



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2025

HB 1543 Delegate Stein

GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING FACILITIES – REQUEST FOR RELOCATION

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility if the facility was originally issued a Class B sports wagering facility license on or before September 30, 2023, and the new location is in the same county and complies with certain location requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-1E-07(j) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1544 Delegate Bhandari, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL AND KEY BRIDGE COLLAPSE VICTIMS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE**

Establishing the Maryland Law Enforcement Public Service Medal as the highest State honor awarded to law enforcement officers for exceptional public service, valor, and heroism; establishing eligibility requirements for the medal and procedures for the nomination, selection, and awarding of the medal; requiring a law enforcement agency to grant a one-grade promotion to a medal recipient; and requiring a certain ceremony to annually honor and remember the sacrifices and contributions of certain workers.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025

PS, § 3-801 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1545 Delegate Moon, et al**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – COMPTROLLER – DELINQUENT FEDERAL FUNDS**

Authorizing the Comptroller, in consultation with the Board of Public Works, to withhold up to a certain amount of State payments to the federal government under certain conditions; and authorizing the Board of Public Works to determine the federal government to be delinquent in federal funds owed to the State in the event of federal noncompliance with court decisions upholding congressionally approved spending.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, §§ 2-109 and 10-208 and SG, § 4-115 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1546 Delegate Moon, et al**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT – DELINQUENT FEDERAL FUNDS**

Reserving jurisdiction with respect to certain federal land in the State under certain conditions; requiring the Central Collection Unit to be responsible for the collection of certain delinquent federal funds; authorizing the Central Collection Unit to place liens on certain federal property in the State under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Board of Public Works to determine the federal government to be delinquent in federal funds owed to the State under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 6-202 - amended and § 6-204 - added and SF, §§ 3-302(d) and 10-208 - added and § 3-304(a) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1547 Delegate A. Jones**BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring the State Board of Barbers and the State Board of Cosmetologists, beginning October 1, 2025, to require as a condition for licensure and initial renewal of a license an applicant or a licensee to complete certain training in domestic violence awareness; and specifying that the domestic violence awareness training shall be developed and administered by the Maryland Department of Labor, shall include certain guidance, and be administered free of charge to each licensee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, §§ 4-302, 5-304, and 5-305 - amended and §§ 4-302.1 and 5-305.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1548 Delegate Conaway**EMPLOYMENT – HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION – REPORTING**

Establishing requirements related to the reporting of incidents of employee harassment and intimidation, including provisions regarding the reporting of incidents by employers to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the creation of a reporting form, and the establishment of an electronic tip program; establishing that certain information shared in the reporting of incidents of employee harassment or intimidation is confidential; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 5-801 - amended and §§ 5-1301 through 5-1305 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1549 Delegate Conaway**DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER MAIN BREAKS – PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Department of Public Works for each county in which a water main breaks or leaks to publish certain information on the department's website; and requiring each department to update any information published on its website related to a water main break or leak within 30 days after any action is taken in relation to the water main break or leak.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1550 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS – TESTING AND REPORTING**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a certain victim of sexual assault certain notice pertaining to the submission of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to a forensic laboratory under certain circumstances; altering a certain provision of law to require a forensic laboratory to determine suitability and perform screening, testing, and analysis within 180 days of receipt of a sexual assault evidence collection kit, rather than in a timely manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 11-926 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1551 Delegate McCaskill**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 5 BREWERIES – ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Increasing the percentage of beer not produced by the holder of a Class 5 brewery license that the license holder is permitted to sell for on–premises consumption if the holder also holds an applicable on–site consumption permit or a Class D license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 2-207(f)(2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1552 Delegate Wims**MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR MEN’S HEALTH – REESTABLISHMENT**

Reestablishing the Maryland Commission for Men’s Health in the Maryland Department of Health to develop strategies and programs, including community outreach and public–private partnerships, to raise awareness of men’s health issues, encourage the participation of men in healthy behaviors such as regular checkups, and reduce disparities in morbidity rates in certain populations; and requiring the Commission to report annually by September 30 to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 13-2401 through 13-2409 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1553 Delegate Fair**COMMERCIAL LAW – BROADBAND ACCESS – LOW–INCOME CONSUMER PROGRAMS (MARYLAND BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY AND FAIRNESS ACT)**

Requiring each broadband provider in the State to establish a program to provide broadband services to eligible low–income consumers at certain prices depending on speed on or before December 1, 2025; authorizing the Office of Statewide Broadband in the Department of Housing and Community Development to exempt certain providers from the requirement to establish a program; and altering the duties of the Office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) and HS, § 6.5-104(a)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and (e) - amended and CL, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1554 Delegate Moon

SALES AND USE TAX – TAXABLE BUSINESS SERVICES – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definitions of “taxable price” and “taxable service” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the sales and use tax to impose the tax on certain labors and services if both the provider of the service and the buyer are business entities; and specifying the rate of the sales and use tax for certain labor and services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, §§ 11-101(c-12) and 11-104(1) - added and § 11-101(c-12), (l)(3), and (m) - amended

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