1200 Delegate Valentine, et al**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR RESCUE WORKER – EXPANSION TO JUDICIAL OFFICER**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide a certain property tax credit to certain judicial officers, surviving spouses, or cohabitants; requiring the county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a correctional officer and judicial officer; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1201 Delegate Valentine, et al**VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – EXEMPTIONS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER DRIVERS**

Increasing, from 5,000 miles to 10,000 miles, the maximum number of miles that a motor vehicle registered to an individual with a disability or owned by an individual who is at least 70 years of age may be driven annually to be eligible for an exemption from certain mandatory vehicle emissions inspections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 23-206.2(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1202 Delegate Valentine, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “drug trafficking crime” applicable to prohibitions against possessing, using, wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 5-621(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1203 Delegate R. Long**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REPLACEMENT FOR THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE – SUSPENSION OF TOLLS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging a toll for the use of the new bridge to replace the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge for the first 5 years following the opening of the bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1204 Delegate Patterson, et al**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ELOPEMENT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain public and nonpublic schools to notify a parent or guardian if a student attempts or accomplishes an elopement, the act of leaving the school campus without permission, except under certain circumstances; establishing certain reporting requirements for certain public and nonpublic schools and the State Department of Education regarding incidents of student elopement from school; and requiring the Department to develop a certain accountability system.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-11A-01 through 7-11A-07 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1205 Delegate Wivell, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROSPECTIVE FOSTER CARE PARENTS AND OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS**

Requiring a local department of social services to provide non-confidential information to a prospective foster care parent on the medical, educational, and behavioral history of a child as it directly relates to the care of a child in an out-of-home placement; and authorizing a local department of social services to place up to four foster children in an out-of-home placement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 5-504.1 - added and § 5-525.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1206 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SILVER SPRING PURPLE LINE
CONSTRUCTION ZONE PARKING IMPROVEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM MC 16–25

Establishing the Silver Spring Purple Line Construction Zone Parking Improvement Grant Program; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, to include an appropriation of \$50,000 in the annual budget bill for the Grant Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to distribute funds appropriated for the Grant Program to Montgomery County; requiring Montgomery County to implement a process to award grants to business associations to be used to improve parking in Downtown Silver Spring; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1207 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION –
COMPENSATION MC 7–25

Altering the compensation of the members of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1208 Delegate Alston, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS IN FOOD

Prohibiting a person, from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, from selling food that contains Red Dye No. 3 in the State unless the food packaging includes a certain warning; and prohibiting a person, beginning on October 1, 2028, from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State food that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, or Red Dye No. 3.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 21-259.4 - added and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1210 Delegate McComas, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EVALUATION OF PERMANENT IMPAIRMENTS – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL**

Authorizing a licensed certified social worker–clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder; and requiring a licensed certified social worker–clinical to comply with certain requirements to perform the evaluation services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 9-721(c) - amended and § 9-721(d) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1211 Delegate R. Long, et al**EDUCATION – REPORTING ARRESTS OF STUDENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency making an arrest of a student for a reportable offense or an offense related to the student's membership in a criminal organization to report the arrest to the Maryland Center for School Safety, the Juvenile Services Education Program, the State Board of Education, and the State's Attorney; requiring the State's Attorney to notify the Maryland Center for School Safety, the Juvenile Services Education Program, and the State Board of the disposition of the offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 1212 Delegate McComas**CRIMINAL LAW – OBSCENE MATERIAL – DEVICE FILTERS**

Requiring each device, tablet, or smart phone manufactured on or after January 1, 2026, activated in the State to enable a certain filter to prevent minors from accessing obscene material; prohibiting a certain person from deactivating the filter; providing that a manufacturer of a device and certain persons are subject to civil and criminal liability for certain conduct related to device filters; authorizing the Attorney General to take certain actions against persons who violate the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 11-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1213 Delegate R. Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSES – SELF-CHECKOUT MACHINES PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a holder of a Class A license from operating a self-checkout machine on the licensed premises.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 13-701, 13-802, and 13-901 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1214 Delegates R. Long and Hornberger**PROPERTY TAX – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER**

Establishing the taxable assessment to be used for the calculation of the homestead property tax credit for first-time homebuyers in the State.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 9-105(a)(7) through (9) and (d)(1), 9-305(e)(1)(iii), and 14-801(c) - amended and § 9-105(a)(7) and (d)(9) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1215 Delegate Hartman, et al**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – TIME TO ATTAIN RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL – EXTENSION**

Extending from 3 to 5 fiscal years the time in which the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association is required to attain a certain recommended annual reserve funding level following an initial reserve study.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-26.1(f) and RP, §§ 11-109.2(c) and 11B-112.2(d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1216 Delegate Acevero, et al**VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE EXEMPTIONS – MILITARY HONOREES**

Exempting recipients of the Purple Heart, the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, or the Bronze Star and members of Gold Star families from the requirement to pay vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-903(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 5, 2025**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

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation and Health and Government Operations

