



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 23, 2025
Schedule 9

PLEASE NOTE: 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 23, 2025

HB 557 Delegate Holmes

RESIDENTIAL OWNERS IN COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – BILL OF RIGHTS

Establishing a bill of rights for unit owners of a condominium, members of a cooperative housing corporation, and lot owners of a homeowners association.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 1-105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 558 Delegate Holmes

COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – LOCAL COMMISSIONS

Establishing requirements for a local commission on common ownership communities established by the local government of a county.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 559 Delegate T. Morgan**FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILETS**

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, and properly ventilated.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HG, § 21-325 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 560 Delegate Holmes**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUD – POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a sheriff to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 561 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$71,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 562 Delegate R. Long, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 4-203(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 563 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY PROPERTY LEASES – NOTICE EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a lease of county property for a term of 5 years or less made by Dorchester County from certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 10-312(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 564 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts private or public events at a venue that meets certain criteria; and establishing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 19-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 565 Delegate Hutchinson**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – RENEWAL NOTICES –
ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, §§ 12-308(b), 12-407(b), 12-6B-07(b), 12-6C-06(b)(1) through (3), and 12-6D-09 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 566 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
FEES**

Altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, Various Sections - amended and § 19-1408 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 567 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ARTS BEER
AND WINE LICENSE**

Establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in an arts and entertainment district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 19-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 568 **Dorchester County Delegation****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NEAR A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue an alcoholic beverages license to an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 19-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 569 **Dorchester County Delegation****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer and wine; and limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings to 0.5 ounces from each offering and 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in 1 day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 19-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 570 **Talbot County Delegation****TALBOT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – TIME OF PENALTY FOR NONPAYMENT**

Altering the amount of time that a hotel has to pay the hotel rental tax in Talbot County before incurring a penalty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LG, § 20-426 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 571 Delegate Kipke**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSE – EVENT PERMIT**

Establishing an event permit in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue an event permit only to a holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the permit holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on-premises consumption during events held at the licensed premises; and establishing an annual permit fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 11-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 572 Delegate Kipke**PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS**

Requiring a licensed health care provider, when issuing a standing order for an opioid overdose reversal drug, to allow an individual to choose any formulation of any opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; and prohibiting certain private and public entities that prescribe and dispense opioid overdose reversal drugs from being required to keep in stock and dispense all opioid overdose reversal drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 13-3106 - amended and § 13-3110 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 573 Delegate Kipke**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANTS – EDUCATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include an option for an online course of study when appropriate; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired expanded function dental assistant certification only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 4-302.1 - amended and § 4-311.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 574 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – MULTIPLE LICENSING PLANS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue not more than three Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to a person under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a person from having a direct or indirect interest in more than a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 28-1606 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 575 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**MARYLAND PROTECTING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL TRADE (PORT) ACT – REPORTS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL – FREQUENCY**

Altering the frequency, from every month to every 6 months, of the reports required to be submitted by the Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Chapters 2 and 3 of the Acts of 2024, § 2(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 576 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – VIDEO RECORDINGS**

Requiring nursing homes and assisted living programs to install, operate, and maintain video surveillance equipment in the common areas of the facilities to detect the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents; and requiring nursing homes and assisted living programs to make available, on request, certain recorded video data to law enforcement and State personnel that is necessary in the course of performing their official duties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 19-1410.4 and 19-1815 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 577 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**BUSINESS REGULATION – MISCELLANEOUS STATE BUSINESS LICENSES – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of law concerning business licenses; requiring each application for a certain business license to designate an individual to serve as the license representative for the purpose of being subject to certain penalties; and establishing that the penalties for violating certain provisions of law apply to certain persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, §§ 17-202(d), 17-302(f), and 17-2106 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 578 Delegate Phillips, et al**PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CONTRACTS – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to control certain procurement contracts by the Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation Authority valued at or above \$500,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, §§ 4-415, 10-202, 12-101(a), 12-103, 12-107(a), 12-108, and 12-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 579 Delegate Embry, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS PETITIONS**

Altering the requirements for certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the individuals eligible to request a certain official to certify victim helpfulness relating to certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; and authorizing the disclosure of certain information under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-930 and 11-931 - amended and § 11-932 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 580 Delegate Hutchinson, et al

TERMINOLOGY AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES – MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND RELATED TERMS

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, ED, HG, LE, PS, TG, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 581 Delegate Wims

REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS – ASSESSMENTS

Authorizing the board of directors of a condominium to increase the amount of the assessment levied each year for common expenses other than reserves by not more than 5% notwithstanding provisions of the declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws requiring approval by the council of unit owners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11-110(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 582 Delegate Vogel, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERTIME PAY – ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY

Altering the exemption from overtime pay for individuals who are employed to work in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 583 Delegates Vogel and Miller**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – VIRTUAL SCHOOLS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a virtual school; encouraging a county board that is unable to offer a virtual school on its own to collaborate with one or more other county boards to jointly establish a school; requiring that the criteria for enrollment in a virtual school established by the State Department of Education or a county board be reasonable and not unduly interfere with an applicant's ability to enroll in the virtual school; and providing that a certain outreach campaign be conducted equitably.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-1402(a) and 7-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 584 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP**

Requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to convene a workgroup to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the Agency to submit a report of the Workgroup's findings and recommendations, including the need for any legislative initiatives, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 585 Delegate Palakovich Carr**PROPERTY TAX – LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT – VALUATION OF PROPERTY**

Requiring the supervisor of assessments for a county to evaluate a certain net operating income calculation when determining the value of commercial real property that is developed under low-income housing provisions of federal law; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 8-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 586 Delegate D. Jones

ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – COMPENSATION

Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service–learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 10-205 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 587 Delegate Patterson, et al

EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – VETERANS OF ARMED CONFLICTS

Authorizing certain individuals honorably discharged from military service to obtain a high school diploma if the individuals withdrew from a full–time public or private high school to enlist in the armed forces of the United States during an armed conflict authorized by the President of the United States or Congress.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 7-206.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 588 Delegate Grammer, et al

JUVENILES – REPORTABLE OFFENSES

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to notify of a certain student’s arrest a local superintendent of schools or school principal of a school in which the student has enrolled or to which the student has been transferred; and requiring the Department to provide certain educational programming information to a certain student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 589 Delegates Grammer and Arikan**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH – CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY**

Establishing that a person who intentionally, knowingly, or negligently designs or creates artificial intelligence software able to cause physical injury or death is strictly liable for damages and subject to a civil penalty if the software is used to cause personal injury or death; and prohibiting a person from intentionally, knowingly, or negligently designing or creating artificial intelligence software able to cause injury or death.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-2601 and CR, § 1-403 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 590 Delegates Vogel and Griffith**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee to include certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9-1-1 specialist; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 591 Delegate Embry, et al**STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – PROSECUTION OR ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CODES**

Increasing from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for the prosecution or suit for enforcement of local consumer protection codes for which equitable relief, a fine, or a penalty is provided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 5-106(jj) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 592 Delegate Phillips, et al**PROHIBITED POSSESSION OF FIREARMS – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT RESPONDENTS**

Prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun if the person is currently a respondent subject to a court order to comply with certain assisted outpatient treatment; and requiring a court to promptly report certain information through a certain data portal if the court orders a person to comply with certain assisted outpatient treatment.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 10-6A-02(b) and PS, §§ 5-133(b), 5-133.2, and 5-205(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 593 Delegate Boaf, et al**PUBLIC LIBRARIES – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (RAYMONO A. RUSSELL ACT)**

Requiring operators of certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent area accessible to employees and library users, provide maintenance for the automated external defibrillator, and ensure a trained individual is present during a library's open hours; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to make a certain report on the defibrillator program in libraries; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 13-517(a) - amended and § 23-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 594 Delegate Embry, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS – COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE**

Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-302 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 595 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION – TARGETS (MARYLAND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT)

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for electricity production from renewable energy resources located in the State; and setting a target of 50% of all electricity sold in the State coming from electricity produced from renewable energy resources located in the State by 2030, 70% by 2035, and 80% by 2040.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-703.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 596 Delegate Patterson, et al

EDUCATION – DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF SERVICE MEMBERS – ADVANCE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of a service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring a local school system to coordinate with the parents or guardians of a certain child with a disability and the school district in a certain sending state to prevent a delay in transferring the child; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on the advance enrollment procedures established by the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-115.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 597 Delegate D. Jones

PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 23-205(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 598 Delegate D. Jones, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive area; requiring the governing body to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-303(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 599 Delegate Pruski**STATE PERSONNEL – BWI AIRPORT FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND ARBITRATION PROCESSES**

Altering the collective bargaining process between the State and uniformed fire employees of the BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department by requiring the parties to reach a collective bargaining agreement on or before September 30 of the year in which the collective bargaining agreement will expire; and establishing a process of binding arbitration in the event of an impasse.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 3-501 and 3-603 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 600 Delegate Patterson, et al**EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing education to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, GP, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 601 Delegate Phillips, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL BUSINESS GUARANTY FUND
– ALTERATIONS**

Providing that a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund may be supported by the full faith and credit of the State of Maryland or approved by an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EC, § 5-540(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 602 Delegates Hutchinson and Adams**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
LICENSURE AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION – RECIPROCITY
DISCUSSIONS (MARYLAND BORDER STATES ADVANCED
PRACTICE NURSING ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and requiring the Board, by November 1, 2025, and each November 1 for the following 4 years, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the discussions, agreements reached, challenges in the negotiations, and any legislative recommendations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 603 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY –
ALTERATION**

Altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide notice of the maximum income eligibility for the earned income tax credit for the calendar year to all employers in the State to include an electronic means of notification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-913 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 604 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**VULNERABLE AND SENIOR ADULTS – THEFT OF PROPERTY BY CAREGIVER, FAMILY MEMBER, OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a caregiver, family member, or household member from knowingly and willfully obtaining the property of an individual the caregiver, family member, or household member knows or reasonably should know is a vulnerable or senior adult with the intent to deprive the vulnerable or senior adult of the property; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, CA, CS, CJ, CR, CP, and ET, Various Sections - amended and CR, § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 605 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2026; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan within 90 days after the first automatic deduction of the contribution from wages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SP, § 35-101 - amended and § 35-206 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 606 Delegate Taylor, et al**REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – ENTRY OF FINAL SALE PRICE IN MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE**

Requiring a developer, builder, broker, or real estate agent to enter the final sale price of a new home into a multiple listing service or similarly accessible database.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 10-804 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 607 Delegate Taylor, et al**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PAREA GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Grant Program to provide grants to certain individuals with the goal of becoming a real estate appraiser in certain communities; providing the purpose of the Program is to assist in closing appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 18-4201 and 18-4202 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 608 Delegate Taylor, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – STUDENT IMMUNIZATION – TEMPORARY ADMISSION PERIOD**

Requiring each county board of education to grant certain students temporary admission to schools for a certain time frame if the parent or guardian of a student is unable to provide proof of immunization under certain circumstances; and requiring the parent or guardian of a student granted temporary admission to present evidence of the student's appointment with a health professional or local health department for purposes of receiving the required immunizations or reconstructing a lost record.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-403(a) - amended and § 7-403.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 609 Delegate Taylor, et al**LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND USE – REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL PROGRAM**

Exempting certain applicants for a senatorial scholarship from certain examination requirements; and authorizing certain uses of senatorial and Delegate scholarships for applicants who plan to complete the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria of the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 18-402, 18-405, 18-501, 18-503, and 18-506 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 610 Delegate Taylor, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NO FINDING AND CASE TERMINATED WITHOUT FINDING**

Authorizing the expungement of a charge under a certain provision of law if the charge was not disposed of by an unequivocal conviction, but was instead disposed of by the court with a no finding designation or included in a case that was designated by the court as having been terminated without finding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-110(j) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 611 Delegate Wolek, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – MANDATORY DISCLOSURES FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS (INFORMED ENROLLMENT ACT)**

Requiring each institution of higher education in the State that admits first-time undergraduate students, by July 1, 2026, to prominently display on its publicly accessible prospective student website a link to the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard website; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make certain data available to institutions of higher education in the State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 15-140 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 612 Delegate Guyton, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LIFESAVER SCHOOLS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; establishing requirements and prohibitions for Lifesaver Schools; authorizing a public school to partner with the county board of education to meet the criteria to qualify as a Lifesaver School; and requiring a Lifesaver School to reapply to the Department for approval to maintain the Lifesaver School designation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 613 Delegate Guyton, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing unless the court or the party redacts identifying information relating to a victim of sexual assault that appears in the filing, subject to a certain exception; requiring a court to redact identifying information relating to a victim of sexual assault from an existing filing on a written request; requiring the Supreme Court of Maryland to adopt a certain rule regarding the redaction of certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 614 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION – COUNTY INCOME TAX RATE**

Clarifying that a county's lowest marginal income tax rate is the tax rate used to calculate the local earned income tax credit that certain individuals may claim against the county income tax; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-704(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 615 Delegate Holmes**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying terminology in provisions relating to the proposed budget for a condominium and the appointment of a receiver for a homeowners association.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 11-109.2(d) and 11B-111.5(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 616 Delegate Hutchinson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DESTROYING FUNERARY OBJECTS AND
CEMETERY ELEMENTS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND
PROHIBITION**

Extending from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery to begin at the time local authorities knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing landscaping or part of the grounds of a cemetery.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 5-106(jj) - added and CR, § 10-404(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 617 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Comptroller)****COMPTROLLER – RECORDING AND MONITORING TELEPHONE
CALLS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying which telephone calls the Comptroller of the State may record and monitor for training, quality control, and employee safety purposes; and providing that the Comptroller may monitor and record calls to the Comptroller's call centers only.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 2-114 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 618 Delegate Patterson**STATE LOTTERY – INTERNET SALES OF SUBSCRIPTION PLANS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow the establishment of a system or program that allows for the purchase of a State lottery subscription plan through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-111(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 619 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**SALES AND USE TAX – SALES BETWEEN CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND CANNABIS NURSERIES – EXEMPTION**

Expanding the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain cannabis sales to include sales between certain licensed cannabis businesses and registered cannabis nurseries.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 11-245 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 620 Delegate Atterbeary**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – REPORTABLE OFFENSE – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of a reportable offense to include only references to offenses defined as crimes of violence in relation to reporting arrests of students attending public and nonpublic schools in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 621 Delegate Moon**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – ADVERSE ACTIONS AND REMOVAL FROM MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS (MDEC) SYSTEM**

Clarifying that refusal by a person to disclose information about criminal charges that have been expunged may not be the sole reason for a unit, an official, or an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State to deny the person's application for a license, permit, registration, or governmental service; providing that refusal by a person to disclose information about criminal charges that have been expunged may not be the sole reason for an educational institution to expel or refuse to admit the person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, §§ 10-109, 10-111, and 10-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 622 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**JUVENILE LAW – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION (JUVENILE JUSTICE RESTORATION ACT OF 2025)**

Altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child's parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child's consultation with an attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 623 Delegate EmbryESTATES AND TRUSTS – ESTATE ADMINISTRATION –
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

Requiring the registers of wills for each county and Baltimore City to, in coordination, establish a centralized website for use by all registers to publish certain notice; altering certain requirements for publication of notice relating to the appointment of a personal representative, a request for judicial probate, and estates administered by a foreign personal representative; and repealing the requirement that a foreign personal representative record a certain certification with the register.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 2-208(1) - added and §§ 2-210, 5-403, 5-503, 7-103, 7-104, and 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 624 Delegate WellsELECTION LAW – STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION
APPLICATION – PREPAID POSTAGE

Requiring that a statewide voter registration application include a return envelope or envelope template with prepaid postage that an applicant may use to return the application to the State Board of Elections; and requiring return envelopes or envelope templates to be preprinted with the address of the State Board for purposes of returning the statewide voter registration application.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 625 Delegate Phillips, et alREAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED –
ESTABLISHMENT

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer-on-death deed for real property; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop an informational sheet regarding transfer-on-death deeds; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer-on-death deed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, RP, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 626 Delegate Taylor, et al**REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY –
INSTALLATION OF BROADBAND MICRO CONDUITS AND
MICRODUCTS**

Requiring the installation of micro conduits in any utility easement and building power or telecommunication rooms during the new construction or major improvement of certain commercial and residential premises; requiring that buried fiber optic cable installed in a highway right-of-way include conduit containing at least seven microducts; requiring the Department of Transportation or a unit of local government to ensure a broadband service provider has access to the conduit on a neutral and nondiscriminatory basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 12-207 and TR, § 8-654.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 627 Delegate Ruth, et al**EDUCATION – PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND
PROPERTY – APPLICATION**

Specifying that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing certain disruptive and threatening behavior on certain school grounds and property do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program sponsored at that institution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 26-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 628 Delegate Healey, et al**HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS –
CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to prioritize funding for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks and bicycle pathways to sidewalks and bicycle pathways that are, or are adjacent to highways that are, subject to a complete streets policy or another similar Vision Zero program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 8-630 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 629 Delegate Bartlett, et al

CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY – DISCLOSURE OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR (STOP SILENCING SURVIVORS ACT)

Establishing an immunity from liability for a person who discloses information about allegations of sexually assaultive behavior if the person acts in good faith; establishing a presumption of good faith unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the person acted with actual malice or intentionally or recklessly disclosed false information; providing for the award of attorney's fees and costs in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 630 Delegate Boafu, et al

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR PHONE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS ACT)

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, not later than the 2026–2027 school year, a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting a student's use of a cellular phone for any purpose documented in the student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, during an emergency event, or when directed by an educator or administrator for educational purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 631 Delegate Guyton, et al

EMINENT DOMAIN – AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – PROHIBITED TAKING

Prohibiting the State or any of its instrumentalities or political subdivisions from taking certain property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural or conservation easement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 12-101 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 632 Delegate Schindler, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKPLACE FRAUD – APPLICATION
(MARYLAND WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT OF 2025)**

Applying to all private sector employers, rather than only employers in the construction and landscape services industries, provisions of law that prohibit an employer from failing to properly classify an individual who performs work for remuneration paid by the employer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, §§ 3-507.2(c)(1), 3-901, and 3-1601(d) - amended and § 3-902 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 633 Delegate Atterbary**GAMING – SLOT MACHINES – SKILLS–BASED AMUSEMENT
DEVICES**

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to provide that certain skills–based amusement devices excluded from the definition may award merchandise, tickets, tokens, or other objects that do not exceed a certain minimal value per play and may be accumulated and exchanged for merchandise or prizes of a certain value.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CR, § 12-301(3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 634 Delegates Wims and Mireku–North**INCOME TAX – INCOME TAX RECONCILIATION PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND FAIR TAXATION FOR JUSTICE–
INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS ACT)**

Establishing the Income Tax Reconciliation Program in the State to allow certain justice–involved individuals to establish installment payment plans and receive a waiver of any interest and penalties that accrue for unpaid income tax due for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2030; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Program; requiring the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an awareness campaign about the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 6-237 and TG, § 2-120 - added and TG, §§ 13-606 and 13-714 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 635 Delegate Phillips, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SECONDARY ENFORCEMENT AND
ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE**

Requiring a police officer to document all reasons for a traffic stop or other stop on a citation or police report resulting from the stop; establishing that certain evidence obtained during a traffic stop or other stop in violation of certain provisions may be or is inadmissible in certain proceedings; authorizing a police officer to enforce certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law only as a secondary action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 2-109 and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation

HB 636 Delegate Wims**REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS – RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES**

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible; and applying the Act to all policies of property and casualty insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State to a condominium council of unit owners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11-114(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 637 Delegate Allen**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES CAPITAL
GRANTS – CALCULATION**

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, § 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 638 Delegates Grammer and Arikan**JUVENILES – SEXUAL OFFENSES – REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a person who has been adjudicated delinquent for an act that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a certain sexual offense to register as a juvenile sex offender; requiring a juvenile registrant to remain on the juvenile sex offender registry until the registrant reaches 21 years of age under certain circumstances; expanding the definition of “reportable offense” to include certain sexual offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-704(c)(1) and 11-704.1 and ED, § 7-303(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 639 Delegate Ruth, et al**SPORTS VENUES – REUSABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS – USE DURING SPORTING EVENTS**

Requiring the owner or operator of a sports venue and the governing body of an institution of higher education that operates a sports venue to allow an individual attending a sporting event at the sports venue to bring and use a reusable beverage container during a sporting event.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 19-1001 and ED, § 11-2001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 640 Delegate Guyton, et al**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES – CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to consider the impact of the development of overhead transmission lines on certain properties subject to an existing conservation easement in certain proceedings for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; and requiring the Commission to require an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the development of overhead transmission lines to consider alternative routes for transmission lines affecting conservation easements or alter proposed routes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-207(f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 641 Delegate Ruth**STATE PROPERTY TAX – TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
(TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring the Governor, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, to submit each year to the Board of Public Works and the General Assembly a proposal for a State property tax to support transportation projects and programs; requiring, on or before February 15 each year, the Board of Public Works to approve, reject, or modify the proposed State property tax; imposing a State property tax at the rates and on the classes and subclasses of property that the Board of Public Works approves; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 7-107.1 - added and TP, § 6-201(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 642 Delegate Ruth, et al**ELECTION LAW – REGISTERED VOTER LIST AND PETITIONS
(BALLOT PETITION MODERNIZATION ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data from the list of registered voters and specifying procedures and requirements relating to electronic signatures; establishing and altering certain provisions governing the petition process, including provisions regarding the collection and invalidation of signatures, the use of electronic signatures, and attestations by petition circulators; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-506(a), 6-103(a), 6-203, 6-204, 6-210(c), (d), and (e), and 16-401 - amended and §§ 6-208.1 and 6-210(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 643 Delegate Guyton, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services in the State for no less than 5 years, or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for a certain time period or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 18-1502 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 644 Delegate Guyton, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply statewide; and requiring all speed limit signs on certain highways in residential districts to include certain signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 645 Delegate Guyton**TRANSMISSION LINE SITING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, RECOMMENDATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each county and Baltimore City to update its comprehensive plan to include an electric system planning element for purposes of minimizing the impact of future transmission line development in the State; requiring each electric company serving a county or Baltimore City to report to that county or the City regarding the electric company's compliance with certain provisions of the county's or City's electric system planning element; requiring each electric company to submit a report on electricity demand each year; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LU, §§ 1-406(a) and 3-102(a) and PU, §§ 7-207(e) and (f) and 7-802 - amended and LU, §§ 1-413 and 3-115 and PU, § 7-802.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 646 Delegate Taylor, et al**TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND EXPANDED REENTRY SERVICES – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be October 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Chapters 936 and 937 of the Acts of 2024, §§ 1(i) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 647 Delegate Phillips, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

Altering a certain definition of restrictive housing; limiting the amount of time that an individual may be placed in restrictive housing from approximately 22 hours to 17 hours in a 24-hour period; requiring all restrictive housing units to create the least restrictive environment necessary for certain purposes; prohibiting the placement of a certain member of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing for any period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-614(a) - amended and §§ 10-1001 through 10-1003 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 648 Delegate Wells, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS RESOURCE INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH AND EMPOWERMENT (BRIDGE) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Business Resource Initiative for Developmental Growth and Empowerment Program and Fund in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain business entities to establish certain business incubators; prohibiting the grants awarded under the Program from being used to support more than 25% of the operating expenses of a qualified incubator, except in the first year of a grant; requiring the Department to give priority for grants to incubators managed by socially or economically disadvantaged persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, §§ 5-2701 through 5-2706 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means