



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 10, 2025**  
**Schedule 3**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 17 – Bill request deadline.  
February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 10, 2025**

### **HB 307 Delegates Bartlett and S. Johnson**

**BOATING ACCIDENTS – DUTY TO REMAIN AT THE SCENE, RENDER ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION – PENALTIES**

Requiring the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty to return to and remain at the scene until the operator has rendered certain assistance and provided certain information; establishing certain criminal penalties for the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty who does not return to and remain at the scene of the collision, accident, or other casualty or render certain assistance and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 8-724 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 308 Delegates Bartlett and S. Johnson****CRIMINAL LAW – EXCEPTION TO ARMED TRESPASS PROHIBITION  
– RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against entering or trespassing on real property while wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm for a retired law enforcement official who has retired in good standing from a law enforcement agency of the United States, the State or another state, or a local unit in the State or another state under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 6-411 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 309 Delegate Cardin****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT  
PROGRAMS**

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-534 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 310 Delegate Cardin****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY–CLIENT  
PRIVILEGE**

Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney–client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 15-117 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 311 Delegate Bartlett, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an incarcerated individual serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 7-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 312 Delegates Cardin and Bartlett****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL**

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial to the lesser of 10 years or the maximum sentence for the most serious offense charged under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 313 Delegate Korman****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES**

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-619.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 314 Delegates Grammer and Bartlett****WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE**

Providing that the contents of a certain intercepted communication and evidence derived from the communication may be received in evidence in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 315 Delegate Cardin****TASK FORCE TO STUDY FIDUCIARY ADJUDICATION IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland to examine and analyze the efficiency, uniformity, and quality of fiduciary adjudication in Maryland; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and make recommendations on or before January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 316 Delegate Grammer****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – 9–1–1 TECHNICIAN**

Altering the definition of “9–1–1 specialist” to include a 9–1–1 technician who is an employee of a public safety answering point or an employee working in a public safety answering point.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 1-301(o) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 317 Delegates Williams and Wilkins****ELECTION LAW – CURBSIDE VOTING – PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program by September 1, 2029.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 1-101(p-1) and 10-316 - added and § 9-102(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 318 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – FAILURE TO OBEY A COURT ORDER TO REPORT TO CONFINEMENT**

Authorizing a person to file for a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-110(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 319 Delegate Grammer****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – PUBLICATION OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

Requiring the county school system of each county in the State to publish an e-mail address, a mailing address, and a certain phone number prominently on its website contact information for nonstudent members of the county board of education; and requiring the county school system in each county in the State to publish on its website an e-mail address for student members, if applicable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 3-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 320 Delegate Beauchamp, et al****WICOMICO COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION ON ROADWAY SOLICITATIONS**

Prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-507(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 321 Delegate Kipke****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITION OF PURCHASER AND ALTERATION OF APPLICATION OF LAW**

Altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; and repealing certain provisions that restrict applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-1601, 15-1611, 15-1611.1, 15-1612, 15-1622, 15-1629, and 15-1630 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 322 Delegate Wims****ELECTION LAW – STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipality to support the administration of the municipality’s elections.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 2-103(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 323 Delegate Forbes****DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP AND MARRIAGE – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Clarifying required information for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; and requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with the register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 2-214(a) and (d) and FL, § 2-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 324 Delegates Korman and Atterbeary**

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANTIBIAS TRAINING FOR MEMBERS – REQUIREMENT (COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ANTIBIAS TRAINING ACT)

Requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member’s term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-129 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 325 Delegate Wims, et al**

ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY EXAMINATION – REQUIREMENTS AND STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in the same language from the English or Spanish language examinations offered by the Department; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 11-808(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 326 Delegate Forbes**

STUDENT SERVICE HOURS – FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, to allow successful completion of eligible financial literacy courses to be applied toward fulfillment of the student service hours high school graduation requirement for the number of hours determined by the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 327 Delegate Stewart****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS (LONG–TERM CARE RELIEF ACT OF 2025)**

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long–term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long–term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 328 Delegate Ebersole****STATE LOTTERY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – VETERANS’ AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by veterans’ organizations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by fraternal organizations; repealing a requirement that certain veterans’ organizations purchase or lease certain machines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 329 Delegate Bagnall****SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS – LICENSING REQUIREMENT**

Altering from January 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, the date by which an individual must be licensed by the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters before providing certain sign language interpretation services or making certain representations.

EMERGENCY BILL

SG, § 9-2418(a) and Chapters 269 and 270 of the Acts of 2023, §§ 4(a) and 5 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 330 Delegate Stewart****PROPERTY TAX – IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY ADJACENT TO RAIL STATIONS – SUBCLASS, SPECIAL RATE, AND PENALTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of improvements to real property located within 1 mile of a rail station and to set a special property tax rate for the property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to set, by law, a tax penalty against the total tax liability on the property for which a special tax rate has been set; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 4-201(d), 6-202.2, and 14-702(e) - added and § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

**HB 331 Delegate White Holland****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PUBLIC ACCESS OMBUDSMAN – DELEGATION OF POWERS**

Authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate to a staff member of the Office of the Public Access Ombudsman any of the powers and duties granted to the Ombudsman.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 4-1B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 332 Delegates Stewart and Griffith****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS – REGULATIONS (ELDER FRAUD PREVENTION ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt consumer protection regulations for domestic electronic funds transfers that apply to financial institutions in the State and are consistent with the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 4A-508 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters