



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 16, 2025
Schedule 6

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.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 16, 2025

HB 353 Delegate Grammer, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT REQUIREMENT – REPEAL (MARYLAND’S CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT OF 2025)

Repealing the requirement that a person have a certain permit before the person carries, wears, or transports a handgun; repealing certain criminal prohibitions against a person who is at least 21 years old wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun; and establishing that a person may not wear, carry, or transport a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both on conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 5-301 through 5-314 - repealed, CR, §§ 4-101(b) and 4-203(a) and (b) - amended and § 4-207 - added, and NR § 10-410(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 354 Delegate Grammer**CRIMINAL LAW – PROHIBITIONS ON WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING A HANDGUN – PENALTIES**

Establishing a certain intent element for wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun in certain prohibited places; repealing a certain rebuttable presumption that a person transporting a handgun under certain circumstances transports the handgun knowingly; and altering certain penalty provisions related to wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun in certain prohibited places.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, §§ 4-201 and 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 355 Delegate Grammer, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of the subtraction modification; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 356 Delegate Grammer, et al**STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS – RETIREES**

Authorizing certain retirees who began State service before July 1, 2011, to be eligible for prescription drug benefits in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; specifying that prescription drug benefits shall be discontinued for certain Medicare–eligible retirees who began State service on or after July 1, 2011, and their Medicare–eligible spouses and dependent children; repealing three Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug programs that provide coverage and assistance to certain retirees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, § 2-509.1 - amended and Chapter 767 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 2, 4, and 5 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 357 Delegate Grammer, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS – EXEMPTION**

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale price exceed \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 11-214.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 358 Delegate Martinez, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SOCCER OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Soccer Opportunities Program in the State Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to participate in soccer in their communities; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029 an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 359 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM, HIGH SCHOOL CHILD CARE CENTERS, AND FEE IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES – ESTABLISHED PG 502-25**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to require certain public high schools in the county to offer a certain CTE program in early childhood education; requiring the county board of education to establish child care centers in certain public high schools in the county; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to carry out the Act; requiring the Circuit Court for Prince George's County to collect a certain fee in certain child support cases; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 4-406 and 9.5-5A-01 and FL, § 12-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 360 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS –
MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION PG 408–25

Requiring the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations to provide revenue from annual community association management registration fees to fund alternative dispute resolution for disputes between community associations and owners conducted through Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

RP, § 14-131(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 361 Delegate Grammer, et al

RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER –
MUST–APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY AND CHRISTIAN'S LAW)

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person, unless a court for good cause shown waives the requirement to appear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 362 Delegate Wolek, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – ROADSIDE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT
NOTIFICATION ACT

Requiring an applicant for a roadside tree removal permit to provide notice of the application to all owners of property abutting and adjacent to the property subject to the application and the governing body of any common ownership community that has control over the land on which the tree subject to the application is located by certified mail, return receipt requested.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-406 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 363 Delegate Holmes**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – CANDIDATE OR PROPOSITION SIGNS – DISPLAY PERIOD**

Altering, if there is early voting for an election, the time period during which a common ownership community may restrict the display of candidate or proposition signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-23 and RP, §§ 11-111.2 and 11B-111.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 364 Delegates Simpson and Acevero**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing or viewing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 13 years; providing that a violation of the Act is a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years; and providing that a sentence under the Act may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence imposed for certain other crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 11-208.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 365 Delegate Embry**COURTS – EXPUNGED RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**

Clarifying that expungement does not prohibit disclosure of records that contain information that is also contained in an expunged record, is formatted to facilitate research, and contains de-identified data.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 366 Delegate Embry**JUVENILE LAW – POLICE RECORD CONCERNING A CHILD – CONFIDENTIALITY EXCEPTION**

Authorizing the public disclosure by the Office of the Attorney General of the name and age of a child injured or killed in a police-involved incident resulting in the death or injury of a child, subject to the express consent of the child's parent or guardian.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-27(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 367 Delegate Martinez, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR NURSING**

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency for licensure, certification, or registration; adding manners of acceptable proof of English proficiency for the State Board of Nursing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 1-230 - added and §§ 8-302(e), 8-307, and 12-302(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 368 Delegate Guyton, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTH – MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH**

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim May as Maryland Native Plant Month in recognition of the benefits that native plants have on Maryland's natural environment; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and environmental organizations and businesses to observe Maryland Native Plant Month properly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-504 - added and §§ 7-504 through 7-507 - renumbered

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 369 Prince George's County Delegation

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SELECTION PROCESS – ALTERATION PG 506–25

Altering the process by which the County Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system is selected; requiring that the County Superintendent be selected by a majority of the members of the county board from among the candidates considered by the county board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-201.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 370 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OFFICE OF INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE – ALTERATIONS PG 504–25

Specifying the purpose of the Office of Integrity and Compliance in the Prince George's County public school system; requiring the County Executive of Prince George's County, rather than the County Council, to select and appoint an Integrity and Compliance Officer; requiring the Officer to serve as an independent employee within the county government, rather than the local school system, with certain review and oversight; specifying and altering certain duties of the Officer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 371 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 5 PG 308–25

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 5 in Prince George's County, subject to placement and signage requirements; requiring certain revenue collected by Prince George's County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system on Maryland Route 5 to be used for State and local highway and pedestrian safety improvements on and in the vicinity of Maryland Route 5 in Prince George's County; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 372 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY –
SUNSET REPEAL PG 403–25

Repealing the termination of certain provisions of law establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Chapters 466 and 467 of the Acts of 2023, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 373 Delegate Grammer, et al

HEALTH – ABORTION DATA – SUBMISSION TO THE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention any data regarding abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unless submitting the data would violate federal or State law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 20-217 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 374 Delegate Grammer, et al

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – FIRST-
DEGREE MURDER

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence in a State or local correctional facility for murder in the first degree that occurred on or after October 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 375 Delegate D. Jones, et al**BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-1103(b) and 21-1202(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 376 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; and beginning on October 1, 2025, and every 2 years thereafter, the Council shall elect a chair from among the members of the Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-2901(c) and (f) - amended and § 9-2901(g) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 377 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT LEAVE PG 409–25**

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; establishing that the credit equals the qualified employee's hourly wage rate times the number of parental leave hours used by the employee during the taxable year, up to \$800; and making the credit refundable under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 378 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS –
INSPECTIONS PG 405–25

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an inspection of each assisted living program located in Prince George's County at least once every 60 days; and requiring the Department to publish a report of the inspection on the Department's website within 30 days after completing the inspection and provide the report to the Prince George's County Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-1805 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 379 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS
– DRUG DETECTION PRODUCTS PG 507–25

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to provide, at no charge to the students, drink spiking detection products and drug detection strips to public middle and high school students in the county beginning in the 2025–2026 school year; and requiring that the detection devices provided by the Act be made available in school-based health clinics, school libraries, and school bathrooms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 380 Delegate Williams

CRIMINAL LAW – PROHIBITION ON SALE OF CONTRACEPTIVES
AND CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES BY VENDING MACHINE IN
SCHOOL – REPEAL

Repealing the prohibition on and criminal penalty related to the sale of certain contraceptives and contraceptive devices by means of a vending machine or other automatic device at a kindergarten, nursery school, or elementary or secondary school.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 10-105 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 381 Delegate Martinez, et al

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR AESTHETIC SERVICES AND RESTORATIVE CARE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (HEALING OUR SCARS ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage to victims of domestic violence for aesthetic services and restorative care determined to be medically necessary for the treatment of physical injuries caused by domestic violence.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxv) and IN, § 15-861 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 382 Delegate S. Johnson, et al

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY, FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS, AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – PRESCRIPTION TO TREAT SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail–first protocol for prescription drugs used to treat certain mental illnesses of certain insureds and enrollees.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-157 and IN, § 15-851.1 - added and IN, § 15-142 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 383 Delegate Martinez, et al

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ORTHOSES (SO EVERY BODY CAN MOVE ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2026; defining “orthoses” as a certain custom device to treat a neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disorder or acquired condition; and establishing that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must comply with certain provider network requirements.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv) and IN, § 15-820 - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxv) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 384 Delegate Lehman, et al

MARYLAND DISABILITY SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities to refer eligible individuals to certain training entities, provide additional funding mechanisms to assist eligible individuals, and encourage participants to reach out to other individuals who could benefit from the Program; requiring the Department to select a nonprofit training entity for participation in the Program; and establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund to pay a participating nonprofit training entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 7-114 - amended and §§ 7-1201 through 7-1206 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 385 Delegate Lehman, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – AUTOMATIC TIP PROMPT SCREEN – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, each business that uses a point-of-sale system that automatically prompts a customer to leave a tip to disclose to whom the tip will be allocated and display a tip amount that is set at zero by default; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlvi) and 14-1328 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 386 Delegate Ruth, et al**PESTICIDES – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS**

Requiring, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture to develop and maintain a list of certain registered pesticides that list PFAS chemicals as an active ingredient on the labeling accompanying the pesticide; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2026, a person from using, for certain purposes, PFAS pesticides listed by the Department; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2028, a person from using PFAS pesticides in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 5-210.6 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 387 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING ACT**

Imposing an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms in the State and sales of firearms to residents of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

ED, § 7-447.1(p)(6), HG, § 19-130(c), and PS, § 4-902(e)(1) - amended and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 388 Delegates Roberson and Crutchfield**VEHICLE LAWS – DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – POINTS ASSESSMENTS**

Imposing assessments of 12 points for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TR, § 16-402(a)(47) and (48) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 389 Delegates Palakovich Carr and D. Jones**PROPERTY TAX – DAY CARE CENTERS, CHILD CARE HOMES, AND CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain large family child care homes; increasing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes and centers and day care centers; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 7-227, 9-213, and 9-214 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 390 Delegate Korman, et al**AFFORDABLE HOUSING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES EXPANSION ACT**

Authorizing an owner of real property used for rental housing and the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for maintaining at least 50% of the rental housing units located at the real property as affordable dwelling units for at least 15 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 7-522 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 391 Delegates J. Long and Crosby**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS REPRESENTING SPECIFIC DISTRICTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that members of county boards of education from Calvert, Cecil, Garrett, Montgomery, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester counties that represent certain districts be elected only by the voters of that district.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 392 Delegate Bartlett, et al**EVIDENCE – INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – FAIR HOUSING TESTING**

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances; and providing that the contents of an intercepted oral communication may be used only for the purpose of enforcing federal, State, or local fair housing laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 10-401(13) and 10-402(c)(12) - added and § 10-401(13) through (18) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 393 Delegate Queen**COMMERCIAL LAW – ATTACHMENT OF WAGES – EXEMPTIONS (EXEMPT INCOME PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the amount of wages of a judgment debtor that are exempt from attachment to 150% of the federal poverty level; and requiring an employer served with an attachment to notify the judgment debtor in writing of the amount of wages exempt from attachment, the method used to calculate the amount of attachable wages, and the procedure by which the judgment debtor may contest the attachment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CL, §§ 15-601.1 and 15-603 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 394 Delegate Grammer, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – DISTRIBUTION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS AND AGE VERIFICATION INFORMATION**

Establishing that a commercial entity that distributes obscene material to minors on the Internet from certain websites is liable for certain damages; and prohibiting a commercial entity or third party that performs a certain age verification of an individual from retaining any identifying information of an individual under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-2601 and 3-2602 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 395 Delegate Rosenberg**PROCUREMENT – PURCHASE OF OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTIES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, beginning July 1, 2025, the use of State funds to purchase opioid overdose reversal drugs from a person that was party to a settlement with any state due to its role in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of prescription opioids; making certain exceptions; and prohibiting certain State contracts from being renewed on or after July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 14-419 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 396 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SUBSTANCE ABUSE EARLY INTERVENTION AND DETOXIFICATION SERVICES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT PG 407–25**

Establishing the Substance Abuse Early Intervention and Detoxification Services Fund to provide treatment and rehabilitation to students expelled from school in Prince George's County and cover expenses incurred by uninsured or underinsured minors in Prince George's County for treatment services related to the misuse of alcohol and drugs; requiring the Prince George's County Health Department to administer the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 10-1202.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 397 Delegate D. Jones, et al**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – OYSTER SHUCKING HOUSE LOAN PROGRAM**

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans in an amount up to \$25,000 for certain seasonal full-time jobs; and reducing, from 5 years to 3 years, the number of years that a person must have been a licensed seafood dealer in order to be eligible to receive financing under the loan program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, § 10-519.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 398 Delegate Charkoudian**ABUNDANT AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY – PROCUREMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (AACE ACT)**

Requiring each electric company in the State to submit to the Public Service Commission by certain dates plans for the construction or procurement of distribution-connected energy storage devices and to construct or procure the devices in accordance with the plan; providing for the creation of zero-emission credits by beneficial nuclear facilities; requiring the Commission to pursue certain coordinated approaches to offshore wind energy transmission development; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

PU, SF, and TG, Various Sections - added and amended, SG, § 9-20B-05(g-1) and (i) - repealed, and SG, § 9-20B-05(e) and (i-1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 399 Delegate Edelson**BALTIMORE CITY – RAFFLES – ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH A PROFESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM**

Authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional major league baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles; requiring the organization to obtain a permit to conduct raffles from an agency designated by the Baltimore City government; providing that a permit to hold certain raffles expires at the end of the calendar year in which the permit was issued; authorizing a raffle ticket to be sold and received on an electronic device located within Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CR, §§ 13-501, 13-503, 13-505, and 13-510 - amended and § 13-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 400 Delegate Williams, et al**STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 401 Delegate Roberson, et al**STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – COSTS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

Establishing certain requirements relating to the use of telephone equipment and telephone services by incarcerated individuals in State correctional facilities; prohibiting a State correctional facility and telephone service provider from charging an incarcerated individual for the individual's use of telephone equipment and services while in the facility; and establishing the Costs of Telephone Communications Advisory Committee to review prison and jail phone call programs and report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, § 10-503(a)(2) - amended and §§ 10-1001 through 10-1003 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 402 Delegate Pruski**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP – INCREASE**

Increasing the scholarship award for a student member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education who completes a full term on the county board from \$8,000 to \$15,000.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

ED, § 3-2A-07 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 403 Delegate Pippy, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES – UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS (PROTECTING MARYLANDERS FROM VIOLENT OFFENDERS ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring a State or local correctional facility with custody of an undocumented immigrant who is serving a sentence in the facility for conviction of a crime, on request of the United States Department of Homeland Security, to transfer the undocumented immigrant to the United States Department of Homeland Security under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-309 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 404 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PARENT AND GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS PG 410–25**

Allowing certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in certain schools in Prince George’s County a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$20 for each volunteer hour, not to exceed \$500; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain application and tax credit certificate; requiring a certain county board member or school administrator to issue tax credit certificates in a certain manner; making the credit refundable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 405 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – HOSPITALS – SALE OF PATIENT DEBT
PG 402–25

Authorizing a hospital to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to Prince George's County for the purpose of canceling the debt; requiring the contract between the hospital and Prince George's County to state that the sole purpose of the sale of the debt is to cancel the debt; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 406 Delegate Guzzone, et al

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM

Altering the appointment process for licensed audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, and music therapist members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by requiring the Board to notify all licensed hearing aid dispensers in the State of the vacancy and to solicit nominations to fill the vacancy; and altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, §§ 2-202(a)(5), (6), and (8) and 2-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 407 Delegate Edelson

ENVIRONMENT – MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PLANS – REQUIREMENT

Requiring the largest municipal corporation in each county, beginning on or before January 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter, to adopt or update certain recycling plans that provide for a reduction through recycling of a certain percentage of the municipal corporation's solid waste stream by weight under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department of Planning to identify certain municipal corporations as part of certain population projections.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-505(c) - amended and § 9-505(f) - added and SF, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 408 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COORDINATED YOUTH VIOLENCE REVIEW AND RESPONSE TEAM PG 301–25**

Establishing the Prince George's County Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team to examine and prevent violence against youth through intensive case management; requiring that the review team be provided with access to certain information and records; establishing certain closed meeting, confidentiality, and disclosure requirements for certain information and records; and authorizing a certain police record to be divulged to the review and response team.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-27(a) - amended and LG, §§ 33-101 and 33-102 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 409 Delegate Pruski**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – PART-TIME DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 11-206 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 410 Delegate Pruski**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the minimum and maximum salary amounts for the chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 11-204(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 411 Delegate Korman

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE MINERAL – CHROMITE (STATE MINERAL ACT)

Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland’s rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-326 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 412 Delegate Korman

ELECTIONS – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS AND BOARDS OF CANVASSERS – OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring each local board of canvassers to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 2-208 - added and §§ 11-301, 11-302(a), and 11-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 413 Delegates Moon and Clippinger

CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND FIREARMS

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years of age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, §§ 5-603, 5-612, and 5-613 and PS, §§ 5-138, 5-140, 5-406, and 5-703 - amended and CR, §§ 5-612.1 and 5-613.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 414 Delegates Martinez and Young**HEALTH AND TAXATION – DIGITAL SOCIAL MEDIA SERVICES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth to support improved access to mental health care services to children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the tax; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the tax in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 10-209 - added and SF and TG, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 415 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Amprey**STATE LIBRARY AGENCY – FAMILY LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Family Literacy Pilot Program administered by the State Library Agency in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Correctional Education Council to enable certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording; and requiring the State Library Agency to submit a certain report on or before December 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 23-112 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 416 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SPECIAL RATE FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY – APPLICATION OF COUNTY TAX LIMITATION PG 412–25**

Specifying that a certain county tax limitation does not apply to a property tax rate set by the governing body of Prince George’s County on certain vacant and abandoned property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 417 Delegate Ruth, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to determine the feasibility of establishing a State universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report on June 1, 2027, and a final report with its analysis and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, §§ 13-5501 through 13-5503 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 418 Delegate Kipke**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PAYMENTS TO NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS – REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay certain nonparticipating health care providers for services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-710.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 419 Delegate Embry, et al**NATURAL GAS – STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the required contents of a certain plan that a gas company may file with the Public Service Commission for proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects to include certain descriptions, demonstrations, analyses, and notifications; and altering the required findings of the Commission in considering whether to approve a certain infrastructure replacement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 4-210 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 420 Delegate Palakovich Carr**EDUCATION AND HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE EPINEPHRINE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the defined term “auto–injectable epinephrine” to be “emergency use epinephrine” and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; and altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

ED, HG, and HO, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations

HB 421 Delegate S. Johnson, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – 9–8–8 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Authorizing the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund for certain expenditures that support the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 1-308(b) and 1-309(c)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 422 Delegate Palakovich Carr**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – CROSSWALKS**

Authorizing a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle at an intersection who is facing a red signal to enter the intersection to cross the highway in the direction of a pedestrian control “walk” signal; and requiring, before entering an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle to yield the right–of–way to any vehicle or pedestrian lawfully using the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 423 Delegate Lopez

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND 9–1–1 BOARD AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to adopt regulations to implement and enforce certain responsibilities of the Board; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the responsibilities of the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PS, §§ 1-306 and 14-103 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 424 Delegates Cullison and White Holland

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – AUTHORITY FOR UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS (LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR ALL MARYLANDERS NOW ACT)

Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 21-2C-01, 21-2C-13, and 21-2C-14 - amended, §§ 21-2C-11(d) and 21-2C-16 - repealed, and § 21-2C-16 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 425 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – AUCTIONEERS

Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 8-701(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 426 Delegates Kaiser and Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS – RISK–LIMITING AUDITS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 11-309 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 427 Delegate Queen**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – EMERITUS STATUS**

Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

BOP, §§ 2-311(a), 2-314, 2-601, and 2-603 - amended and § 2-313.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 428 Delegate Embry, et al**MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS**

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; and prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner–occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-402 - amended and RP, § 14-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 429 Delegate Cullison**HEALTH FACILITIES – DELEGATION OF INSPECTION AUTHORITY – NURSING HOMES**

Requiring the Secretary of Health, on request of a county, to delegate to the county the authority to conduct site visits and full surveys of nursing homes; and requiring that the Maryland Department of Health and counties equally share the costs of conducting surveys delegated by the Secretary of Health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-1408 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 430 Delegate Cullison**EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM – UPPER AGE LIMIT – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from establishing an upper age limit for eligibility to receive Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 15-138(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 431 Delegate Stewart**CIVIL ACTIONS – CONSUMER CONTRACTS – LIMITATIONS PERIODS**

Establishing that any provision of a consumer contract that sets a shorter period of time to bring an action under or on the consumer contract than is required under the law of the State at the time the contract is issued or delivered is void as against public policy; and providing that a violation of the Act is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) - amended and § 13-301(14)(xlvi) - added and CJ, § 5-428 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 432 Delegate Edelson

LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS – MANDATORY FUNDING
– INFLATION ADJUSTMENT (LOCAL TRANSIT SUSTAINABILITY
ACT)

Requiring that the amount that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program be adjusted for future fiscal years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 4-322(c) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 433 Delegate Edelson

MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS DRIVING AND AGGRESSIVE
DRIVING – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties that may be imposed for reckless driving and aggressive driving to include a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both, and for a subsequent offense occurring within 3 years after a prior conviction, a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-901.1 and 21-901.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 434 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

COURTS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; establishing certain standards and requirements relating to a motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 435 Delegate Roberson, et al**COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION**

Providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 436 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – REPEAL OF TIME LIMITATION**

Repealing the 2–year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows on certain vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 22-406(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 437 Delegate Crutchfield**CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – PRIVATE PLACE**

Altering the definition of “private place” as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual to include a residence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 438 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – COMPENSATORY DAMAGES**

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person's ownership, direction, or control.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 439 Delegate Stewart**VEHICLE LAWS – FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES – HUMAN SAFETY OPERATORS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a human safety operator to be present in certain fully autonomous vehicles operating on highways in the State; requiring a manufacturer of a fully autonomous vehicle to submit to the Motor Vehicle Administration an incident report on any vehicle collision, certain citations for traffic violations, any disengagement event, or any assault or harassment of a passenger or human safety operator that occurs in the State and involves a fully autonomous vehicle under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 18.3-101 through 18.3-106 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 440 Prince George's County Delegation**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – MEMORIALS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PG 307–25**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to erect a memorial sign on a certain portion of Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's County remembering individuals who have died in motor vehicle accidents on Maryland Route 210.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 8-663 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 441 Delegate Simpson, et al**MINORS CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – TRANSFER TO JUVENILE COURT**

Establishing a presumption that the sentencing of a minor convicted as an adult should be transferred to the juvenile court, under certain circumstances, and authorizing the court to do so; and requiring the juvenile court to make a juvenile determination under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 6-235 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 442 Delegate Simpson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – OUT OF COURT STATEMENT OF CHILD TO FORENSIC INTERVIEWER**

Expanding the evidentiary rule on the admissibility of out of court statements made by child victims or witnesses to make admissible an out of court statement made by a child to a forensic interviewer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 11-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 443 Delegate Taveras, et al**BABY FOOD LABELING – STATEMENT REGARDING TOXIC HEAVY METAL TESTING – TERMINOLOGY**

Altering the statement that must be included on a baby food product label if the baby food product has been tested for toxic heavy metals for the purpose of changing the term included on the label from “toxic heavy metal” to “toxic element”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 21-330.4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 444 Delegate Hill

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to deny access to an authorized user or interrupt or impair the functioning of critical infrastructure or a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that deny access to an authorized user or interrupt or impair the functioning of critical infrastructure or a public safety answering point; and authorizing certain penalties for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-302(a),(c), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 445 Delegate Hill

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing penalties for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-302(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 446 Delegate T. Morgan, et al

COMMERCIAL BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – PROHIBITED REGULATIONS

Prohibiting certain regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting the holder of a commercial blue and flathead catfish finfish trotline license from fishing in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay that is south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 4-701.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 447 Delegate Chisholm**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHESAPEAKE, INCORPORATED**

Altering the name of Arundel Habitat for Humanity, Inc., to be Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated, for purposes of a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation tax imposed on the entity; and authorizing the tax credit for any real property owned by the entity.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-303(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 448 Delegate Kipke**MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY LAWS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans’ cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, GP, SG, and PU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 449 Delegate Holmes**CONDOMINIUMS – PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES – UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY**

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners’ property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible if the cause of damage to or destruction of any portion of the condominium originates from the unit owner’s unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11-114(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 450 Delegate Guyton, et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABILITY REDUCED FARE PROGRAM – RENEWAL FOR PERMANENTLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 7-718 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 451 Delegate Lehman, et al**STATE AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a private construction contract to include a provision requiring the owner to pay the contractor within a certain period of time or, if the owner withholds all or part of an amount invoiced, to send a certain notification to the contractor; requiring a contract between a contractor and a subcontractor on a private or State construction contract to include a provision requiring the contractor to pay the subcontractor within a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 17-604 and SF, § 13-228 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 452 Delegate Guyton, et al**OUTDOOR LIGHTING – GUIDANCE AND USE OF STATE FUNDS**

Requiring the Maryland Green Building Council, on or before October 1, 2026, to update or develop guidance for the purchase of outdoor lighting fixtures in consideration of certain recommendations; prohibiting State funds from being used to install or replace certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting unless certain requirements are met; altering the requirements for the use of State funds for the installation or replacement of certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 12-1301 - added and SF, § 14-412 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 453 Delegate Pruski**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES**

Repealing certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PLL of Anne Arundel Co, Art. 2, § 17-11-215 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 454 Delegates Boaf and Vogel**DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters