



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 20, 2025

HB 1521 Delegate Woods, et al

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – MEMBERSHIP AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Repealing certain examination requirements for bachelor and master social worker licenses; requiring an applicant for licensure as a certified social worker or certified social worker–clinical to pass an examination prescribed by the State Board of Social Work pertinent to the license sought; and increasing from 2 to 4 the number of consumer members on the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, §§ 19-202(a)(1) and (2) and 19-302(a), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1522 Delegate Woods, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Exempting certain religious educational institutions accredited by certain accrediting bodies from the requirement to obtain a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 11-202.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1523 Chair, Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ROOM RENTAL TAX – MAXIMUM RATE AND DISTRIBUTION HO. CO. 18–25

Increasing from 7% to 8% the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on room rentals in the County for sleeping accommodations for transients; and requiring Howard County to distribute revenue attributable to a tax rate greater than 7% to the Howard County Tourism Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PLL of Howard Co, Art. 14, § 20.400(b) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1524 Wicomico County Delegation

WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBER, AND COMPENSATION

Altering, beginning with the general election in 2026, the districts from which certain members of the Wicomico County Board of Education are elected; adding a student member from the 11th or 12th grade in good standing and regularly enrolled in the public school system to the county board for purposes of advising the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students in the County public schools; and providing that the members of the county board are entitled to certain compensation and reimbursement.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1525 Delegates Harrison and Toles

MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION – LIMITATIONS

Prohibiting a municipality from annexing land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality is located.

EMERGENCY BILL

LG, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations