



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2025

HB 1217 Delegate Buckel, et al

NATURAL GAS GENERATING FACILITIES – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the construction, permitting, and operation of natural gas generating facilities in the State until the State meets 50% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources; and requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to work with the owners and operators of natural gas generating facilities in the State to decrease the production of energy from natural gas after the State meets 50% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-218 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1218 Delegate Buckel, et al

CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION LINES AND TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A REALISTIC ELECTRICITY PLAN FOR MARYLAND

Establishing the Task Force to Develop a Realistic Electricity Plan for Maryland to study and make recommendations on the State's current and future electricity needs under various scenarios: prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving the construction or expansion of transmission lines in the State from July 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 1219 Delegate Miller, et al

MARYLAND CO-LOCATION ENERGY INNOVATION AND RELIABILITY ACT

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations related to the construction of a generating station that is co-located with a data center but is not interconnected with the electric transmission system or electric distribution system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207.4 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1220 Delegate S. Johnson, et al

HUMAN REMAINS – TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

Excluding transportation protection agreements from the definition of “preneed burial contract” and “pre-need contract” under the Maryland Cemetery Act and the Maryland Morticians and Funeral Directors Act, respectively; and providing that transportation protection agreements are not insurance and are not subject to regulation under certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, HO, and IN, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 1221 Delegate Feldmark

COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – ONLINE PUBLICATION OF RESALE DISCLOSURES

Requiring the governing bodies of certain common ownership communities or a certain property management company to maintain certain information on their websites in a downloadable format and at no cost.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-02 - amended and RP, §§ 11-135(j) and 11B-111.11 - added and § 11-135(j) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1222 Delegate Williams, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT (MARYLAND VALUES ACT)**

Requiring an employee or agent of a State or local correctional facility and a law enforcement agent to detain an individual not lawfully present in the United States and who has been convicted of a certain crime of violence and transfer the individual to federal immigration authorities under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into a certain immigration enforcement agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CS, § 9-309 - added and CP, § 5-104 - amended and § 5-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1223 Delegate Rose, et al**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

Authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology to issue a limited license to provide eyelash extension services; altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include providing eyelash extension services; and requiring an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to be at least 17 years old, have successfully completed a 9th grade education or equivalent, received certain training, and passed a practical and written examination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1224 Delegate Rose, et al**FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – LINEAR PROJECTS – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “linear project” under the Forest Conservation Act to exclude a project for a new transmission line or new distribution line constructed on or after October 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-1601(u) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 1225 Delegate Qi, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANS – ESTABLISHMENT (AFFORDABLE GRID ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations or issue orders on or before December 31, 2025, that require electric companies to, every 3 years, develop an electric system distribution plan to be approved by the Commission and provide the Commission with annual progress reports; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations or issue orders adopting certain metrics to monitor and assess electric distribution system plans; requiring an electric company to provide certain public comment opportunities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-804 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1226 Delegate Young, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Baltimore City if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a stop sign monitoring system; and prohibiting a contractor administering a stop sign monitoring system from being compensated in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) thru (4), and 10-311(f) and (g) - amended and CJ, § 10-311(f) and TR, § 21-707.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1227 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VEHICLE CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEMS – DISTRIBUTION OF CONTESTED TRAFFIC FINES, APPLICATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION MC 8–25

Requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, that citations issued for certain alleged traffic violations in Montgomery County provide that the penalty be paid directly to Montgomery County; requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, that the fines collected by Montgomery County as a result of certain traffic violations be distributed in a certain manner and be used only to assist in covering the cost to construct median dividers on highways in the county where a school bus stop is located and at least 400 citations have been issued; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, § 7-302(e)(2) - amended and § 7-302(e)(4)(vii) - added and ED, § 7-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1228 **Montgomery County Delegation**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL RESERVE STUDY MC 15–25

Requiring the Department of Commerce to study the tourist and visitor economy of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve and, on or before June 30, 2026, report its findings to the members of the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly; and requiring the Department to make recommendations regarding policies and programs that can help promote and preserve the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve and better support the small businesses, recreation sites, and historic sites that depend on the visitor and tourist economy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1229 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS MC 21–25

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to adopt regulations to gather information about the number of retail establishments with alcoholic beverages licenses for off-premises consumption in the county and to promote the public health and safety of the community based on the density of businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in the county; authorizing the Board to consider public testimony related to public health and safety; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 25-207 - added and § 25-1501 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1230 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE – EXEMPTIONS MC/PG 107–25

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant exemptions from the system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for certain properties and projects located in Montgomery County; limiting the exemption to \$80,000; altering the method by which the county councils establish eligibility for the exemptions; prohibiting the county councils from requiring that an applicant for an exemption own the property for which the exemption is sought; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, § 25-403 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1231 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY –
QUALIFYING MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – LAND USE MC/PG 114–
25

Authorizing a governing body of a qualifying municipal corporation by resolution to exercise the powers of the Prince George's County Planning Board, the zoning hearing examiner for Prince George's County, or the District Council for Prince George's County to make land use decisions relating to any land within the corporate limits of the municipal corporation; subjecting the exercise of those powers to certain substantive and procedural requirements and standards; providing for the judicial review of certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 5-833(l) and LU, §§ 22-119, 23-101, 23-102(c), 23-401(a), 25-301, and 25-302 - amended and LU, §§ 23-101 and 25-304 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1232 **Delegate Conaway**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – FEES, RECEIPTS, AND PENALTIES FOR
PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS

Requiring certain retailers that charge a fee for providing a plastic or paper carryout bag to a customer under a local law to provide a receipt to a customer that includes the fee amount charged and the number of bags issued to the customer; and providing a system of penalties for first, second, and third and subsequent offenses with a maximum civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1233 Delegates A. Johnson and S. Johnson**COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS –
SUBSCRIPTION ELIGIBILITY**

Authorizing a certain LMI subscriber to hold a subscription to a community solar energy generating system located in a different electric service territory from the one in which the LMI subscriber resides; providing that a certain LMI subscriber shall receive the same bill credit value as an LMI subscriber who resides in a certain electric service territory; and requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a process for exchanging community solar bill credits between systems located in different electric service areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-306.2(a)(4) and (7) and (d)(3) - amended and § 7-306.2(o) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1234 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROHIBITED RESTRICTIONS ON USE –
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS MC 2–25**

Providing that certain restrictions on use that prohibit the use of real property in Montgomery County for accessory dwelling units otherwise authorized under law are void and unenforceable; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 2-126 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1235 Delegate Arentz, et al**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – LICENSED CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND
PROCESSOR LOCATIONS – DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the governing body of Queen Anne’s County from allowing licensed cannabis processors to locate within 1,000 feet of child care facilities and certain pre-existing public places in the county; and altering certain distance requirements applicable to licensed cannabis dispensaries in Queen Anne’s County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, §§ 36-405(c) and 36-410 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1236 Delegate Arentz, et al

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPALITIES – SPEED LIMITS

Authorizing municipalities in Queen Anne's County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways without performing an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-803(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1237 Delegate Feldmark

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Department of the Environment, whenever required by certain statutes to publish notice for a permit, license, or other authorization in a newspaper of general circulation, to accept public comments on the application for the time period specified in statute or regulation or, if no time period is specified, at least 14 days after the date of publication.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 1-206 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1238 Delegate Otto, et al

SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Establishing a liquor tasting license in Somerset County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and establishing liquor tasting license fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 29-1306 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1239 Delegate Taveras, et al**FAIR HOUSING AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – REGULATIONS, INTENT, AND DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT**

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt certain regulations related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; providing that certain discriminatory housing practices may be committed without intent; prohibiting a person from acting in a certain manner that has a discriminatory effect against a person related to the sale or rental of a dwelling; and providing that certain conduct does not constitute a certain violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HS, § 2-402 and SG, §§ 20-702 and 20-705 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1240 Delegate Wilson**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKING**

Prohibiting health care providers and carriers from using artificial intelligence if the artificial intelligence has been designed only to reduce costs for a health care provider or carrier at the expense of reducing the quality of patient care, delaying care, or denying coverage for patient care; requiring health care providers and carriers that use artificial intelligence for health care decisions annually to post certain key data about the decisions on the health care provider's or carrier's website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-2501 through 24-2505 and IN, § 15-147 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1241 Delegate Amprey**OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – SEIZURE AND WHOLESALER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission or a peace officer to seize other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return and destruction of certain property seized by the Executive Director or a peace officer; establishing an electronic smoking devices wholesaler license and certain record-keeping requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, Various Sections - renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1242 Delegate Hill, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS – VISION AND HEARING STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on vision support treatments and services for students; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2026; and requiring the Maryland State School Health Council to evaluate certain issues regarding vision and hearing difficulties in primary and secondary students.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1243 Delegate S. Johnson**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SPECIALTY DRUGS**

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs that are administered or dispensed by a provider that is an in-network provider of covered medical oncology services and complies with State regulations for the administering and dispensing of specialty drugs, if the specialty drugs meet certain qualifications; and requiring the reimbursement rate for certain specialty drugs to meet certain criteria.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-847(d), 15-1611.1, and 15-1612 - amended and § 15-847.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1244 Delegates Guyton and Bagnall**MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION
WAIVER ADVISORY COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs operated by the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 7-12B-01 through 7-12B-05 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1245 Delegate Wims**BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students and the associated funding; requiring county boards of education to report on per-school funding for certain programs associated with the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future in a certain manner; providing a waiver from the minimum funding per school requirement for schools with 350 or fewer total students; altering the definition of “Tier I child” for purposes of publicly funded prekindergarten to include certain children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, Various Sections - amended and §§ 6-1006 and 7-127 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 1246 Delegate S. Johnson**HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – CALCULATION OF COST SHARING
CONTRIBUTION – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include certain discounts, financial assistance payments, product vouchers, and other out-of-pocket expenses made by or on behalf of an insured or enrollee when calculating cost-sharing contributions for certain prescription drugs; requiring persons that provide financial assistance payments, discounts, product vouchers, or other out-of-pocket expenses to notify an insured or enrollee of certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-118.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1247 Delegate Otto**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE, COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE, PARDON, AND REMISSION OF SENTENCE – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to notify a victim or victim's representative by certified mail that a parole release hearing has been scheduled or that an incarcerated individual is being considered for a commutation of sentence, pardon, or remission of sentence; and requiring the Department to make at least two attempts in writing by certified mail to notify a victim or victim's representative of certain decisions of the Parole Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 7-801(b) and (h) and 7-805(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1248 Delegate Woorman, et al**REVENGE PORNOGRAPHY AND INTIMATE VISUAL DEPICTIONS – PROHIBITION AND REMOVAL**

Requiring certain online platforms to establish a process for an individual or an individual's representative to provide certain notice of and request the disabling of access to or removal of certain visual depictions; requiring a certain online platform to comply with a request under the Act as soon as possible, but not later than 48 hours after receiving a request and to establish certain data logging requirements; and altering the prohibition against revenge pornography.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-321 - added and CR, § 3-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1249 Delegate Jacobs, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE CATFISH – POPULATION CONTROL**

Establishing that regulations of the Department of Natural Resources governing the catching of blue catfish shall establish a pilot program authorizing the use of electrofishing, shall authorize the use of finfish trotlines of up to 2,400 feet in length, may not set a limit on the number of hooks used, and shall authorize the use of hooks that are not corrodible; and requiring the Department of Agriculture to report on or before September 1, 2025, outlining needs and best practices for collecting, processing, and marketing blue catfish.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 4-701.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1250 Delegate Stonko, et al

STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY – REPORT ON EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE IMPACT OF TEACHER SALARY INCREASES

Requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before December 15, 2025, to report to the General Assembly certain information pertaining to the fiscal impact on employer contribution rates in the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems from certain teacher base salary increases and certain teacher career ladder increases for certain fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1251 Delegate Toles, et al

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURERS – OBSTETRIC SERVICES POLICIES (DOULA AND BIRTH POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring certain health care facilities to adopt a certain policy relating to obstetric services and to provide evidence to the Maryland Department of Health that the health care facility has the policy; and requiring insurers that issue or deliver medical professional liability insurance policies in the State to provide the Maryland Department of Health, on request, with information regarding the insurer's policy regarding coverage of obstetric services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 19-2601 and 19-2602 and IN, § 19-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1252 Delegate A. Johnson, et al

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – APPOINTED MEMBERS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting appointed members of a county board of education from serving in certain leadership positions on the county board; requiring the State Department of Education to send a certain notice to a county board if the county board allows an appointed member to serve in a certain leadership position; and specifying certain penalties that may be imposed on a county board and an appointed member if the member continues to serve in a leadership position after receiving notice.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1253 The Speaker**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL EQUITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Department of Social Equity; providing for the Secretary of Social Equity; providing for the administration, staffing, purpose, and duties of the Department; requiring a unit of State government other than the Department to refer a certain person to the Department; providing that the Department is the successor of certain units in regards to the operation of social equity programs; and authorizing the Governor to transfer certain positions, associated funds, and unexpended appropriations to the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 8-201 - amended and §§ 9-4101 through 9-4106 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1254 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION EXPANSION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program in the State Department of Education to provide funding to eligible schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision of the child nutrition programs.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-606 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1255 Delegates McComas and Buckel**LAND USE – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – RIGHT OF APPEAL**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to authorize any person aggrieved by a decision of a historic preservation commission to appeal the decision to the board of appeals of the local jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 8-308 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1256 Delegate Ziegler, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Establishing certain standards and requirements for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on highways in the State; requiring, before operating a fully autonomous vehicle on a highway in the State, a person to submit a law enforcement interaction plan to the Motor Vehicle Administration; and establishing that a State agency or local political subdivision may not prohibit the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on highways under their jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-1501 through 21-1505 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1257 Delegate Vogel, et al**LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – FEE DISCLOSURES**

Prohibiting a certain landlord from advertising the rental rate of a dwelling unit without including information on mandatory fees; requiring a landlord to provide certain information to prospective tenants about fees imposed on tenants and prohibiting a landlord from imposing a mandatory fee that was not disclosed; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain tenant and prospective tenant assistance and authorizing the Department to impose administrative penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-212.5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1258 Delegate Arikan, et al**CONSUMER GOODS – RESTRICTIONS BASED ON ENERGY SOURCE
– PROHIBITION (ENERGY EQUALITY ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting a local government or unit of State government from restricting the sale, purchase, or use of a certain consumer good solely on the basis of the energy source used to power the consumer good; repealing provisions of law requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and maintain a certain low emissions vehicle program; repealing provisions of law requiring the Department to establish requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 11-906 - added, EN, §§ 2-1101 thru 2-1103, 2-1103.1, and 2-1105 thru 2-1106 - repealed, and TR, §§ 13-110(5) and 13-406(9)- amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1259 Delegate Howard**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
AND PERMIT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license for a licensed premises located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall, rather than prohibiting the Board from doing so; and authorizing the Board to issue a new Class B beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 11-1102(d) and 11-1603 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1260 Delegate Arentz, et al**STATE BOAT ACT – ABANDONED OR SUNKEN RECREATIONAL VESSELS – IDENTIFICATION AND REMOVAL**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to remove abandoned or sunken recreational vessels secured to certain apparatuses or left anchored and unattended for more than 60 days under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to consider and document certain factors when determining whether a recreational vessel is abandoned or sunken under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Department to use funds budgeted for the Natural Resources Police to remove or store certain abandoned or sunken vessels.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 8-721 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1261 Delegate Boafo**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – INTENT**

Prohibiting certain acts that have a discriminatory effect, regardless of the actor's intent, in employment by any person; and providing that a person who unintentionally violates a certain provision of law has not committed an unlawful employment practice if the violation was justified by a legitimate business necessity and there was no other less discriminatory means of accomplishing that business necessity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 20-601(l) - added and §§ 20-602 and 20-606 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1262 Delegate Wilkins**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – POST COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PATHWAYS – PAYMENT OF COSTS**

Authorizing a county board of education to develop and establish income eligibility guidelines and procedures for payment of costs for a certain post college and career readiness (post-CCR) pathway, except under certain circumstances; and requiring a county board to provide access to the post-CCR pathway at no cost to the student or parents if the student's family income is below 400% of the federal poverty level.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-205.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1263 Delegate Adams, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC CLAM FISHERY AREA – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, to identify by regulation the public clam fishery area in the Chesapeake Bay based on commercial harvesting activity during the 3 years preceding June 1, 2025, any surveys conducted by the Department, and other quantitative data known or made available to the Department; and prohibiting the lease of the public clam fishery area for shellfish aquaculture.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

NR, § 4-1006.3 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1264 Delegate Rose, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MATHEMATICS CREDIT – COLLEGE PREPARATORY COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COURSE**

Authorizing a student who is enrolled at a public high school to satisfy part of a graduation requirement to earn mathematics credits by completing a credit in a certain college preparatory computer science or computer programming course if enrolled in the course concurrently with or after completing Algebra II; and requiring a county board of education to certify to the State Department of Education that a certain college preparatory course may count toward the mathematics graduation requirement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-209 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1265 Chair, Ways and Means Committee and Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**JUVENILES – ARRESTS FOR REPORTABLE OFFENSES**

Altering certain provisions relating to the provision of notification to certain school personnel of the arrest of a student for a certain reportable offense; and requiring the Department of Juvenile Services and the State Department of Education to develop an operational protocol to guide the transmission of reportable offense information.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 1266 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ZONING AND LAND USE – FAIRNESS IN ZONING MC/PG 117–25**

Providing that, in Prince George's County, the planning board's authority over zoning and subdivision matters is not exclusive and may be subject to review by the district council under certain circumstances; altering the jurisdiction of the Prince George's County Planning Board over certain local functions and certain mandatory referrals; altering, in Prince George's County, the standing requirements for filing a request for judicial review of certain decisions of the district council to the circuit court; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LU, §§ 20-202(a) and (b), 20-302, 22-407(a) and (f), and 25-213 - amended, § 25-212 - repealed, and §§ 25-214 and 25-215 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1267 **Delegate Howard, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VETERANS' DAY – AUTHORIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Authorizing public schools to designate Veterans' Day as a public school holiday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1268 **Delegate Howard, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – LYME DISEASE AND RELATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES – LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for the full length of long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from placing a quantitative limit on or denying coverage for benefits required under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1269 Delegate Howard**SCHOOL BUS TRANSITION – PROPANE-POWERED SCHOOL BUSES – GRANT PROGRAM, FUND, AND PURCHASE**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to funding and grants to transition to zero-emission vehicle school buses to include propane-powered school buses; and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in fiscal year 2030, to enter into a new contract for the purchase of school buses that are propane-powered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 2-1501 through 2-1505 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)112. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1270 Delegate Hinebaugh**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan's Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-1203(b), (y), and (kk) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1271 Delegate Ciliberti, et al**HEALTH – ABORTION – ULTRASOUND AND WAIT TIME**

Prohibiting a qualified provider from performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman within 24 hours after the woman receives certain ultrasound imaging; establishing certain requirements related to the performance of a certain transabdominal ultrasound; and providing that a woman is not required to accept anything offered during certain transabdominal ultrasound imaging.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 20-209 - amended and § 20-210 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1272 Delegate Woorman, et al**YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission to study and make recommendations to minimize risk and maximize safety for youth athletes; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1273 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)**MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND AND CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for grants and loans for building electrification and transportation electrification; altering the allowed uses of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction revenue and certain compliance fee revenue; altering certain reporting requirements for the Fund; and altering the definition of “low to moderate income” for purposes of the Customer-Sited Solar Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-2016(a)(3), 9-20B-05, and 9-20B-12 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 1274 Delegate A. Johnson**CONSUMER PROTECTION – THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING**

Prohibiting certain litigation financiers from engaging in certain conduct with respect to litigation financing transactions and certain litigation financing contracts; requiring that the litigation financing contracts contain certain disclosures and be executed in a certain manner; requiring a certain disclosure of a litigation financing contract in certain civil actions; and imposing a fiduciary duty on litigation financiers in certain class actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, §§ 14-5001 through 14-5010 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1275 Delegate Howard**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – CONSTITUENT SERVICES LIAISON – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire a constituent services liaison before the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year; requiring the president of the county board, in consultation with counsel for the county board, to negotiate the terms of the employment agreement for the constituent services liaison; providing that the salary of the constituent services liaison is \$120,000; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-2A-09 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1276 Delegate Howard, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS**

Altering a limitation on claiming the income tax credit for eligible long–term care insurance premiums for more than 1 year with respect to the same insured individual; altering the amount of the credit from a one–time \$500 credit to a maximum of \$250 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2025; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1277 Delegate Hinebaugh**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SAVAGE RIVER LODGE – HOTEL RENTAL SURCHARGE**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to assess and collect an 8% hotel rental surcharge on rental units at the Savage River Lodge and remit the proceeds to the Comptroller for distribution to Garrett County; and requiring Garrett County to use and distribute the proceeds from the surcharge in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 5-1014 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1278 Delegate Hinebaugh**GARRETT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “hotel” for purposes of the hotel rental tax in Garrett County to include a transient vacation rental unit; requiring certain short-term rental platforms and managers to perform certain duties and be subject to certain penalties related to the collection and remittance of the hotel rental tax; altering the rate of interest on unpaid county hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LG, §§ 20-401 and 20-425 - amended and § 20-405.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1279 Delegate Howard, et al**STATE AGENCIES – ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS – REQUIRED**

Prohibiting a unit of State government that is required by law to adopt regulations to implement a program that is authorized or required under State law from collecting any fee or other payment under that program until the unit finalizes adoption of the regulations that implement the program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 10-103 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1280 Delegate Qi, et al**ELECTION LAW – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY AND VOTING – UNAFFILIATED VOTERS**

Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a ballot for the voter’s preferred political party.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-303 and 3-305(a) and (e) - amended and § 3-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1281 Delegate Kipke**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED CULTURAL EVENT PERMIT**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a limited cultural event permit to holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; and authorizing a permit holder to provide cultural music, cultural dancing, and other legal forms of cultural entertainment on a specific date stated in the permit application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 11-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1282 Delegate Tomlinson**CRIMINAL LAW – UPLOADING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION – PROHIBITION (MAKENZI’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a person from uploading a video depicting a crime under the laws of the State or federal law to a certain social media application with the intent to promote or condone the activity; 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 \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, §§ 10-801 and 10-802 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1283 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 25-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1284 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING**

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium in Charles County and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association in Charles County to successfully complete a certain training curriculum on the responsibilities of a member of the governing body, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 11-109 and 11B-106.1(g) - amended and § 11B-106.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1285 Delegate R. Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners property tax credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit if the homeowner's combined net worth is in excess of \$200,000 or the homeowner's combined gross income exceeds \$72,000; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; and requiring the county to reimburse the Department for certain costs.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-215(a) - amended and § 9-305(j) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1286 Delegate R. Long**TAX EXEMPTIONS – INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR TAKEN HOSTAGE ABROAD**

Exempting from taxation the income of a certain individual detained or taken hostage abroad during the taxable year and the spouse of that individual; and exempting from property tax certain property that is owned by an individual detained or taken hostage abroad or the spouse of that individual, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TG, § 10-104 - amended and TG, § 10-110 and TP, § 7-251 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1287 Delegate Williams, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – FIREARM CRIMES – CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS

Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain convertible pistol; and defining “convertible pistol” as any semiautomatic pistol that can be converted into a machine gun solely by the attachment of a switch/auto–sear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 4-301 - amended and § 4-305.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1288 Delegate Rose

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS

Altering the noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in employment contracts or similar documents that are null and void as being against public policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-716 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1289 Delegate Howard, et al

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAMS – DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS AND REFERRAL SERVICES – STANDARDS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish by regulation standards relating to the discharge of patients from drug and alcohol treatment programs and certain referral services offered to patients by certain drug and alcohol treatment programs; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the adoption and revision of regulations to implement the requirements of the Act and Chapter 580 of 2017, and a plan for the enforcement of the statutory and regulatory requirements under the Act and Chapter 580 of 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, § 7.5-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1290 Delegate Stonko

GENERAL PROVISIONS – FULL–YEAR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year–round; making the Act contingent on a change to federal law; and requiring the Secretary of State to monitor action by the federal government.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, § 1-301 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1291 Delegate Wims

HEALTH FACILITIES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – FAMILY COUNCILS

Providing for the composition of a family council for certain assisted living programs; authorizing a family council to be created and, under certain circumstances, led by the owner, operator, or staff of an assisted living program; requiring certain assisted living programs to give new and prospective residents information about the family council; requiring certain assisted living programs to respond in writing to certain communications from the family council within 14 calendar days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-1815 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1292 Delegate Kaiser, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER DIRECTORY – REQUIRED UPDATES

Requiring a carrier to verify and, as necessary, update the carrier’s provider directory at least once every 90 days and update the information that must be made available in the carrier’s provider directory on the Internet within 2, rather than 15, working days after receiving updated information from a provider; renaming “network directory” to be “provider directory” to conform to a certain federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-112(a), (n), and (t), 15-112.3(a)(3) and (c), and 15-830(g)(2)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1293 Delegate Smith, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT**

Establishing the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit and the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to work in partnership to enforce the alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and to enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties in connection with the partnership; expanding the authorized uses of certain revenue to include the work of the Neighborhood Services Unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, § 12-2605 - added and CJ, § 2-316.1 - added and § 7-301(c)(3) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1294 Delegate Wilson**COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT REGULATION – EARNED WAGE ACCESS AND CREDIT MODERNIZATION**

Subjecting certain earned wage access products to the Maryland Consumer Loan Law and other provisions that regulate entities that provide consumer credit, revolving credit, and closed end credit; restricting the acceptance of tips by certain lenders under certain circumstances; providing for the licensing or registration of certain entities offering earned wage access products with certain exemptions; regulating earned wage access service agreements; limiting the costs and fees associated with obtaining an earned wage access product; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, §§ 12-101, 12-301, 12-901, and 12-1001 - amended and §§ 12-128, 12-318, 12-319, 12-927, 12-1031, and 12-1501 through 12-1507 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1295 Delegate R. Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – EXEMPTION FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS**

Exempting instruments of writing that transfer improved residential real property to certain first-time home buyers from the Baltimore County transfer tax.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TP, § 13-601 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1296 Delegate Pruski**ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program; authorizing the Department of the Environment to review, permit, and regulate a process to test the use of treated reclaimed water from a demonstration facility as a source for groundwater augmentation; requiring the demonstration facility to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; and requiring, on or before December 31 each year, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Pilot Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 1-601(a) - amended and § 9-303.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1297 Delegate Hornberger, et al**PUBLIC ETHICS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL BOARDS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that the conflict of interest provisions or regulations adopted by a county, municipal corporation, or school board be equivalent to or exceed certain provisions of State law and authorize removal of a certain official for certain violations; requiring that conflict of interest provisions adopted by a county, municipal corporation, or school board include certain provisions relating to judicial relief for violations of the conflict of interest provisions; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-808, 5-810, 5-811.1, 5-816, and 5-818 - amended and LG, § 12-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1298 Delegate Martinez**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “practice audiology”, including by clarifying that the ordering and performing of certain scanning and imaging are included as these procedures related to auditory or vestibular conditions in the human ear.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, § 2-101(q) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1299 Delegates Hornberger and Ciliberti

NATURAL RESOURCES – WESTERN MARYLAND – ELK

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study the biological carrying capacity and cultural carrying capacity of elk in Western Maryland; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2026, the findings and recommendations of the study on whether elk should be reintroduced in Western Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1300 Delegate Rosenberg

BALTIMORE CITY – CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COUNTY LICENSE

Requiring the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, before issuing a license, to publish notice of an application to sell cigarettes or other tobacco products at retail two times for 2 successive weeks in two newspapers of general circulation and in a conspicuous place at the location of the business in the application for at least 10 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, §§ 16-302(a) and 16.5-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1301 Delegate Rosenberg

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND HEALTH INSURANCE – TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS – PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, managed care organizations, and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for a transfer to a special pediatric hospital.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-101(l) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv) - amended and HG, Various Sections and IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1302 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING COUNSELING

Requiring a recipient of funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for any project to construct, acquire, or rehabilitate residential property for use as housing to offer housing counseling services to certain prospective residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, § 2-304 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1303 Delegates Mireku–North and Wims

CHILD CARE CENTERS – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the State Board of Education to set minimal experiential standards as qualifications for child care teachers that require a child care teacher to hold a high school diploma or equivalent, have successfully completed certain courses for credit, and have successfully been employed for 2 years in a certain position for a registered family child care home or licensed child care center; and altering the probationary employment qualifications for a child care teacher employed in a child care center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-404(b)(13) and (c) - amended and § 9.5-404(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1304 Delegate Wilson

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – DATA COLLECTION – VIOLENT CRIMES

Requiring the Department of State Police to submit certain information collected through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program to the Department of Legislative Services on or before November 30 each year and create a certain work plan; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to submit reports to the Governor and General Assembly on the information required to be collected and the work plan by June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 2-1261 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1305 Delegates Miller and Buckel**MARYLAND CONSORTIUM ON COORDINATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS – WORKGROUP AND STUDY**

Requiring the Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to convene a workgroup to study the effectiveness of the framework for community supports partnerships in meeting the needs of local school systems and equitable distribution of grant funding across the State; requiring the workgroup to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025; and prohibiting the Consortium from awarding grants in fiscal year 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1306 Delegate Patterson, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – SICKLE CELL DISEASE – SPECIALIZED CLINICS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL RESIDENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain specialized clinics for the management and treatment of sickle cell disease and establish a scholarship program for medical residents who specialize in benign or classical hematology with a focus on sickle cell disease; and requiring the Governor for fiscal year 2027 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to support clinic operations, staffing, training, and social support services.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 18-510 and 18-511 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1307 Delegate Chisholm, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT – COOPERATION**

Requiring a certain law enforcement agency, law enforcement agent, and local detention facility, if requested by federal immigration authorities, to notify federal immigration authorities about certain matters and cooperate with federal immigration authorities for a certain purpose; 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 1308 Delegate Alston, et al**CRIME OF VIOLENCE – MEDICAL FACILITIES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP – PENALTY (SACRED PLACES SAFETY ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from committing a crime of violence while the person is in a medical facility or a place of worship; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CR, § 14-105 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1309 Delegate Wu**CYBERSECURITY – STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE, AND AUDITS – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing the requirement that county boards of education prioritize the purchase of digital devices with certain funds; requiring each local school system to comply with, and certify compliance with, the State minimum cybersecurity standards and to conduct a cybersecurity maturity assessment every 2 years; requiring the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology to annually update the State minimum cybersecurity standards; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-212 - amended and § 5-213(e) and (f) - added, SF, §§ 3.5-101, 3.5-2A-04(b), and 3.5-405 - amended, and SG, § 2-1221 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

HB 1310 Delegate Bhandari**PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – OUT-OF-STATE PHARMACIES**

Defining “licensed pharmacy” for the purpose of allowing pharmacies licensed in another state to be designated by the State Board of Pharmacy as a repository under the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 15-601 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1311 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION HO. CO. 9–25

Expanding the authorization to place and use speed monitoring systems on highways in Howard County to authorize their use in residential districts, on certain high-risk highways, and on U.S. Route 1; and requiring the fines collected by Howard County as a result of violations enforced by certain speed monitoring systems to be used for public safety purposes, including pedestrian or highway safety programs, or to fund deferred maintenance work at Howard County public schools.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1312 Delegate Reilly, et al

REAL PROPERTY – PARTITION OF PROPERTY – LIENS

Requiring a party to a partition action to timely notify the court of the type and amount of each outstanding lien on the property if the plaintiff does not procure a title report; and altering the calculation of the purchase price for the interest of a cotenant by subtracting the amount of outstanding liens owed on the property from the value of the entire parcel.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 14-703 and 14-708(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

HB 1313 Delegate R. Long

EDUCATION – STUDENT BEHAVIOR – PARENT AND GUARDIAN NOTICE AND REQUIRED COUNSELING (PARENT AND GUARDIAN ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Establishing that it is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with the parent's or guardian's child after receiving a certain notice of violent and disruptive behavior; and requiring a public school principal to provide a certain written notice to the parent or guardian of a student who engages in two or more incidents of violent and disruptive behavior on school premises or during school-related activities during the school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-30.1 and ED, § 7-304.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1314 Delegate Miller, et al**HEALTH CARE – PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS – PROHIBITING FEES AND USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from using artificial intelligence to automatically deny prior authorizations; and prohibiting health care providers from charging a fee to obtain a prior authorization from a carrier or managed care organization.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 24-2501 and 24-2502 and IN, § 15-1012 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1315 Delegate Guzzone, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR CHILD WELLNESS SERVICES – IMMUNIZATIONS**

Altering the vaccinations included in the minimum package of child wellness services for which certain health insurers and nonprofit health service plans are required to provide coverage to include those recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics in its Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule By Age.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-817(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1316 Delegate Wolek, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCE GUIDE**

Requiring the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to develop and publish a student technology and social media resource guide by the 2027–2028 school year; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2027 and \$125,000 for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 in the annual budget bill; and requiring the Center to report on the expenditure of funds on or before July 1, 2027.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2205 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1317 Delegate Wu, et al**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS – CONTRACTS – REQUIRED PROVISIONS (SUPERINTENDENT BUYOUT LIMIT)**

Requiring that a contract executed between a county board of education and a county superintendent of schools on or after July 1, 2025, include certain provisions that provide for the compensation the county superintendent shall receive on termination of the contract and the continuance of health benefits coverage for 1 year beginning on the date of termination or until the county superintendent secures new employment, whichever occurs first.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-207 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1318 Delegate A. Johnson, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PREMIUM CIGAR LOUNGE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND PREMIUM CIGAR LOUNGE ACT OF 2025)**

Establishing a Class C–PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with a certain tobacco products retailer license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license; exempting a holder of the license from the Clean Indoor Air Act; and altering a certain period of time during which a local alcoholic beverages license may not be issued to a certain tobacconist.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 4-1002 - added and HG, § 24-505 and Chs. 754 and 755 of the Acts of 2024, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1319 Delegate Rose, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – REDEEMABLE CREDIT POINTS**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully obtaining or exerting unauthorized control over certain points with the intent to deprive a certain owner of the points; and providing that a person who violated the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 5 years or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both and is required to pay the owner the value of the points.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-111 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1320 Delegate Valderrama**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT – MEMBERSHIP**

Authorizing certain law enforcement employees of the Forest Heights Police Department to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; providing that membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is optional for certain employees of the Forest Heights Police Department; providing for certain employees of the Forest Heights Police Department to receive service credit for certain prior service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SP, § 31-2A-04 - amended and § 31-2A-08 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1321 Delegate Rose, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CYBERSECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY SMALL BUSINESSES**

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for a certain small business that employs 50 or fewer employees for costs incurred by the small business during the taxable year for certain cybersecurity measures undertaken by the small business; making the credit refundable; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1322 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS**

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline–powered vessel on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 8-740.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1323 Delegates Valderrama and Wu**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content standards for a unit of instruction on Asian American history in public schools in the State; requiring each county board of education to implement the Asian American history curriculum content standards in each public school in the county beginning in the 2026–2027 school year; and requiring each county superintendent of schools to ensure compliance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1324 Delegate Spiegel, et al**HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT COLLECTION – SALE OF PATIENT DEBT TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing a hospital to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of canceling the debt; and requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities on patient debt that was sold.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-214.2(b), (f), (m), and (n) - amended and § 19-214.2(m) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1325 Delegate Miller, et al**SUBSTITUTE CHILD CARE PROVIDER POOL PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Substitute Child Care Provider Pool Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; providing that the purpose of the Program is to facilitate the continuous operation of child care facilities in the State by ensuring that qualified substitute child care providers are available to fill short-term staffing needs of child care facilities on a temporary basis; requiring the Department, for fiscal years 2027 through 2030, to award a grant of \$350,000 to the nonprofit organization selected to administer the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1326 Delegate Wivell**PREKINDERGARTEN SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Prekindergarten Savings Account Program in the State administered by the State Department of Education; providing that the State shall deposit into an account of an eligible student a certain percentage of the per pupil amount of State and local funds for each education program in the resident school district for which the eligible student would be included in the enrollment count; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 9.12-101 through 9.12-106 and TG, § 10-208(dd) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1327 Delegate Wivell**NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award grants and loans to certain entities for the management of certified heritage areas under certain circumstances; establishing the a maximum funding amount of \$300,000 for certain grants made by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; decreasing from 10% to 7% the percentage of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FI, §§ 13-1113 and 13-1114 and NR, § 5-903(a)(1) and (2)(i) and (iv) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1328 Delegate Hill, et al

END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT (THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS AND THE HONORABLE SHANE E. PENDERGRASS ACT)

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; establishing requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying, including requirements related to requests for aid in dying, consulting physicians, mental health assessments, the disposal of drugs prescribed for aid in dying, health care facility policies, and the effect of aid in dying on insurance policies; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-17 and IN, § 27-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 1329 Delegate Reilly, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION

Stating the authority to construct, permit, and operate in the State an energy generating system that produces energy from natural gas; authorizing investor-owned electric companies and electricity suppliers in the State to construct, acquire, or lease and operate their own generating facilities and construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities; stating the General Assembly's support for the development of additional nuclear energy in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-218 - added and § 7-510(c)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1330 Delegate R. Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – MORATORIUM ON ASSESSMENT INCREASES AND REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND METHODOLOGY**

Prohibiting, for a taxable year beginning after June 30, 2025, but before July 1, 2027, an increase of the assessed value of residential real property in Baltimore County except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to retain an independent third party to study and make certain recommendations regarding the residential real property assessment practices and methodology of the Department; requiring the Department to report, on or before December 1, 2026, the results of the study; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1331 Delegate Qi**CONSUMER PROTECTION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Regulating the manner in which a developer or deployer of artificial intelligence must protect consumers from certain risks; requiring a developer that offers to sell a certain artificial intelligence system to provide certain information and make certain disclosures; requiring a deployer to implement a certain risk management policy and take certain precautions to protect consumers from certain risks; requiring a deployer to complete an impact assessment and make certain disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xliv), 14-5001 through 14-5008, 14-5101, and 14-5102 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1332 Delegate Qi, et al**PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – GLENSTONE FOUNDATION, INC.**

Exempting from the property tax property that is owned by the Glenstone Foundation, Inc., and used exclusively for certain purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 7-251 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1333 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Washington County for certain disabled veterans to include certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-323(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1334 Delegate Hinebaugh**GARRETT COUNTY – BIDS AND CONTRACTS – ADVERTISEMENT EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that, in Garrett County, a certain requirement to advertise for bids does not apply to a certain contract for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time or for certain vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 30.21(A) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1335 Caroline County Delegation**CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES**

Establishing the rural special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license as a multiple event license in Caroline County; and authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for use at subsequent events under the license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 15-1309 - added and § 15-1310 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1336 Delegate Cullison**HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering requirements related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care; requiring certain hospitals to determine the eligibility of certain patients for refunds and provide a refund to each patient who meets certain requirements; modifying the process the Health Services Cost Review Commission is required to develop for identifying and reimbursing certain patients of hospitals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, § 19-214.4 and Chapter 683 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1337 Delegate Mangione, et al**REAL PROPERTY – CONDEMNATION – DAMAGES AWARDED FOR LOST PROFITS**

Providing that the owner of a business or farming operation on certain property that is taken is entitled to damages for the loss of profits under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 12-104(h) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1338 Delegate Valderrama**PUBLIC UTILITIES – CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES**

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission before beginning construction of an energy storage device with a minimum energy storage capacity of 2 megawatts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207(a), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1)(i), (2), and (3)(ii), (e), and (h)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1339 Delegate Valderrama**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Authorizing certain employees of the Town of Forest Heights to participate in the Employees' Pension System; providing that membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for certain employees of the Town of Forest Heights; requiring certain employees of the Town of Forest Heights to make a certain election on a certain date; providing for certain employees of the Town of Forest Heights to receive service credit for certain prior service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SP, § 31-111 - amended and § 31-111.9 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1340 Delegate Rose, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNPAID PARENTAL LEAVE –
DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER**

Altering the definition of “employer” to exclude employers who are covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for the current year from being required to provide to employees a certain unpaid parental leave benefit in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-1201(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1341 Delegate Woods, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – APPEALS AND ADVERSE DECISIONS – CALL
CENTERS, NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, AND REQUIRED
SURVEY**

Requiring health insurance carriers to operate a 24-hour call center for appeals and adverse decisions, include certain information in a certain manner in the written notice of adverse decisions required to be sent to members, and conduct an annual survey on member experiences with the internal grievance process and submit the results of the survey to the Insurance Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-10A-02(e), (f), and (l) and 15-10A-06(a)(3)(viii) and (4) - amended and §§ 15-10A-02(l) and 15-10A-06(a)(5) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1342 Delegate Lehman, et al**PESTICIDE AND PEST CONTROL – STATE–OWNED PROPERTY – PESTICIDE USE RESTRICTIONS AND POLLINATOR HABITAT**

Authorizing a person to apply a pesticide on State–owned property only if the person is applying a listed pesticide or a registered pesticide for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture to develop a model pesticide and pollinator habitat management plan to be implemented on State–owned and managed property; and requiring a unit of State government that manages tracts of State–owned property to work with the Department to adapt the model plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 5-1101 through 5-1103 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1343 Delegate D. Jones, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – DAY CARE CENTERS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain child care centers and day care centers; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 7-227 - amended and § 9-303(b)(8) and (9) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1344 Delegate D. Jones, et al**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – ASSESSMENT OF STATE–OWNED FACILITIES – CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Requiring the Department of General Services to conduct an assessment of facilities owned by the State to evaluate whether the facility or a portion of the facility would be suitable to lease to a child care center; and requiring the Department to report the results of the assessment, including an inventory of all facilities owned by the State and a description of whether each facility is suitable to lease to a child care center and has availability to be leased by the State to a child care center, on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1345 Delegate Jacobs, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES**

Requiring, to make a claim under a warranty for certain agricultural equipment, a consumer to provide written notice to certain parties to report a nonconformity, defect, or condition occurring in certain agricultural equipment; requiring certain parties to correct the nonconformity, defect, or condition in a certain manner; requiring certain parties to provide a consumer with the opportunity to replace agricultural equipment or receive a refund under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xliv) and 14-15A-01 through 14-15A-03 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1346 Delegate Amprey, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – PROTECTING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION (PACE ACT)**

Establishing that the creative expression of a criminal defendant or juvenile respondent is not admissible against the defendant or respondent unless the court makes certain findings; establishing that the creative expression of a defendant or respondent is admissible in juvenile proceedings for certain purposes; and defining “creative expression” to mean the expression or application of creativity or imagination in the production or arrangement of forms, sounds, words, movements, or symbols.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-926 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1347 Delegate Adams**CANNABIS AGENTS – REGISTRATION – SECURITY GUARDS**

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, § 36-501 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1348 Delegate Amprey

CONSUMER PROTECTION – SOLICITATION FOLLOWING A DISASTER – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a contractor or person acting on behalf of a contractor from soliciting or attempting to solicit a disaster victim within 48 hours after a disaster; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xliv) and 14-1328 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1349 Delegate Tomlinson, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS – TRESPASS AND SURVEILLANCE

Prohibiting a person from using an unmanned aircraft system to enter another person's property under certain circumstances; 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, § 3-908 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1350 Delegate Arikan, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS

Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for certain repeat sex offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1351 Delegate Ghrist**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – CREDENTIALING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

Altering the period of time in which certain carriers are required to accept or deny certain social workers, counselors, therapists, and psychology associates for participation on the carrier's provider panel to within 30 days after the date a carrier receives a completed application.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 15-112(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1352 Delegate Patterson, et al**SICKLE CELL DISEASE – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS**

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from denying access or services to a student based on the student's diagnosis of sickle cell disease; requiring an institution of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations for students with sickle cell disease; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop an education and awareness campaign for institutions of higher education in the State regarding students with sickle cell disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 15-140 and HG, §§ 18-510 through 18-512 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1353 Delegate Boafo**COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS**

Adding Article 12 of the Uniform Commercial Code to the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code to establish provisions governing the transfer of property rights in certain controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 1-101 - amended and §§ 10A-101 through 10A-107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1354 Delegate Simmons**BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES – REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE OR TRANSFER OR GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 5-505 - repealed and §§ 5-505 and 5-507 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 1355 Delegate Reilly, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – HEARING AIDS**

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is ordered, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-838.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1356 Delegate Reilly, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – BAIL**

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant on personal recognizance or unsecured bail under certain circumstances; and authorizing a judge to authorize the pretrial release of a certain defendant on secured bail bond and certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, 5-202(h) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1357 Delegate Reilly, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE DATA – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to collect and compile annual data on the costs of birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, and abortion; requiring the Department to post on its website and submit to the General Assembly a reproductive health care data report each December 1, beginning in 2025; and requiring the report to include the aggregated cost data for certain categories of care, comparative data by region within the State, analysis of trends in the cost of care, and recommendations for improving cost efficiency.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-220 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1358 Delegate Reilly, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – HOME DETENTION – TIME SERVED CREDITS**

Prohibiting the Division of Correction from applying credit for any portion of the time served in a certain home detention program toward any sentence of a certain incarcerated individual; requiring that a court consider pending cases of a defendant in determining appropriate conditions of pretrial release; and providing that certain provisions relating to the application of credit toward a certain sentence do not apply to a certain defendant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 3-409(a) and CP, §§ 5-213 and 6-218 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1359 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT**

Requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide at least 10 years' notice and hold a certain public hearing before taking any action that results in a certain displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation services in Charles County; and requiring the Board of Education to provide written notice by registered mail at least 5 years before the displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-811 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1360 Delegate Qi, et al

ENVIRONMENT – ROAD SALT – OUTDOOR STORAGE

Prohibiting certain persons from storing road salt uncovered outdoors; and requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to establish proper outdoor storage requirements for road salt and penalties for noncompliance.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-2302 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1361 Delegate BhandariPUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES –
STANDARDIZED REPORT WRITING SYSTEM (MARYLAND
STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT WRITING
STANDARDIZATION ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to create a standardized report writing system for all law enforcement agencies in the State; requiring all law enforcement agencies in the State to implement the standardized report writing system within 18 months; and requiring the Commission to report annually, beginning October 15, 2026, on the progress and effectiveness of the standardized report writing system, including recommendations for system improvements and future resource needs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-807 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1362 Delegate Mangione, et al

EMINENT DOMAIN – JUST COMPENSATION – FEES AND COSTS

Establishing that damages to be awarded for the taking of land in a condemnation proceeding include, in addition to the fair market value of the land taken, any legal, expert, or other fees or costs of the action incurred by a defendant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1363 Delegate Bhandari**PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – CAPTIONING FOR MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the number of screens in a motion picture house above which the motion picture house is required to provide open movie captioning; and requiring that each motion picture house that is a place of public accommodation report to the Commission on Civil Rights and the Attorney General on the number of screenings each month in which closed and open captions were used each month.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1364 Delegate Qi**OFFICE OF SOCIAL EQUITY – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND – ADVISORY BOARD AND MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the Office of Social Equity within the Maryland Cannabis Administration, rather than the Comptroller, to administer the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; repealing provisions of law requiring the Office to report on the Fund and to solicit public input on the uses of the Fund and publish a review of the input; requiring the Office to oversee the appropriation of funds from the Fund and to train Fund recipients; establishing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, §§ 1-309.1 and 1-322 - amended, §§ 1-3A-01 through 1-3A-03 - added, and § 1-323 - renumbered

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1365 Delegate Harrison**COMMERCIAL LAW – ONLINE DATA PRIVACY – LIMITS ON DATA COLLECTION**

Altering requirements for a controller to limit the collection of personal data to what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which the data is processed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 14-4707(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1366 Delegate Ruff, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – TESTING FOR OVARIAN AND CERVICAL CANCERS – REQUIRED COVERAGE AND PROHIBITED COST SHARING**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for an annual cervical smear or Pap test and for surveillance tests for ovarian cancer; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage required under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1367 Delegate Rosenberg**LEAD TESTING AND INSPECTIONS – FALSIFYING INFORMATION – PENALTY**

Establishing a penalty not exceeding \$50,000 for a person who falsifies information that is submitted in a report of the results of lead-contaminated dust testing or visual inspection of an affected property; and establishing that each day a violation occurs is a separate violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 6-850 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1368 Delegate Martinez, et al**CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH, LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – SEX DESIGNATION (BIRTH CERTIFICATE MODERNIZATION ACT)**

Altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Health is required to make a new certificate of birth due to the change of a sex designation of an individual; establishing requirements and a prohibition related to the making of new certificates of birth; and altering the options for indicating an individual's sex designation on a license, identification card, or moped operator's permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 4-211 and TR, § 12-305(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Environment and Transportation

HB 1369 Delegate Wims**EDUCATION – MINIMUM WAGE FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

Establishing a minimum wage of \$25.00 to be paid by county boards of education to certain education support professionals beginning July 1, 2025; adjusting the minimum wage for education support professionals for inflation each year; and defining “education support professional” as a noncertificated public school employee designated as part of a nonsupervisory bargaining unit. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

ED, § 6-306 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1370 Delegate Spiegel, et al**TRANSPORTATION – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES**

Establishing the Baltimore region, capital region, and Southern Maryland region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain transportation plans; establishing the Baltimore region, capital region, and Southern Maryland region transportation funds as special, nonlapsing funds; imposing certain transportation authority sales tax surcharges, hotel surcharges, and transfer tax surcharges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 10.5-101 thru 10.5-413 - added and SF, TG, and TP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1371 Delegate Terrasa**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES – ELECTRONIC CREDENTIALS (MARYLAND MOBILE ID ENHANCEMENT ACT)**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies; and authorizing an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use a certain electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver’s license, instead of a driver’s license, to rent the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 16-1002 and 18-103(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1372 Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY – NOTICE OF TAX SALE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the requirements for providing notice of the tax sale of property in Washington County; and increasing from one to two the number of notices required to be sent to the owner of property after the property is sold at a tax sale in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TP, §§ 14-813(a) and 14-817.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1373 Delegate Ghrist, et al

EDUCATION – VIRTUAL SCHOOLS – OPERATION BY FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting a county board of education from contracting with a for-profit entity to operate or administer a virtual school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-1402 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1374 Delegate Ghrist, et al

PREKINDERGARTEN – 3-YEAR-OLDS – PRIVATE PROVIDERS (PARENTAL CHOICE FOR PREKINDERGARTEN ACT)

Altering the definition of “Tier I child” for purposes of publicly provided prekindergarten to not include 3-year-olds and only include certain 4-year-olds; authorizing an eligible private prekindergarten provider to elect to enroll 3-year-olds in publicly provided prekindergarten; requiring an eligible private provider that elects to enroll a Tier I 3-year-old to enter into a certain memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Education and the county board of education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-1A-01 through 7-1A-03, 7-1A-05, and 7-1A-06 - amended and § 7-1A-04.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1375 Delegate SteinVEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PORTABLE VARIABLE MESSAGING SIGNS
– AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a tow truck to display a portable variable messaging sign mounted on the tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 22-218(c)(6) and 22-218.2(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1376 Delegate Pena–MelnykMARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PROVISION OF HEALTH
CARE SERVICES – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include in the contract for a study of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission a requirement that the independent consultant study the current provision of health care services in the State; requiring the study to consider recommendations for strategies the State should consider to ensure high quality health care for all Marylanders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Chapters 794 and 795 of the Acts of 2024, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1377 Delegate AmpreyCANNABIS – ADVERTISING – PROHIBITED LOCATIONS (EQUITY IN
CANNABIS ADVERTISING ACT)

Altering a certain prohibition on advertising for cannabis licensees, products, or services by repealing a prohibition on certain outdoor advertising and instead prohibiting advertising within 500 feet of a substance use treatment facility, certain schools, child care facilities, or other locations; authorizing a cannabis licensee to request and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to provide an opinion as to whether a cannabis advertisement meets certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, § 36-903 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1378 Delegate Wilson**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE – TIME LIMITATION**

Prohibiting certain actions under the Child Victims Act against the State or a unit of State government from being filed on or after January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 5-117 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1379 Delegate Amprey**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSE – RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2025)**

Authorizing a certain establishment that operates as a food retailer, pharmacy, or retail service station that sells gasoline and diesel fuel or has on-site electric charging capabilities for a minimum of six motor vehicles simultaneously to offer to purchase a Class A license from a Class A license holder under certain circumstances; and authorizing the retail establishments to apply to a local licensing board for a Class A license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 4-205 and 4-303 - amended and § 4-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1380 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – PERINATAL CARE STANDARDS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards for hospitals that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 19-319(j) and 19-3B-03(a)(1)(ii)9. - added and § 19-3b-03(a)(1)(ii)8. and 9. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1381 Delegate J. Long

HOUSE OF DELEGATES – RENAMING

Changing the name of the House of Delegates to be the House of Representatives; and providing that the House of Representatives is the successor to the House of Delegates and that the Speaker of the House of Representatives is the successor to the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. I, Art. II, Art. III, Art. IV, Art. VI, and Art. XI,
Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1382 Delegate BagnallPUBLIC HEALTH – HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS – REPEAL
OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER AND STUDY

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review and make recommendations on statutory and regulatory provisions regarding the human immunodeficiency virus that may be outdated or discriminatory and report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2025.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 18-601.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 1383 Delegate Miller, et alSTATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ONLINE SPECIAL EDUCATION
SYSTEM – TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations concerning minimum functional and technical requirements to ensure optimal performance of the State's online special education system; directing the State Department of Education to study minimum functional and technical requirements to ensure optimal performance of the State's online special education system and report the results of the study to the State Board on or before October 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 8-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1384 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – STUDY ON DETECTING DEADLY WEAPONS IN PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS HO. CO. 15–25

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to study how best to detect deadly weapons in Howard County public middle and high schools and how best to rapidly report the detection of weapons to a law enforcement agency; and requiring, by October 1, 2025, in a manner that does not jeopardize school safety, the Howard County Board of Education to report on the findings of its study to the State Superintendent of Schools and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1385 Delegate Miller, et al

CHILDREN – PARENTAL RIGHTS – EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

Requiring each county board of education, in consultation with certain individuals, to develop and implement a certain policy to promote parental involvement in students' education; establishing a complaint and appeals process for violations of a certain policy; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1386 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MANDATORY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HO. CO. 10–25

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to close public schools in the county to observe certain holidays.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1387 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D LICENSES
– DELIVERY

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 23-1904 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1388 Delegate Barnes

EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM
– DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program for certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to seek a certain determination letter.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SP, § 23-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1389 Delegate Young

STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE ACT OF MARYLAND

Establishing the Maryland Bitcoin Reserve Fund to serve as a reserve asset for the State through the investment of Bitcoin; and authorizing the State Treasurer to invest the funds obtained by the State through the enforcement of certain gambling violations in Bitcoin.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 13-104 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended and §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. and 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 1390 Delegate Vogel**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LOSSES FROM THEFT OR FRAUD**

Allowing, subject to certain limitations, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain personal casualty losses, meaning loss of property not connected with a trade or business or a transaction entered into for profit if the loss arises from theft or a fraud scheme; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-208(dd) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1391 Delegate Young, et al**EDUCATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GUIDELINES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TASK FORCE**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Education, and the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence in K–12 Education to develop or update certain guidance and strategies on artificial intelligence for county boards of education; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to develop and update annually a list of approved artificial intelligence tools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2203 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1392 Delegate R. Long, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – CANNABIS USE IN MOTOR VEHICLE WITH MINOR OCCUPANT – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an individual from smoking, vaping, or consuming cannabis in the passenger area of a motor vehicle if a minor is an occupant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-903.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1393 Delegate Hill, et al**YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – REGISTRATIONS, PERSONNEL, AND POLICY**

Requiring youth sports programs to maintain and update a registry of youth sports program personnel who participate in the youth sports program; requiring a parent or guardian of a youth registered with a youth sports program to sign and submit to the youth sports program an acknowledgment of the receipt of certain information; and requiring a youth sports program to post its removal and return-to-play policy on its website, if available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 14-501 - amended and § 14-503 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1394 Delegate Acevero, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – UNAUTHORIZED SUPPORT OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY (NOT ON OUR DIME ACT)**

Prohibiting certain nonprofit organizations from aiding or abetting certain activity by the government of Israel or a citizen of Israel; authorizing the Attorney General or a certain person to bring a certain action against a nonprofit organization that violates the Act; and requiring the Secretary of State to remove a nonprofit organization from the Registry of Charitable Solicitation after receiving notice from the Attorney General or a prevailing plaintiff of a decision entered against a nonprofit organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-2601 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1395 Delegates Metzgar and McComas**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – VOLUNTEER AIDES – SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

Authorizing each county board of education to use a chaplain as a volunteer aide in schools to provide support services to students.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-106 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1396 Delegate Rose, et al

PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2025

Prohibiting certain persons from exercising a right of condemnation to acquire property for the purpose of constructing a power line or a certain generating station that produces electricity from wind energy or solar energy; and prohibiting the State or any of its instrumentalities or political subdivisions from acquiring by condemnation property that is encumbered by certain conservation easements or will be used for the construction of a power line or a certain generating station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-103, 7-207(b), and 7-208(b) - amended and § 7-207.1(h) - added and RP, § 12-101(e) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1397 Delegate Tomlinson, et alCERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY –
OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES – GRID ENHANCING
TECHNOLOGIES

Adding grid enhancing technologies to the list of requirements the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of an overhead transmission line.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207(a) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1398 Delegate Tomlinson, et alCRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN OR FENTANYL
CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH (VICTORIA,
SCOTTIE, ASHLEIGH, AND YADER’S LAW)

Prohibiting an individual from distributing heroin or fentanyl or chemical analogues of heroin or fentanyl, the use of which results in the death or serious bodily injury of another; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and, in addition to any other penalty imposed for a certain violation, on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 5-602.1 and CP, § 4-201(j) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1399 Delegate Arikan, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CROSS–SEX HORMONE THERAPY FOR MINORS – PROHIBITION (PROTECT THE KIDS ACT)**

Prohibiting a licensed health care practitioner from prescribing, dispensing, or administering a cross–sex hormone or otherwise providing cross–sex hormone therapy for the treatment of certain mental health diagnoses to an individual who is a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 1-212.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1400 Delegate Boafu, et al**NO TAX ON TIPS ACT**

Establishing consumer protections related to service fees charged by food service facilities; specifying the State minimum wage rate; prohibiting, beginning July 1, 2028, employers of tipped employees from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages; allowing a subtraction under the State income tax for certain qualified tips received by certain individuals; and allowing a person a credit against the State income tax for certain amounts paid to an employee based on the payment of certain wages and tips.

CONTINGENT

CL and LE, Various Sections - amended and CL and TG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 1401 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – PROHIBITED GATHERINGS AND EVENTS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact a local law that authorizes the County Attorney or the State's Attorney for Calvert County to prohibit future events or gatherings that have a substantial likelihood of creating a nuisance or disturbance of the peace.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

LG, § 13-1002 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1402 Delegate Grammer, et al

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – PUBLIC BENEFITS – PREVENTION OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to enter into certain data-sharing agreements with certain agencies to conduct certain reviews related to eligibility for and use of certain public benefits; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to seek approval for a certain waiver to impose a certain lockout period on certain individuals who fail to report a change in eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 15-123.1 - added and HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

HB 1403 Delegate Rose, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT COUNT – ALTERATIONS (TRUANCY REDUCTION ACT OF 2025)

Altering the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on September 30, December 31, March 31, and the last day of the prior school year; and applying the Act to the calculation of education funding for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-201(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1404 Delegate McComas

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – REHABILITATION PRACTITIONERS – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL

Authorizing a licensed certified social worker–clinical and a licensed clinical professional counselor to register as a rehabilitation practitioner; and providing that a licensed certified social worker–clinical or a licensed clinical professional counselor is not subject to certain supervision requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, §§ 9-6A-01(d), 9-6A-04, and 9-6A-09(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1405 Delegate Allen**COMMERCIAL LAW – VEHICLES TOWED OR REMOVED FROM PARKING LOTS – STATUTORY LIENS AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Establishing that a certain person has a lien on a motor vehicle towed or removed from a privately owned parking lot for certain charges under certain circumstances; establishing the circumstances in which the lien is extinguished or suspended; establishing that an authorized tow company has a lien or security interest in a vehicle when the authorized tow company incurs certain charges related to a certain police-initiated towing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, §§ 16-202(e) and 16A-101(e) - added and CL, § 16A-101(b) and TR, §§ 21-10A-02(b) and 26-306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1406 Delegate Behler, et al**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS AND EXISTING BURDEN REPORT**

Requiring a person applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to include with the application a certain environmental impact analysis and, if applicable, a certain existing burden report; altering certain notice requirements; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity unless the application includes a final environmental impact assessment and, if applicable, a final existing burden report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1407 Delegates Amprey and Boafo

COMMERCIAL LAW – VOICE AND VISUAL LIKENESS – DIGITAL REPLICATION RIGHTS (NURTURE ORIGINALS, FOSTER ART, AND KEEP ENTERTAINMENT SAFE ACT – NO FAKES ACT)

Establishing that each individual and a certain right holder have the right to authorize the use of the voice or visual likeness of the individual in a digital replica; providing that the right does not expire on the death of the individual and is transferable or licensable in a certain manner; providing that the right terminates after a certain period of time; requiring an online service to designate an agent for certain purposes; requiring the Secretary of State to maintain and make available certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, §§ 11-1701 through 11-1707 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1408 Delegate Boafo

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – FIRE AND RESCUE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 20-601 and 20-606 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1409 Delegates Woorman and McComas

HEALTH – MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES – ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES

Providing for an exception to the prohibition against willfully intercepting wire or electronic communication for a resident in a medical care facility under certain circumstances; requiring a medical care facility to allow electronic monitoring of a resident if requested by the resident or the resident's legal representative; and providing for the admissibility of a recording made through electronic monitoring in a civil or criminal court of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) and HG, § 19-343.1 - added and CJ, § 10-402(a) and HG, § 19-343 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 1410 Delegate R. Long, et al**STATE TRANSFER TAX – EXEMPTION FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the exemption from the State transfer tax for instruments of writing that transfer improved residential real property to certain first-time home buyers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TP, § 13-203(b) - repealed and § 13-207(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1411 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff**REAL PROPERTY – INSUFFICIENT CONDOMINIUM RESERVE ACCOUNT GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund to provide grants to low-income condominium owners who live in condominiums with insufficient reserve accounts to enable a low-income unit owner to pay increased assessments necessary for a condominium association to meet reserve account funding requirements; requiring that the Fund prioritize low-income adults aged 65 years or older; and requiring low-income unit owners who received grants to make a certain report regarding the reserve account balance by December 31 annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11-144 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1412 Delegate Alston, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL STORES – CARRYOUT BAGS**

Prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from requiring a retail establishment to impose a fee, tax, or charge for a carryout bag, except under certain circumstances; requiring that certain customers be exempted from any fee, tax, or charge for a carryout bag; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 19-108 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1413 Delegates Behler and J. Lewis**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYER COMMUNICATIONS DURING NONWORKING HOURS – RIGHT TO DISCONNECT**

Requiring employers to establish a policy that provides employees a certain right to ignore communications from the employer during nonworking hours and establishes nonworking hours by written agreement; and prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, an employer from requiring that an employee communicate with the employer during nonworking hours.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1414 Delegate Hartman, et al**BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY, AND PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDINGS – EXCLUSION (SAFE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2025)**

Altering the definition of “covered building” for purposes of certain building energy performance standards to exclude certain public safety, emergency, and public utility buildings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 2-1601(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1415 Delegate Wivell, et al**ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ENERGY USE INTENSITY TARGETS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a certain covered building from compliance with certain building energy performance standards and energy use intensity targets until a certain occurrence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 2-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1416 Delegate AmpreySTATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
EXPEDITED DOCUMENT PROCESSING AND FEES

Establishing expedited processing fees for certain documents filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and requiring the Department to process documents filed at least 1 hour before the Department's close of business within 1 hour after the documents are received, and documents filed at least 30 minutes before the Department's close of business within 30 minutes after the documents are received.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, §§ 1-203 and 1-203.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1417 Delegate Adams, et alDEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – CLEAN ENERGY
PROCUREMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee, the University System of Maryland, and the Maryland Clean Energy Center, to establish a Clean Energy Procurement Program in the Department on or before January 1, 2026; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain entities, to issue a certain solicitation for a biogas contract; authorizing the Department to enter into a contract to procure biogas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 4-325 and 4-326 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1418 Delegate Miller, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – GAMING – ONLINE GAMBLING AND BETTING

Clarifying that gambling and betting activities that are offered or conducted online in the State are prohibited, except under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on matters related to online gaming on or before January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CR, § 12-113 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1419 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES – COST RECOVERY AND ENERGY STORAGE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to approve the use of regulatory asset accounting in recovering certain costs associated with electric distribution system support services programs and incentives if the Commission makes a certain determination; and stating that a certain provision of law may not be construed to prohibit certain entities from offering certain energy storage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-1005(h) - added and § 7-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1420 Delegate Woorman, et al**REGISTERS OF WILLS – IDENTITY VERIFICATION WITHOUT GOVERNMENT–ISSUED IDENTIFICATION**

Requiring the register of wills for each county and Baltimore City, in consultation with the Maryland Registers of Wills Association, to offer a method by which an individual without government–issued identification may prove the individual’s identity as an heir or a beneficiary of a will.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 2-216 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1421 Delegate Miller**ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD – SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

Placing the Accountability and Implementation Board under the authority of the State Board of Education; altering the scope of authority of the Accountability and Implementation Board; requiring the State Board to review reporting requirements under the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future and submit a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 5-402(b) and (h), 5-405 through 5-410, 5-411(g) and (i), 5-412(b)(6), and 5-414 - amended and § 5-402(f) and (g) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1422 Delegate McCaskill, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to study and make recommendations relating to appropriate benefits to be made to individuals whose ancestors were enslaved in the State or were impacted by certain inequitable government policies; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by January 1, 2027, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1423 Delegate Crutchfield

COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND ASSESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission to Review and Assess Racial Disparities in the State Criminal Justice System to study and make recommendations on certain matters involving the disparate treatment of African Americans, Hispanics, and other non-White individuals in the State's criminal justice system and other criminal justice issues in the State; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations on or before September 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1424 Delegate J. Lewis, et al

CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND – ALTERATIONS (PROTECT OUR FEDERAL WORKERS ACT)

Renaming the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to be the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund; authorizing funds appropriated to the Catastrophic Event Account to be expended to assist in funding costs in connection with a closure, relocation, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal government, or other similar circumstances; and altering the purpose of the Fund and the eligibility criteria to receive loans from the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)118., 7-324, and 7-327 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1425 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DEEPFAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from utilizing certain personal identifying information or engaging in certain conduct in order to cause certain harm; prohibiting a person from using certain artificial intelligence or certain deepfake representations for certain purposes; and providing that a person who is the victim of certain conduct may bring a civil action against a certain person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1426 Delegate Rose, et al**CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF HEALTH AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Establishing the Carroll County Board of Commissioners as the Carroll County Board of Health; requiring the board of health to take certain actions related to operating procedures for the Carroll County Health Department, records of the Department, and evaluations of the health officer, deputy health officers, and other employees of the health department; authorizing the board of health to remove the health officer or a deputy health officer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 3-203 and 3-311 - added and §§ 3-302 and 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1427 Delegate Miller, et al**MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – REVISIONS**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to include the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary's designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations on safety design elements and the reliability of charging stations and submit a final report of its work to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 2-113 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1428 Delegates Boafu and Amprey

SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – TAXES AND OFFERS TO PURCHASE (END HEDGE FUND CONTROL OF MARYLAND HOMES ACT OF 2025)

Imposing an excise tax on the acquisition and excess ownership of certain single-family residences in the State by certain entities; authorizing a person who offers for sale to a third party improved single-family residential real property, for the first 30 days, to accept an offer to purchase the property made only by an individual, a community development organization, a nonprofit organization, or a real estate enterprise that owns an interest in less than 3% of all residential real property in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, § 4-310, RP, § 10-804, TG, Various Sections, and TP, § 13-203(c) - added and TG, Various Sections and TP, § 13-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1429 Delegate Holmes

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND INTERNS

Authorizing youth services bureaus to request a criminal history records check from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for employees, volunteers, and interns.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 9-233(a) - amended, § 9-233(d) - added, and § 9-233(d) and (e) - renumbered

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1430 Delegate Miller, et al

TEACHERS – CAREER LADDER COMPENSATION AND NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION STUDY (MARYLAND EDUCATOR STIPEND REFORM ACT)

Altering certain salary increases for teachers on the career ladder to be annual stipends paid only in certain years; authorizing county boards of education to award a certain stipend to certain teachers on the career ladder based on a certain certification of the county board related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a certain study regarding the efficacy of National Board Certification of teachers and submit its report by September 1, 2030.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 1431 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW – RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION (MARYLAND DATA PRIVACY ACT)

Altering certain provisions of law to require a law enforcement agency or a unit of State or local government to deny access to certain databases by certain individuals seeking access for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law, under certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to enforce certain provisions of the Act; and providing that a State employee who violates certain provisions of the Act is subject to certain discipline.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-529 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1432 Delegate Wilson**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – COORDINATION OF RESOURCES**

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to coordinate with the Department of Commerce and the Office of the Comptroller to promote existing benefits and incentives, including tax incentives, grants, and technical assistance for minority business enterprises operating in Enterprise Zones; and requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to include an analysis of the coordination efforts in the annual report for 3 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1433 Delegate Toles, et al**JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed certain acts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-8A-03 and 3-8A-27(a)(2)(iv), CP, Various Sections, and ED, § 7-303(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 1434 Delegate Amprey**FOOD DESERTS WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Food Deserts Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding solutions to eliminate food deserts in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report its key findings and recommended solutions to eliminate food deserts by November 1, 2025, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1435 Delegate Acevero, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN AFFILIATION OR SUPPORT BY POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to prohibit police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for White supremacist groups, ideologies, or causes or participating in or actively promoting a certain extremist group.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-207(o) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1436 Delegate Miller**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PROJECTIONS AND FUNDING – INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS**

Requiring the Interagency Commission for School Construction to include an inflationary adjustment using a cost of construction inflation index in projections of school construction and capital improvement needs in its submission to the Capital Debt Affordability Committee and the Governor; and clarifying the intent of the General Assembly regarding funding for public school construction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-304(a)(1) and Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2022, § 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1437 Delegate Arentz**CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – REPEAL**

Repealing immunity from civil and criminal liability for health care providers acting in good faith and under a catastrophic health emergency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 14-3A-06 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1438 Delegate Behler**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERTIME PAY
– ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY**

Altering the exemption from overtime pay for individuals who are employed to work in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the exempted compensation rate in effect for certain periods of time based on the annual growth, if any, in the Consumer Price Index; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning March 1, 2026, and each subsequent year, to determine and announce the new exempted compensation rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, § 3-403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1439 Delegate Qi, et al**BETTER SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT OF 2025**

Exempting from certain requirements relating to offering health benefit plans to small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization located in the State.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-1201(i)(2), 15-1202(b), 15-1204.1, and 31-101(aa) - amended and § 15-1201(r-1) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 1440 Delegate R. Lewis**COURTS – PARENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Requiring certain circuit courthouses in the State to maintain on its premises a private lactation room to be used by certain individuals; and providing that breast-feeding mothers and certain individuals caring for children under 4 years old may be excused from jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 1-505 - added and § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1441 Delegate Rogers, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES
MANUFACTURERS – CERTIFICATIONS**

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission and the Attorney General to take certain action relating to the licensure of certain electronic smoking devices manufacturers, wholesalers, importers, and retailers and vape shop vendors in certain circumstances; requiring an electronic smoking devices manufacturer to execute and deliver a certain certification to the Attorney General each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, Various Sections - amended and §§ 16.7-301 thru 16.7-309 - added and CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) - amended and § 13-301(14)(xliv) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1442 Delegate Edelson**JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, on or before December 1, 2026, to report to the General Assembly certain findings and recommendations concerning Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1443 Delegate Griffith, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES
FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND
VETERANS (FAMILIES SERVE ACT)**

Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant, by local law, a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving spouses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-714 - amended and LG, §§ 1-204 through 1-206 - renumbered, § 1-204 - added and § 12-109(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1444 Delegate Terrasa, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MODERATE INCOME HOUSING UNIT REQUIREMENTS – PROHIBITION AGAINST FEE-IN-LIEU**

Prohibiting a county or municipality from authorizing payment of a fee-in-lieu of a requirement under local law that a developer provide moderate income housing units in a new residential development project.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1308 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1445 Delegate Qi**LICENSED FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS – PROVISION OF FACT SHEET ON REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and publish a fact sheet about the legal issues and resources related to the ownership of residential real property following the death of a homeowner; and requiring a licensed funeral establishment to provide a printed copy of the fact sheet to certain individuals during the course of providing funeral services.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HO, § 7-407.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1446 Delegate Amprey**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES RELOCATING FROM ANOTHER STATE (COME TO MARYLAND ACT)**

Allowing, for certain taxable years, a credit against the State income tax for a certain qualified business entity that relocates its headquarters and base of operations from another state to Maryland under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the tax credit; allowing a qualified business entity to carry over any excess credit to the next taxable year; and establishing the Business Relocation Council to advertise the tax credit allowed under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1447 Delegate Vogel**EDUCATION – MARYLAND STEM PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland STEM Program in the State Department of Education to provide additional compensation to educators who teach STEM classes at nonpublic schools; authorizing nonpublic schools to apply for the Program; requiring local school systems to inform current teachers about the Program and share a teacher interest survey; requiring participating nonpublic schools to report certain information to the Department each year; requiring the Governor to include a \$250,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1448 Delegate Cullison**ANIMAL TESTING AND RESEARCH – ALTERNATIVE NONANIMAL TEST METHODS**

Prohibiting certain research facilities in the State from using a traditional animal test method if an alternative nonanimal test method has received certain approval or the requirement to use a traditional animal test method is waived; requiring certain research facilities to conduct testing using traditional animal test methods in a certain manner; requiring the Attorney General to enforce the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 24-23A-01 through 24-23A-05 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1449 Delegate Szeliga, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – MILK PRODUCTS – DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER SALE OF RAW MILK FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

Excluding certain sales of raw milk for human consumption from certain State regulation of milk products; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Secretary of Health before the person may sell raw milk direct to the consumer for human consumption; and establishing certain requirements for raw milk produced and sold direct to the consumer for human consumption in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 21-403 and 21-434 - amended and §§ 21-501 through 21-520 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1450 Delegate Qi

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INCENTIVE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying certain limitations on awards or investments provided to certain small businesses under the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, § 10-476 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1451 Delegate Chisholm, et al

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025

Specifying that certain requirements under the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are to be carried out to the extent economically practicable, including requirements concerning achieving certain direct greenhouse gas emissions reductions from certain buildings, measuring and reporting direct emissions data to the Department of the Environment, achieving certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and achieving zero-emission vehicle goals relating to the State vehicle fleet and local school buses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 2-1205(e), 2-1505, and 2-1602(a) and (b), LE, § 3-416, PS, § 12-503, and SF, §§ 4-810 and 14-418 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1452 Delegate Vogel

HATE CRIMES AND HATE BIAS – DEFINITIONS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND HATE BIAS INCIDENT

Altering the definition of “sexual orientation” applicable to certain hate crime statutes; and defining “hate bias incident” applicable to a certain requirement that the Department of State Police collect, analyze, and report certain information provided by certain law enforcement agencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 10-301 and PS, § 2-307 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1453 Delegates Behler and J. Lewis**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – VLOGGERS AND VIDEO CONTENT FEATURING MINORS (CHILD INFLUENCERS PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring a vlogger who creates video content that is posted on a social media platform and features a certain minor child to compensate the child under certain circumstances; establishing requirements on social media platforms relating to deleting video content featuring minor children; applying certain requirements related to the labor of minors to children compensated by vloggers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1004 - added and LE, § 3-203(4) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1454 Delegate Qi**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING – CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES AND CONTINUING CARE AT-HOME PROVIDERS LICENSING AND REGULATION – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Aging to contract with an independent consultant to complete a study on the licensing and regulation of continuing care retirement communities and continuing care at-home providers; and requiring the Department to submit the results of the study on or before December 1, 2026.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1455 Delegate Arentz**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE – MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS**

Requiring that the average weekly wages from employments of a covered employee who, at the time of an accidental personal injury, was concurrently employed by more than one employer be combined for purposes of computing the average weekly wages under certain circumstances; requiring that the Subsequent Injury Fund or the Uninsured Employers’ Fund reimburse an employer for certain compensation paid by the employer; and requiring the average weekly wage for certain covered employees to be recalculated under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 9-602(a-1) - added and §§ 9-602(b), (c), (g), and (j), 9-615, and 9-621 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1456 Delegate Metzgar**HOSPITALS AND TISSUE BANKS – AUTOLOGOUS AND DIRECTED BLOOD DONATIONS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a tissue bank that facilitates autologous or directed blood donations to comply with a physician's order prescribing an autologous or directed blood donation; authorizing a tissue bank to charge a certain fee for facilitating an autologous or directed blood donation; and requiring a hospital to allow an individual to provide an autologous or directed blood donation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 17-301 - amended and §§ 17-315, 19-301(d-1) and (d-2), and 19-310(c) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1457 Delegate Solomon, et al**ALTERNATIVE FUEL, FUEL-EFFICIENT, AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES – HIGHWAY USE FEES**

Repealing the annual surcharge required to register a zero-emission vehicle or plug-in electric drive vehicle; requiring the owners of certain alternative fuel vehicles, fuel-efficient vehicles, and plug-in electric drive vehicles to pay an annual highway use fee for each vehicle registered; establishing a voluntary annual Mileage-Based User Fee Program within the Department of Transportation; allowing the owners of certain vehicles to participate in the Program in lieu of paying the annual highway use fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 11-103.4 - renumbered, §§ 11-103.4, 11-125.2, § 13-956, and § 13-957 - added, and § 13-956 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1458 Delegate Boafu, et al**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED WORKERS**

Establishing that every person, as a central component of an individual's right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to be paid at a wage rate that is at least equal to the State minimum wage rate set by law without regard to tips that the individual receives; and prohibiting the State from, directly or indirectly, denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

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

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1459 Delegate Buckel, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND SENATOR GEORGE C. EDWARDS FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; providing that the Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board, but may vote to break a tie; altering the purpose of the Senator George C. Edwards Fund; extending, through fiscal year 2031, the fiscal years in which the Governor is required to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Fund; and altering the criteria that the Board must consider when awarding certain grant and loan funding from the Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, §§ 13-737, 13-739, and 13-740 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1460 Delegate Young, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – PROHIBITED CERTIFICATIONS – BOYCOTTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Prohibiting a procurement officer from requiring a certain certification from a bidder or offeror or including a certain clause in a State procurement contract or contract renewal relating to boycotts of foreign countries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 13-212.2 and 13-228 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1461 Delegate Miller**BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring institutions of higher education to adopt and enforce policies regarding antihate and antidiscrimination and time, place, and manner requirements for expressive conduct; requiring institutions of higher education to conduct certain meetings with certain approved student organizations; establishing the Campus Community Grant Program; and establishing the Workgroup on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Other Forms of Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Violence, Harassment, and Intimidation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, Various Sections - amended and §§ 6-1006 and 7-127 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 1462 Delegate Solomon, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – ANTIHATE AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION POLICIES AND WORKGROUP (MARYLAND CAMPUS ACCOUNTABILITY AND MODERNIZATION TO PROTECT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ACT)**

Requiring institutions of higher education to adopt and enforce policies regarding antihate and antidiscrimination and time, place, and manner requirements for expressive conduct; requiring institutions of higher education to conduct certain meetings with certain approved student organizations; establishing the Campus Community Grant Program; and establishing the Workgroup on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Other Forms of Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Violence, Harassment, and Intimidation.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 11-2001 through 11-2006 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1463 Delegate Edelson, et alTRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION –
FUNDING (TRANSIT SAFETY AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2025)

Requiring the Governor to include, for each of fiscal years 2030 through 2039, an appropriation of \$550,000,000 in the State budget from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transit Administration for certain operating and capital needs of the Administration.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TR, § 7-205 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1464 Delegate Stewart

MOTOR VEHICLES – RENTAL FLEET VEHICLES – REGISTRATION

Establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and requiring, in addition to an annual registration fee, the owner of a registered rental vehicle to pay a one-time initial registration fee not to exceed \$8.50 when the new registration plates are issued.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-424 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1465 Delegate StewartTRANSPORTATION-RELATED FINES AND TOLLS – INCOME-BASED
INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority and the Department of Transportation to establish programs to offer income-based installment payment plans for the payment of certain tolls, penalties, and fines in excess of \$250.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-1414(d)(5) and (6) and (h)(2), 26-201(c)(1) and (d)(1), and 27-103(a) - amended and §§ 21-1417 and 27-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1466 Delegate Stewart**LAND USE AND REAL PROPERTY – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
– REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use subject to certain requirements; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU and RP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1467 Delegates Howard and Hornberger**LOCAL FINANCE – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – EROSION
PREVENTION PROJECTS AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS**

Requiring interest earnings on money deposited for a certain taxing and assessment district to be credited to that district; and specifying that a certain provision of law governing the petition process for the construction of an erosion prevention project or erosion control project in a certain district does not apply to certain planning, permitting, or cost estimate activities.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

LG, §§ 21-205 and 21-206 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1468 Delegate Forbes**CYBER MARYLAND PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Transferring the Cyber Maryland Program from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Labor; altering the duties of the Program; requiring the Program to issue certain competitive grants and contracts beginning in fiscal year 2026; altering the purposes for which the Cyber Maryland Fund may be used; altering certain funding requirements related to the Program; requiring that certain unused balances from certain programs and funds be transferred to the Program at the close of the fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1469 Delegates Shetty and Pena–Melnyk

TAXES – SUGARY BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTOR TAX (FOR OUR KIDS ACT)

Imposing a tax on certain distributors of certain sugary beverages, syrups, and powders for the privilege of selling those products to certain retailers or offering those products for sale to consumers in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 1470 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – CUTTING OR CLEARING TREES MC/PG 113–25

Providing that, in Prince George’s County, a certain person may not be held liable for the cutting or clearing of trees in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area under certain circumstances; and requiring the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to adopt regulations authorizing a certain person to appeal a certain action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 8-1815.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1471 Delegate Amprey

INNOVATIVE FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Establishing the Innovative Financial Product or Service Certification Program to be administered by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring the Commissioner to issue a certification under the Program to a qualifying peer-to-peer lending service; and exempting a person who holds a certification under the Program from certain laws relating to lending and the licensure of lenders and collection agencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 7-102(b) - amended, CL, Various Sections - added, and FI, § 11-202 - amended and §§ 12-1201 and 12-1202 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1472 Delegates Metzgar and McComasSTATE GOVERNMENT – STATE HOUSE TRUST – TEN
COMMANDMENTS MONUMENT DISPLAY ACT

Requiring a certain Ten Commandments Monument to be placed on the grounds of the Maryland State House; requiring the Commission on Artistic Property to oversee the care and maintenance of the monument; and establishing the Commission on the Ten Commandments Monument.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1473 Delegate Acevero, et alSTATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Altering provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency to include individuals with disabilities; establishing certain requirements for equal access to public services for certain State departments, agencies, and programs, including developing a language access plan; requiring the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to oversee, monitor, investigate, and enforce certain provisions of law; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-3303.1 - added and §§ 10-1102 and 10-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1474 Delegate Kaiser, et alLICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS – TELEHEALTH –
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Authorizing an out-of-state licensed professional counselor to provide clinical professional counseling services to nonresident students enrolled in an institution of higher education in the State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO § 1-1005 - amended and § 1-1005.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1475 Delegate Feldmark

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL – PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – ANALYSIS AND REPORT (MIXED DELIVERY MODEL VIABILITY ACT)

Requiring the Office of Child Care Advisory Council within the State Department of Education to conduct an analysis of the mixed delivery, publicly funded prekindergarten system established under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and requiring the Council to submit its final report on or before December 31, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1476 Delegate Woorman, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYEE'S IMMIGRATION STATUS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting an employer from disclosing or threatening to disclose an employee's immigration status to a public body for the purpose of concealing an employer's violation of certain labor, benefit, or tax laws; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint; and authorizing an alleged violator to request an administrative hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-106 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1477 Delegate Hill

CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – USE OF ALGORITHMIC SYSTEMS

Establishing requirements for consumer reporting agencies that use algorithmic systems to assemble or evaluate consumer credit information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties; and requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of the Maryland Department of Labor to establish certain assessment thresholds for algorithms, mandate regular training for human reviewers, and implement a certain whistleblower protection program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 14-1228 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1478 Delegate Hill, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – DIRECTORY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish and maintain an online directory of each home health care provider; and requiring that the directory allow an individual to search the directory and identify a home health care provider based on specified criteria.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-4A-12 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1479 Delegate Miller**EDUCATION – PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING – REPORTING**

Requiring the reporting of certain procurement contracts and memoranda of understanding entered into by certain public elementary and secondary education systems in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-307 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1480 Delegate Cardin, et al**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS – CONTINUITY OF CARE STANDARDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS**

Requiring that the standards established by the Maryland Statewide Organization for Child Advocacy Centers require an individual providing medical or mental health services in a child advocacy center to be licensed or certified and provide services within the scope of the license or certification and require each child advocacy center to establish a certain continuity of care plan; requiring each child advocacy center to report certain violations to a certain health occupations board or the Department of Human Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 11-928 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1481 Delegate Hill, et al**DISABILITY SERVICES – ADAPTED VEHICLE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Adapted Vehicle Access Pilot Program to provide adapted vehicles to individuals who require a wheelchair for mobility; requiring the Department of Disabilities to implement and administer the Program, solicit certain donations for the Program, study the impacts of the Program, and report on the Program on or before December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, §§ 7-1201 and 7-1202 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1482 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into certain contracts for infrastructure and asset management under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 6-103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1483 Delegate D. Jones, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIATING SERVICES – PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing requirements for local school systems that issue invitations for bids for high school sports officiating services for boys' and girls' high school sports; authorizing the Department of Education to develop guidelines to assist a local school system in the implementation of the provisions of the Act, including additional criteria for determining which high school sports qualify as similar boys' and girls' high school sports.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations

HB 1484 Delegate J. Lewis

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS – REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND IMPACT AND BURDEN ANALYSES (CUMULATIVE HARMS TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FOR IMPROVING SHARED HEALTH – CHERISH OUR COMMUNITIES ACT)

Applying certain public participation requirements to permits for projects that have been identified by the Department of the Environment as having an increased potential for adverse community environmental and public health impacts; requiring a person applying for certain environmental permits for certain projects with an increased potential to cause adverse community environmental and public health impacts to include in the permit application an environmental impact analysis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 1-601(a), 1-601.1, 1-602(a), and 2-405(a) - amended and §§ 1-703 through 1-705 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2025**HJ 7** Delegates Szeliga and Nawrocki

OPPOSITION TO THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA’S MISUSE OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 2758 TO DELEGITIMIZE TAIWAN

Opposing the People’s Republic of China’s misuse of United Nations Resolution 2758 to delegitimize Taiwan.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 6, 2025**HB 902 Delegate Lehman, et al**

ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY–PRODUCTS – FEES,
COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND REGULATIONS

Providing that a certain base fee established by the Department of the Environment that is paid by a certain generator of coal combustion by–products is not less than \$2.30 per ton; altering the factors that the Department is required to consider in establishing the fee; establishing the Statewide Coal Combustion By–Products Coordinating Committee to share information, monitoring results, and certain remedial actions with respect to certain coal combustion by–product sites; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-283 - amended and § 9-291 - added

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters