



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 12, 2025

HB 1487 Delegate Mangione

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – FISCAL NOTES – FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT

Requiring the fiscal note for proposed legislation prepared by the Department of Legislative Services to include a family impact statement; and prohibiting a committee from voting on a bill unless a family impact statement is attached to or included in the fiscal note.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 2-1501 and 2-1505(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1488 Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSION

Extending until the end of July 1, 2026, the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5700 block of Falls Road in Baltimore City for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the same location.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1489 Delegate Martinez, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY**

Requiring, beginning on July 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients of the coverage requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1490 Delegate Mangione**JUDGES – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to raise the mandatory retirement age of all judges in the State from 70 to 75; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 3A, 5A, 18B, and 41D - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1491 Delegate Harrison**EMPLOYMENT – WAGES – DEDUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

Applying to governmental employers certain provisions of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law that prohibit an employer from making deductions from the wage of an employee except for specified purposes; and allowing a governmental employer to make a deduction from a public employee's wage if the deduction is authorized expressly in a compensation or benefit plan adopted by the employer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-503 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1492 Delegate Solomon**GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Increasing the appropriation that the Governor is required to make in the annual budget bill to \$900,000 for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-114(e) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1493 Delegate Kaufman**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CHILDREN SUBJECT TO SHARED CUSTODY OR VISITATION SCHEDULES**

Requiring health care providers who are authorized to prescribe to issue two prescriptions of each drug prescribed for a child if a parent of the child presents the prescriber with a court-ordered or court-approved shared custody or visitation schedule; and requiring a health care provider authorized to dispense prescription drugs to fill the prescription under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 1-230 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1494 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) LICENSE**

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; and authorizing the Board to set the annual license fee and the hours and days of sale for the license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 23-1004.2 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1495 Delegate Guzzone, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – SCREENING FOR OVARIAN CANCER –
REQUIRED COVERAGE AND PROHIBITED COST SHARING**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide individuals over at least 45 years of age with coverage for certain preventive screenings for ovarian cancer, including MRI and CT scans; and prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage for the preventive screenings.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1496 Delegate Terrasa, et al**BUILDING CODE – CONSTRUCTION AND SIGNIFICANT
RENOVATION OF HOUSING UNITS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING
SPACES**

Requiring the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle charging; requiring certain significant renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1497 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY – RIGHT TO DEFEND PROPERTY

Establishing that an occupant of a dwelling or place of business is justified in using any degree of physical force, including deadly physical force, against another person when that other person has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling or place of business, and when the occupant has a reasonable belief that the other person has committed, is committing, or intends to commit a crime in the dwelling or place of business in addition to the uninvited entry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1498 Delegate Conaway

BALTIMORE CITY – WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE – AUDIT

Requiring the Baltimore City Auditor to conduct a certain audit of the Baltimore City Department of Public Works within 6 months after the Department increases its water and sewer service charges; and requiring the audit to include information on water usage, information on water leakage and broken pipes, and the justification for the service charge increase.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. V, § 16 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 10, 2025**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

Reassigned to: Economic Matters

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

Reassigned to: Economic Matters