



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 8, 2025
Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2025 Session.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 8, 2025

SB 1 Senator Waldstreicher, et al

LEGALLY PROTECTED HEALTH CARE – REPRODUCTIVE, FERTILITY PRESERVATION, AND CONTRACEPTIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES (IVF AND CONTRACEPTION SHIELD ACT OF 2025)

Altering the definition of “legally protected health care” to include certain reproductive, fertility preservation, and contraceptive treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations disciplinary actions and certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SP, § 2-312 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 2 **Senator Kagan****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 3 **Senator Ellis****PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – DATA DASHBOARD (MARYLAND PUBLIC WORKS AND APPRENTICESHIP TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and maintain a data dashboard that includes certain information relating to contractors, subcontractors, employees, and apprentices working under public work contracts; requiring each contractor who is contracted under a public work contract to provide certain information to the Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to update the data dashboard at least once a month and post the data dashboard on the Maryland Department of Labor website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 17-206 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 4 **Senator Hayes****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of law; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EC and SF, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended and Chapters 80 and 81 of the Acts of 2021, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 5 **Senator Lam, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE-BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – SUNSET REPEAL**

Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

IN, §§ 31-107(b), (f)(1)(iv), and (g)(1) and 31-122 and Chapter 778 of the Acts of 2021, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 6 **Senator Salling**STATE GOVERNMENT – VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Veterans and Military Families Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans and Military Families; establishing the purpose of the Ombudsman is to serve as a resource to provide information and support to veterans and military families regarding their rights and access to services; requiring the Ombudsman to be a veteran; requiring the Ombudsman to arrange for a toll-free telephone number to assist any individual seeking information or advice about available services; and requiring the Ombudsman to submit an annual report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-901 - amended and §§ 9-960 through 9-964 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 7 **Senator Jackson**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE (SEE SOMEONE, SAVE
SOMEONE ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a certain training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 2-114 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 8 **Senators Kagan and Ready****EDUCATION – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; establishing minimum criteria for the award of a Seal of Civic Excellence and designation as a Center of Civic Excellence; and requiring participating local school systems to submit an annual report to the Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 9 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain nonpublic institutions of higher education to submit a certain letter of intent regarding intended new graduate level programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission in a certain manner and every 6 months; and repealing a certain provision of law that limited which institutions of higher education could propose or implement certain academic programs for certain graduate level programs under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED and Ch 963 of the Acts of 2024, Various Sections - amended and ED, § 11-206.5 - repealed and §§ 11-206.6 through 11-206.8 - renumbered

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 10 **Senator Ferguson, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – ALTERATIONS (RECLAIM RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2025)**

Altering the definition of “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of excluding energy derived from waste and refuse from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-701(s) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 11 **Senator Watson****ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT ACT OF 2025**

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a 90-day period with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 7-103(b) and (f) - amended and § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 12 **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SPOUSAL LIFETIME ACCESS TRUSTS**

Adding to the conditions under which an individual who creates a trust may not be considered the settlor of that trust with regard to the individual's interest in the trust; and providing that a creditor may not attach, exercise, reach, or otherwise compel distribution of certain trust assets.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14.5-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 13 **Senator Muse****COMMISSION TO STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SAILORS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War Sailors in Maryland; requiring the Commission to study the history of the African American sailors who fought for the Union Navy; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations regarding the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to African American Civil War sailors; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 14 **Senator Salling****VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRIC BICYCLES – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, REGISTRATION, AND INSURANCE**

Requiring an electric bicycle to be titled and registered by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an application for a certificate of title and registration for an electric bicycle to be submitted electronically; establishing an annual registration fee of \$30; requiring an owner of an electric bicycle to maintain certain security; and authorizing a motor vehicle insurer to exclude certain benefits from an electric bicycle policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 19-505(c) and TR, Various Sections - amended and TR §§ 13-424 and 13-939.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 15 **Senator Watson****CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR ARREARAGES AND COURT ORDERS**

Altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive to exclude obligors whose income is not greater than 250% of the federal poverty guidelines under certain circumstances; and requiring the court, after establishing a child support order, to send a copy of the guideline calculation and the order to the Child Support Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, §§ 10-119 and 12-202 and TR, § 16-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 16 **Senator Corderman****NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS
AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Establishing the maximum funding amount of \$300,000 or 80% of the total project cost for certain grants made by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; decreasing the percentage of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses from 10% to 7%; and increasing the maximum amount of certain Program Open Space funds that may be transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from \$3,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FI, §§ 13-1113 and 13-1114 and NR, § 5-903(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 17 **Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and authorizing a Class C (veterans’ organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 11-1009 and 11-2004(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 18 **Senator Muse****ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING – NUMBER OF DAYS**

Changing the number of days on which early voting centers are required to be open before a primary or general election by requiring early voting centers to be open through the second Monday, rather than the Thursday, before the election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 10-301.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 19 **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – COMPENSATION OF GUARDIANS OF PROPERTY AND TRUSTEES**

Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; and authorizing trustees who are financial institutions or members of the Maryland Bar to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a schedule of rates filed with an appropriate agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, §§ 13-218, 14.5-708, 15-511(3), 15-523, 15-524(a), and 15-526(b)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 20 **Senator McCray****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 21 **Senator Gile****DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT**

Entering into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizing a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing a Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar legislation in seven other states; and requiring the Department of Health to notify the Department of Legislative Services within 10 days of enactment of similar legislation in seven other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 4-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 22 **Senator West****TASK FORCE TO STUDY FIDUCIARY ADJUDICATION IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland to examine and analyze the efficiency, uniformity, and quality of fiduciary adjudication in Maryland and make recommendations; requiring the orphans' courts, circuit courts, registers of wills, and Administrative Office of the Courts to comply with certain requests of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and make recommendations on or before January 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 23 **Senator Bailey****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 24 **Senator Kagan****ANNOTATED CODE – TERMINOLOGY – CLERGY AND CHURCHES, FAITH INSTITUTIONS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Altering certain terminology throughout the Annotated Code that refers to a clergyman to refer to a member of the clergy and churches to refer to faith institutions and places of worship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 25 **Senator Carozza, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Specifying certain qualifications necessary for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 26 **Senator Kramer**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – REVISIONS (DAVIS MARTINEZ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to appoint an Assistant Commissioner for Public Employees' Safety and Health; establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of certain public bodies; altering the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act as it applies to certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 5-801 - repealed, §§ 5-1301 and 5-1302 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 27 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended and § 13-107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 28 **Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITES**

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer’s website a vehicle for sale or lease at the purchase price, coerce or require a dealer to list a price different from the purchase price on the dealer’s website, or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a vehicle at a particular price on the dealer’s website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 15-207(a) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 29 **Senators Waldstreicher and Ready****EDUCATION – PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Phone-Free Schools Pilot Program; requiring the Carroll County and Montgomery County public school systems to develop and implement a policy that prohibits student cell phone use during the school day, subject to certain exceptions; and requiring the eligible school systems to submit a report on the effectiveness of the Pilot Program on or before September 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 30 **Senator Bailey****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing, from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual’s employment as a public safety employee; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 31 **Senator Ellis****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: Finance

SB 32 **Senator Gile****REAL PROPERTY – HOLDING OVER – EXPEDITED HEARING AND
SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

Requiring the District Court to hold a hearing on a tenant holding over within 45 days after a landlord makes a complaint if the landlord or the landlord's spouse is on active duty with the United States military; and authorizing a private process server to serve a certain summons if the constable or sheriff of the county fails to serve the summons within 10 days after the summons is issued by the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 33 **Senator Lewis Young****OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DEPARTMENT OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – MARYLAND BUSINESS TAXES – STUDY**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Legislative Services to study and make recommendations regarding the State's business tax structure and the imposition of combined reporting; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Legislative Services to report their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 34 **Senators Brooks and Hettleman****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 35 **Senator Ellis****MUNICIPAL APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES – FINANCIAL
OVERSIGHT – REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Requiring that an individual appointed or employed by a municipality in a role with certain financial oversight responsibilities satisfy certain educational requirements and have a certain amount of experience; requiring a municipality to establish certain continuing education requirements for certain individuals appointed or employed by the municipality; and requiring the Legislative Auditor to include in a certain annual report information on municipal compliance with the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LG, § 4-112 - added and § 16-307(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 36 **Senators Kagan and Augustine****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – 9–8–8 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Authorizing the use of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund for costs related to the operation of the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, including software interfaces and joint training; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 37 **Senator Hester****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 38 **Senator West****INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTY**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 39 **Senator Benson****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO MODIFY OR REDUCE SENTENCE (MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT)**

Authorizing an individual serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; providing that a certain petitioner is entitled to assistance of counsel and, if indigent, representation by the Office of the Public Defender; and authorizing a certain person to apply to the Appellate Court of Maryland for leave to appeal a certain order in a certain manner and within a certain period of time after the court passes a certain order in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 8-501 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 40 **Senator Muse****VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER**

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 21-10A-04, 25-204, and 25-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 41 **Senator Rosapepe****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

Adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 12-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 42 **Senator M. Washington****ENVIRONMENT – INTERJURISDICTIONAL WATERSHEDS – FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to designate the watersheds of Carroll Creek in Frederick City and Frederick County, Gwynns Falls and Jones Falls in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and Herring Run, including the Herring Run Stream in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and all their headwaters and tributaries as interjurisdictional flood hazard watersheds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 5-801 and 5-803(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 43 **Senator Augustine****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – FORENSIC REVIEW BOARD AND COMMUNITY FORENSIC AFTERCARE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; requiring each forensic review board to review the eligibility for release of committed persons on a certain basis; establishing the Community Forensic Aftercare Program in the Department to monitor committed persons on conditional release in accordance with the recommendations of the committed person's mental team; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 3-120.1 and HG, § 13-5501 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

SB 44 **Senator Carozza, 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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 45 **Senator Folden****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering various provisions governing the compensation that vehicle manufacturers must pay to vehicle dealers in relation to service obligations of the dealers; prohibiting manufacturers from selling vehicle parts directly to retail customers; prohibiting manufacturers from requiring or coercing dealers to engage with third-party manufacturers in the course of the dealers' service obligations; and authorizing a dealer for which the franchise has ceased to exist to begin and complete certain warranty and recall repairs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 15-212 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 46 **Senator Watson****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 47 **Senator Gile****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Clarifying the definition of “physical therapist assistant” as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first-class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, §§ 13-101(g), 13-202(a)(1) through (3) and (c), and 13-311(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 48 **Senators Simonaire and Jackson**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – IDENTIFICATION CARDS –
VETERAN STATUS NOTATION

Authorizing the Department of General Services to include a notation on a certain identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain the consent of a certain holder of an identification card before transmitting certain information to a certain executive agency; and prohibiting the Department from transmitting certain information obtained on an application for an identification card except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 49 **Senator Gile**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – AUTOMATIC RENEWALS

Requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; establishing that compliance with certain regulations shall be considered to be compliance with the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 50 **Senator Simonaire**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION

Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 20-603(b)(4), (c)(1), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 51 **Senator Ellis**

ACCOUNTANTS – RECIPROCAL LICENSES – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, § 2-321 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 52 **Senator Augustine**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the practice of chiropractic in the State related to Board membership, licensure of chiropractors, the discipline of chiropractors, and the denial of licenses to applicants; authorizing the Board to inspect chiropractor offices under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HO, Various Sections - amended and repealed and §§ 3-304(d) through (g), 3-313(31) through (33), and 3-318 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 53 **Senator Bailey**

NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL CRAB HARVEST – START TIME

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations authorizing a tidal fish licensee who is authorized to catch crabs to begin catching crabs at least 4 hours before sunrise from July 1 through September 30, inclusive.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

NR, § 4-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 54 **Senator Folden****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-619.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 55 **Senator A. Washington, 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: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 56 **Senator Waldstreicher****STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – COSTS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

Prohibiting a State correctional facility and a telephone service provider from charging an incarcerated individual or a third party, for an incarcerated individual's use of telephone equipment or telephone services while in the facility; requiring a State correctional facility to pay any costs charged by a telephone service provider; 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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 57 **Senator Simonaire****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIES, AND REDUCTION FACILITIES – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED REMAINS – VETERANS**

Requiring a licensed funeral establishment, crematory operator, or reduction facility to take certain actions if a certain veterans service organization does not take possession of certain unclaimed cremains, hydrolyzed remains, or soil remains that qualify for a plot in a veterans cemetery within a certain period of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 5-803 and HO, § 7-406(b)(2)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 58 **Senator Benson****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PARENTAL SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT LEAVE ACT**

Requiring certain employers to provide certain employees with at least 12 hours of parental school engagement leave each school year to attend meetings and conferences relating to the schooling of the employee's child; and requiring the State Superintendent of Schools and the Commissioner of Labor to provide notice of certain provisions of the Act and develop and make available a document that may be used to validate an employee's use of parental school engagement leave.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, §§ 3-1801 through 3-1805 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 59 **Senator Rosapepe****INCOME TAX – RESIDENT**

Altering the definition of "resident" under the Maryland income tax law to provide that an individual who maintains a place of abode in the State for more than 3 months, rather than 6 months, of the taxable year is a resident for income tax purposes whether or not the individual is domiciled in the State; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-101(k)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 60 **Senator Augustine****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR CALCIUM SCORE TESTING**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing for individuals who have at least three of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or a family history of premature coronary artery disease.

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: Finance

SB 61 **Senator West****WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – AUTHORIZED INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND SECURITY CAMERAS**

Establishing that it is lawful for a person to use a cellular telephone or another device to intercept an oral communication in public if the speaker should reasonably anticipate that the oral communication would be overheard or intercepted; and establishing that it is lawful for a person to use a security camera or another device installed on or about certain real property to intercept an oral communication on the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ § 10-402(c)(12) and (13) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 62 **Senators Lewis Young and Ready****TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND STUDENT POPULATION GROWTH**

Establishing the Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth to analyze the challenges related to the delay in student enrollment counts and its effect on school funding and the connection between growing student populations and the provision of school funding; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 63 **Senator Muse****COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS**

Requiring that the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association include certain funds; requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year, extending from 3 to 5 years the duration to comply with a certain funding requirement; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CA, § 5-6B-26.1 and RP, §§ 11-109.2(b) and (c), 11-109.4, 11B-112.2(c) and (d), and 11B-112.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 64 **Senator Klausmeier****STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM – NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND**

Designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural history museum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-325 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 65 **Senator Carozza****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS OF SERVICE**

Authorizing certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain prior service into the State Police Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 66 **Senator Ellis****ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACE PROCEDURES – VOTING BY ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES (ACCESSIBLE AND EXPEDITED VOTING ACT OF MARYLAND)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process from elderly voters and voters with disabilities and make immediate adjustments to the process; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 10-206(f) and 10-310.1 - added and § 10-206(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 67 **Senators Simonaire and Jackson****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS**

Authorizing health occupations boards to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, or registration and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 1-707 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 68 **Senator Brooks****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RESTORATIVE PRACTICES SCHOOLS – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026 on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-306 - amended and § 7-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 69 **Senator Salling**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – ACCESS TO TELEPHONES
– STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the feasibility of installing and maintaining a telephone system in assisted living facilities, psychiatric facilities, and nursing homes; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by September 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

SB 70 **Senator Rosapepe**COUNTY INCOME TAX – RATE AND INCOME BRACKETS –
ALTERATIONS

Altering, subject to certain limitations, the maximum tax rate that a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; limiting the number of brackets that a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis may set; and requiring a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis to use certain income bracket thresholds; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 71 **Senator Sydnor**

TASK FORCE ON COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES

Establishing the Task Force on Common Ownership Communities to study the education and training needs of common ownership community boards and new and prospective owners of homes and dwelling units in common ownership communities; and requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 72 **Senator Lam****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: Finance

SB 73 **Senator Simonaire, et al****CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM – RENAMING**

Renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program to be the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, §§ 3-302(d)(3), 8-1913(f), 8-1914(a), 8-1917(a), and 8-1919(b) and SG, § 21-206(f)(3)(iv) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 74 **Senator Muse****JUDGES – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to raise the mandatory retirement age of all judges in the State from 70 to 75; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 3A, 5A, 18B, and 41D - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 75 **Senator Benson****JUVENILE LAW – PROBATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES –
REQUIRED DISPOSITION (PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the juvenile court to order certain probation for a child found to have committed certain delinquent acts or adjudicated to be a child in need of supervision because of habitual truancy; requiring probation of a child adjudged delinquent for certain acts or a child in need of supervision to include the adoption of a treatment service plan and providing the child and the child's family with certain services; and requiring the juvenile court to order a parent, guardian, or custodian to participate in a treatment service plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-8A-19(d) and 3-8A-20.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 76 **Senator Bailey****TIDAL FISH LICENSES – OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS –
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for 2 years for a first violation and up to 10 years for two or more violations, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations; requiring the Department to reinstate a person's revoked oyster authorization under certain circumstances; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear; and repealing the 90-day time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 77 **Senators Waldstreicher and Sydnor****STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE – USE OF FUNDS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a county or municipality from using public funds to provide funding or payments to the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; prohibiting an officer or a unit of State government from using any appropriation to provide funding or payments to the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; and prohibiting certain organizations that receive specified funds from using those funds to provide funding for or payment to the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

LG, § 1-1321 and SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 78 **Senator Salling****JUVENILE CHILD SEX OFFENDERS – JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND PROHIBITION ON IN-PERSON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Expanding the acts for which a child adjudicated delinquent is required to register with the juvenile sex offender registry and supervising authority; requiring law enforcement agencies and State's Attorneys to notify schools of certain information when a child is arrested for a certain offense; prohibiting a child from in-person attendance at a public school or a nonpublic school that receives State funds if the child has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-704 and 11-704.1 - amended and ED, § 7-303(a)(6) - amended and § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 79 **Senator Carozza****MOTOR HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOWS IN WORCESTER COUNTY – PERMIT FOR OUT-OF-STATE DEALERS**

Establishing the reciprocal out-of-state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit, to be issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, authorizing the holder to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County; and requiring a permit holder, after the permit is approved, to file a bond with the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 15-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 80 **Senator Kramer****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PENALTIES**

Establishing increased penalties of imprisonment for up to 3 years and a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both for the abuse or neglect of an animal if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; and authorizing the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a period of time determined by the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 10-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 81 **Senator Kagan****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 82 **Senator A. Washington****COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS – FEES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a county board from charging fees to certain students related to enrollment in or completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program or a comparable program consisting of Advanced Placement courses specified by the College Board; and prohibiting public institutions of higher education from charging a graduate of an approved public high school in the State any fees associated with certain college admissions applications.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-205.1(g)(1) and 15-101 - amended and § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 83 **Senator Hettleman****PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM**

Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve not more than six programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-2501 through 24-2506 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 84 **Senator Corderman****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
– STUDY ON LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRIOR TO AND
FOLLOWING INCARCERATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 9-618 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 85 **Senators Simonaire and Jackson****BRAILLE FLAG MEMORIAL ACT OF 2025**

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans' cemeteries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-906(a) - amended and § 9-906(j) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 86 **Senator Waldstreicher****ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING – PROBLEM GAMBLING RESOURCES –
REQUIRED CONTACT INFORMATION**

Requiring a mobile sports wagering licensee to publish the phone number for and link to the website of the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling on the homepage of its online sports wagering website and mobile application.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-1E-11(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 87 **Senator Bailey****FISHERIES – STRIPED BASS OR ROCKFISH – JUVENILE SURVEY**

Expanding the scope of the annual young-of-the-year juvenile survey of striped bass or rockfish by requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct the survey at sampling sites in the central region of the Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay in addition to sampling sites in the northern and southern regions of the Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay; and establishing certain requirements for the central region sampling sites.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

NR, § 4-746 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 88 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 2-103(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 89 **Senators Simonaire and Jackson****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish a certain process in collaboration with one or more boards under the Department's direction and control that requires a board to include a notation indicating veteran status on a professional license or certificate and to assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 1-206 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 90 **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL
DISMISSAL**

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; and requiring a court to provide a certain notice and provide an opportunity to be heard to the State’s Attorney and a certain victim or victim’s representative before dismissing a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 91 **Senator Feldman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INCOME TAX BENEFIT TRANSFER
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Income Tax Benefit Transfer Program within the Department of Commerce to allow eligible technology companies in the State with unused amounts of net operating loss subtraction modifications or income tax credits to transfer those tax benefits for use by other business taxpayers in the State to assist in funding expenses incurred by the eligible technology companies in connection with operations in the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Comptroller, to administer the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, §§ 6-1101 through 6-1106 - added and TG, § 10-721(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 92 **Senator Corderman****PEACE ORDERS – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE**

Authorizing a certain person to petition for a peace order against another person whom the petitioner alleges has conducted intentional visual surveillance of areas of the petitioner’s residence where the petitioner has a reasonable expectation of privacy and expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-1503(a)(1) and 3-1505(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 93 **Senator Kramer****ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION – SENDING TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS BEFORE PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 9-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 94 **Senator Ellis****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING**

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; requiring the Program to develop and implement an education campaign to inform eligible program recipients and health care providers about the benefits of blood pressure monitoring and the availability of certain assistance; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report beginning December 1, 2027 on the program's outcomes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxv) and 15-141.6 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 95 **Senator Folden**

STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – PLAYGROUNDS – SAFETY STANDARDS (OUR KIDS PLAY SAFE PLAYGROUND SAFETY ACT OF 2025)

Requiring each unit of State or local government responsible for the construction and maintenance of a playground to ensure that the playground is constructed and maintained in accordance with certain safety standards; and requiring a unit of State or local government to inspect at least once every 2 years a certain playground to evaluate compliance with certain safety standards and to keep a record of the inspections, including a written plan to address any safety issues discovered during the inspection.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, §§ 5-2101 and 5-2102 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 96 **Senator Brooks**

ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-2701 through 9-2703 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 97 **Senator McCray**EDUCATION – YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Youth Enhancement Program within the State Department of Education to provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations to provide services to individuals residing in or attending public schools in Baltimore City or Baltimore County which focus on mentoring and academic and social instruction including continuous engagement into adulthood; requiring the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2028, providing data on the services provided and students' progress through the education system.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 98 **Senator Lewis Young**BALTIMORE COUNTY, FREDERICK COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY,
AND WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
MEMBERS – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the rights and privileges of student members of certain county boards of education; repealing the requirement that a student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education complete a certain training prior to voting on certain matters; adding a nonvoting student member to the Washington County Board of Education; and establishing a certain scholarship and reimbursement for certain activities of the student member of the Washington County Board of Education.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 3-2B-05, 3-5B-01(a) and (e), 3-701(f), 3-1301, and 3-1302 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 99 **Senator Salling**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)

Increasing, from \$20,000 to \$40,000 over a 2–year period, the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals, regardless of age, during a taxable year for certain military service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 100 **Senator Bailey**

NATURAL RESOURCES – PURSUING WOUNDED DEER AFTER LEGAL HUNTING HOURS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue and kill the deer after legal hunting hours using the means authorized for the applicable hunting season or permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 10-428 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 101 **Senators Carozza and Mautz**

WICOMICO COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION ON ROADWAY SOLICITATIONS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-507(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 102 **Senator Gile**

INSURANCE POOLING – PUBLIC ENTITY – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “public entity” to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 19-602 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 103 Senator Simonaire**BOATING ACCIDENTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves any vessel subject to the State Boat Act while on the waters of the State includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 8-724(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 104 Senator Folden**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITH AND CARING FOR ELDERLY PARENTS**

Allowing a credit of \$3,000 against the State income tax for an individual who resides with and provides care for a certain elderly parent during the taxable year under certain circumstances; making the credit refundable; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 105 Senator Kagan**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; altering the uses of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; authorizing the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 2027 budget for the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(12) and (13) - amended and SF and SG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 106 **Senator Muse****CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES**

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 107 **Senator Sydnor****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 108 **Senator A. Washington****MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS – SMOKING POLICIES**

Requiring the governing body of a common ownership community to develop a smoking policy that is at least as stringent as the applicable State and local laws regarding smoking if the property subject to the control of the governing body is a multifamily dwelling.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 109 **Senator Feldman**

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – SCHOOL BOARDS – COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Requiring each school board to certify to the State Ethics Commission, on or before October 1 each year, that the school board is in compliance with certain requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 5-101(jj) - amended, §§ 5-816 through 5-820 - renumbered, and § 5-816 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 110 **Senator West**

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PRIORITY OF CLAIMS ON AN ESTATE – UNPAID CHILD SUPPORT

Prioritizing the payment of unpaid child support over certain other claims on an estate of a decedent with insufficient assets to pay all claims in full.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 8-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 111 **Senator Lam**

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: Finance

SB 112 **Senator Ready, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL

Prohibits a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizes a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor of assault in the second degree and is subject to certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 113 **Senator Kramer**

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include a school principal as a member; and providing that the initial term of the principal member of the State Board begins July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 114 **Senators Simonaire and Jackson**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – LICENSES – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

Authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, §§ 2.5-103 through 2.5-108 - renumbered and § 2.5-103 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 115 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – DISCLOSURE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INVESTIGATIVE DATABASE**

Altering the autopsy information in a public record with respect to which a custodian is required to deny inspection; requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to maintain an investigative database; and providing that certain data and records maintained in the database are not public records and not subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 4-329 and HG, §§ 5-301 and 5-310 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 116 Senator Lewis Young**DATA CENTER IMPACT ANALYSIS AND REPORT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 117 Senator Hester**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish performance-based funding levels for best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems using a certain evaluation and ranking process; requiring the Department to make certain eligible funding levels available on its website; altering priorities for funding the repair or replacement of certain on-site sewage disposal systems by identifying failing systems located within the watershed of a nitrogen-impaired body of water; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, §§ 9-1108.1 and 9-1605.2(h)(2) through (5) - amended and SF, § 11-203(a)(1)(xviii) & (xix) - amended and § 11-203(a)(1)(xx) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 118 Senator Waldstreicher**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 119 Senator Salling**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE – NAMING**

Requiring that, on completion of a new bridge to replace the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall name the new bridge the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 4-408 - added and §§ 4-101(h)(1) and 6-209(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 120 Senator Muse**RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION**

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 121 Senator A. Washington**VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS
PILOT PROGRAM – INSPECTION AND EXTENSION**

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, § 4-321 and Chapters 624 and 625 of the Acts of 2024, §§ 2 and 3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 122 Senator Folden**CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Including law enforcement officers within the scope of certain prohibitions against committing certain crimes against certain persons, damaging certain property of certain persons, burning certain objects, and damaging certain buildings with which certain persons or groups have contacts or associations or under circumstances exhibiting animosity against a certain person or group.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, §§ 10-301, 10-304, and 10-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 123 Senator Simonaire**BOATING ACCIDENTS – DUTY TO REMAIN AT THE SCENE, RENDER
ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION – PENALTIES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 8-724 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 124 Senator Kramer**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – FIREFIGHTERS – PAYMENT OF WAGES AND PAYROLL INFORMATION**

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay for each hour over 168 hours that a firefighter works during a 28–day work period; requiring an employer to include all regularly scheduled hours, regardless of whether earned or accrued leave was used; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each employed firefighter; and authorizing a firefighter or their exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-420 - amended and LG, § 1-207 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 125 Senator Gile**RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

RP, § 14-126 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 126 Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE – NOTICE**

Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days' notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all cotrustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14.5-705 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 127 **Senator Kagan**STATE GOVERNMENT – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS –
REIMBURSEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS

Altering the rate at which nonprofit organizations receiving State-funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs to match the rate established under relevant federal guidelines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 2-208 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 128 **Senator Bailey**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION – ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to print an assigned permanent identification number in a certain manner for a person who completes the course of instruction in conservation and in competency and safety in the handling of firearms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 10-301.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 129 **Senator Ellis**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY
– ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND HOSPITAL REPORTING

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish a health equity measures advisory committee to determine the 10 widest disparities in health care quality, access, or outcomes for vulnerable populations; and requiring the health equity advisory committee to review the health equity reports submitted annually to the Department by licensed hospitals in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 13-4301 - amended and § 13-4308 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 130 **Senator Benson****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT CELLULAR DEVICE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular device during instructional time during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from preventing a student from using a cellular device for any purpose documented in a student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, or for education purposes when directed by an educator or administrator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 4-147 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 131 **Senator Simonaire****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 132 Senator Feldman**SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND HOME AMENITY RENTALS – TAXATION, REGULATION, AND CRIMES**

Applying certain health and safety requirements to short-term rental units and home amenities; prohibiting certain activities at a home amenity or short-term rental; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to adopt certain rules or regulations relating to short-term rentals; including “short-term rental platform” and “short-term rental unit” in the definition of “hotel” for the purpose of the county and municipal corporation hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

BR, §§ 15-301 through 15-304 - added and CR, §§ 3-902(a) and 10-201(a) and LG, § 20-401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 133 Senator Muse**VEHICLE LAWS – STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN A BIKE LANE OR BICYCLE PATH – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-1003(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 134 Senator Hester**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SURCHARGE AND WASTED FOOD REDUCTION AND DIVERSION FUND AND GRANT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement on-farm organics recycling and compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; establishing a solid waste disposal surcharge on the final disposal of solid waste in the State; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly yearly beginning December 31, 2027, on the grants awarded, and the impact on jobs creation, producers, and food waste reduction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, EN, and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 135 **Senator West**

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY–CLIENT PRIVILEGE

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 15-117 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 136 **Senator Folden**

EDUCATION – SAFE SCHOOLS FUND – GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Authorizing the reallocation of grants from the Safe Schools Fund to local school systems that have fully expended their grant allocation and demonstrate unmet need within the same fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-1508(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 137 **Senator Simonaire**

EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – VETERANS OF ARMED CONFLICTS

Authorizing certain individuals honorably discharged from military service to obtain a high school diploma if the individual 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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 138 **Senator Kagan**

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 139 **Senator Ellis**

STATE GOVERNMENT – LEGAL AND EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY – MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY

Establishing November 1 as Maryland Emancipation Day and as a State legal holiday and State employee holiday; and repealing the requirement that the Governor declare a certain day as Maryland Emancipation Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 1-111 - amended and § 7-420 - repealed and SP, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 140 **Senator Jackson**

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, §§ 7-416 through 7-421 - renumbered and § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 141 **Senator West****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCARCERATED SENIORS – MOTION TO REDUCE THE DURATION OF A SENTENCE**

Authorizing an individual who is at least 60 years old and has been imprisoned for at least 20 years to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence, unless the court has held a hearing on a similar motion in the preceding 5 years; and requiring a court to consider enumerated factors in determining whether to grant a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence and to issue its decision in writing or on the record in open court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 142 **Senator Sydnor****MARRIAGE – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION**

Clarifying that “spouse” includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; and establishing that a spouse, who is the alleged victim, is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 143 **Senator Rosapepe****STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – PROPERTY APPRAISAL AIDS – GEOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to prepare, install, and maintain certain appraisal aids that consist of a database of statewide and local geographic images; requiring the Department of General Services to procure for the State a certain uniform system needed for the installation and upkeep of the appraisal aids; and requiring each county and Baltimore City to reimburse the State for 100% of the costs of the database less than \$1,000,000 and 50% of the costs over \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, §§ 2-106(b) and (c) and 2-210 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 144 **Senator M. Washington****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS – AUTHORIZATION (MARYLAND LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT)**

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA and TG, Various Sections - amended and CA, §§ 1-502(g) and 4A-12A-01 through 4A-12A-22 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 145 **Senator Folden****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE RECORDS**

Establishing that certain records of elected officials are not personnel records for the purposes of inspection under the Public Information Act; and establishing that certain records of the State Ethics Commission and Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics are available for public inspection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 4-311, 5-407, and 5-517 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 146 **Senator James****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 147 Senator Simonaire

STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

Providing that the Governor appoint members of the State Board of Stationary Engineers with the advice and consent of the Senate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, § 6.5-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 148 Senator Ellis

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 149 Senator Hester

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS FROM EXTREME WEATHER (RENEW) ACT OF 2025

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, NR, PS, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended and EN, §§ 2-1701 through 2-1708 and SG, § 9-20B-05(i-2) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 150 **Senator Watson****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 151 **Senator A. Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – DISCIPLINARY RECORDS – USE IN ADMISSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from using an admissions application that contains questions about an applicant's disciplinary record, subject to certain exceptions; and authorizing an institution of higher education to make inquiries into and consider information about a student's disciplinary record for discipline related to academic dishonesty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 26-501, 26-503, and 26-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 152 **Senator West****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – CONVICTION AND SENTENCING**

Establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not include certain activities; establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense and shall be deemed an individual victim for purposes of the sentencing guidelines stacking rule; establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 10-603 - amended and § 10-627 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 153 **Senator Simonaire**SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE AND HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE – CODE REFERENCES – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions of law to reflect the renaming of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to be the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; altering certain provisions of law to reflect the renaming of the House Environmental Matters Committee to be the House Environment and Transportation Committee; altering certain provisions of law to reflect changes to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, BR, EC, ED, EL, EN, FL, HG, HO, HS, LE, LG, NR, PS, PU, SF, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 154 **Senators Hettleman and Guzzone**ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS – TASK FORCE TERMINATION
AND SPECIAL FUND

Making permanent distributions by the Comptroller from funds gained from abandoned property in the State to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; terminating the Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force on January 31, 2026; and making permanent an annual \$14,000,000 appropriation by the Governor from the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CL, § 17-317 - amended and RP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and renumbered

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 155 **Senators Bailey and Klausmeier****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS (LONG–TERM CARE RELIEF ACT OF 2025)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 156 **Senator Lewis Young****UNIVERSAL NEWBORN NURSE HOME VISITING SERVICES – PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT AND INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns residing in the State; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; requiring a report on the status of newborn nurse home visiting services by December 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, § 13-5501 and IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 157 **Senator Simonaire, 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: Finance

SB 158 **Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT –
NOTIFICATION AND DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL

Specifying the manner in which notice regarding an exercise of the decanting power or the sending of a document under the Maryland Trust Decanting Act is required to be provided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ET, § 14-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 159 **Senator Ellis**

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE FRUIT – AMERICAN PERSIMMON

Designating the American persimmon as the State fruit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 7-316 through 7-319 - renumbered and § 7-316 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 160 **Senator Waldstreicher****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE
– DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION**

Authorizing a seller and buyer of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that a buyer is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 10-715 and 14-117(e)(24) - added and § 14-117(e)(22) and (23) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 161 **Senator Benson****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DRIVER EDUCATION AND
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – FUNDING (DRIVER
EDUCATION AND CAREER EDUCATION ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring, for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations to the State Department of Education for the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc., in Prince George’s County for certain purposes related to driver education and career and technical education; and requiring the Department to hire an independent contractor to conduct an annual evaluation of the impact of the funding provided by the Act on increasing the number of career-ready students. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 162 **Senator Simonaire****AGRICULTURE – DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER
IDENTIFICATION, INSPECTION, AND SALE OF CANTALOUPE –
REPEAL**

Repealing the Department of Agriculture’s authority over the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 10-901 through 10-909 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 163 Senator M. Washington

HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE – REFERENCES TO MENTAL HEALTH

Replacing references to mental hygiene with references to mental health in certain provisions of law governing public health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 2-105(a), 10-208, 16-301, 16-303(b), and 24-1105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 164 Senator Kagan

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 165 Senators Lam and Hester

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 13 as Korean American Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Korean American Day properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 7-401 through 7-421 - renumbered and § 7-401 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 166 Senator Kramer

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AND POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATES

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants and postdoctoral associates at a system institution, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland; and establishing separate collective bargaining units for the graduate assistants and postdoctoral associates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 167 **Senator Hettleman****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 168 **Senator Simonaire****ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL ACT**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from processing or making any recommendation on a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell within 5 miles of a residential overburdened community; and prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell within 5 miles of a residential overburdened community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 5-1101(a) and 5-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 169 **Senator Klausmeier****STATE DESIGNATIONS – SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – FREEDOM FLAG**

Designating the Freedom Flag, designed and created by Richard Nicholas Melito of Richmond, Virginia, to memorialize the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, as the State symbol of remembrance for the attacks of September 11.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-319 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 170 **Senator West**

CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS EXPLOITATION

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, isolation, or any other means; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 8-524 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 171 **Senator Lam**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – PROCEDURES

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 172 **Senator Simonaire**

MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary's designee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-914(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 173 **Senators Klausmeier and Gile****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal demonstrate disablement for purposes of workers' compensation and are deemed to have hypertension for purposes of an occupational disease presumption for hypertension if certain requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 174 **Senator Benson****INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold multistate licenses to practice social work in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; and providing for withdrawal from the Compact.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 19-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 175 **Senators Lewis Young and Brooks****PUBLIC SAFETY – CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING FOR FUEL GAS PIPING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing that does not meet a certain International Code Council standard or is not proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; requiring certain tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings to meet a certain International Code Council standard or be proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; and providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027

BR, § 19-108 - added and PS, § 12-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 176 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AGRICULTURE – SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY PLAN – USES OF INFORMATION

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to use information from a soil conservation and water quality plan for certain enforcement actions and statistical purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 8-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 177 **Senator Hester**

PROCUREMENT – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CONTROL AUTHORITY – LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING

Altering the list of units exempt from the authority of the Board of Public Works to control procurement to include the State Department of Education for the purpose of master contracting; altering the list of units that are defined as designated procurement units to include the Department with respect to master contracts related to local food; authorizing the Department to engage in or control procurements of certain local food; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-136 - added and SF, §§ 12-101(a), 12-107(b)(4) and (5), 13-101(b), and 13-113(a) - amended and § 12-107(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 178 **Senator Simonaire**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 179 **Senator Smith****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE EXEMPTION – UNEMPLOYABLE DISABLED VETERANS**

Establishing that not more than one vehicle owned by, or leased to, an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 13-903(a)(9) and (10) - amended and § 13-903(a)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 180 **Senators West and Carozza****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following five years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of five years under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 181 **Senator Hettleman****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the incarcerated individual and the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by older incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 182 **Senator Simonaire****MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY – FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS**

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include a spouse or dependent of an eligible veteran.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-957 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 183 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – NOTIFICATION OF CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 2-205(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 184 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)****CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – LATE FEES AND REGISTRATION – SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

BR, § 6-407 - amended and § 6-418 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 185 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – STATE OFFICIALS OF AND CANDIDATES TO BE STATE OFFICIALS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Requiring the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, the Judicial Ethics Committee, or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure statements for candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available for public inspection the records and financial disclosure statements of State officials of and candidates to be State officials of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-104, 5-606, and 5-610 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 186 **Senator Bailey**

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 187 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

DRUNK DRIVING – COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES – DISQUALIFICATION FROM DRIVING

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify any individual from driving a commercial motor vehicle for 1 year if the individual, while holding a commercial instructional permit or commercial driver’s license, drives or attempts to drive any motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person’s blood or breath is 0.08 or greater.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 16-812(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 188 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM
AND FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the projects eligible for funding under the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program; altering the applicants eligible to apply for funding for certain projects under the Program; altering requirements for projects to purchase or install license readers; repealing certain requirements for projects to purchase or install camera networks; repealing minimum and maximum grant amounts under the Program; and expanding the authorized uses of the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1301, 6-1304, and 6-1307 - amended and §§ 6-1305 and 6-1306 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 189 **Senators Brooks and Hettleman**

EMINENT DOMAIN – AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS – PROHIBITED TAKING

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 12-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 190 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

LAND USE – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Maryland Department of Transportation to establish transit-oriented development (TOD) corridor funds financed by revenue from county special taxing districts to benefit transit-oriented development; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on certain land that is located within 0.5 miles of, or under certain circumstances, adjacent to, certain transit stations; exempting certain special taxes for the benefit of transit-oriented development from any county tax limitation or bond cap; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 4-104, LG, § 21-508(c), and TR, §§ 7-1203(c) and 7-1204(a) - amended and SF, § 11-203(l) and TR, §§ 7-1301 and 7-1302 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 191 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

FAMILY LAW – CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – UNLICENSED SETTINGS

Prohibiting a child in need of assistance from being placed in an unlicensed setting except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, §§ 5-501(m) and 5-506.1 - added and §§ 5-501(m) and 5-506(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 192 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – REVISIONS

Requiring that certain owner-occupied property be withheld from tax sale; requiring a county or municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property when the taxes consist only of a lien for unpaid water and sewer service; authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property designated for redevelopment purposes; altering the contents of certain statements required to be sent to an owner of property subject to tax sale; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 193 Senator Muse

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – MEMORIALS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 194 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – STATE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY

Increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property from less than 2,500 square feet to up to 5, 000 square feet; altering the time frame regarding State rental of building space from at least 30 days to 20 days before proposals for lease are due; and revising the platform for advertising a need of the State to rent building space by posting a publication on the Department’s website and eMaryland Marketplace.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 4-318(5) and 4-320 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 195 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT

Altering provisions relating to the commencement of a proceeding to hold a person in contempt of court for the person’s default in payment of periodic child or spousal support under the terms of a court order and provisions relating to the commencement of a contempt proceeding for failure to make a payment of child or spousal support under a court order; authorizing the Child Support Administration to take action to secure an assignment to the State of any rights to support on behalf of a child receiving foster care maintenance payments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, FL, and TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 196 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

PROCUREMENT – ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS – CLARIFICATION OF FEES DUE

Specifying that fees collected for electronic transactions for procurements are those due to the State and not any fees due to a third party.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 13-226 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 197 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 8-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 198 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – PRIORITIZATION (TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ACT OF 2025)

Altering the required elements of the Consolidated Transportation Program and Maryland Transportation Plan; requiring a certain advisory committee to advise the Department of Transportation on the Maryland Transportation Plan; requiring the Department to develop a certain project-based scoring system and solicit requests from certain entities for major surface transportation projects; requiring the Department to evaluate and score certain major surface transportation projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, §§ 2-103.1, 2-103.7, 2-203, 2-204(a) and (b), 2-205, 7-309(b), and 8-502 - amended and §§ 7-309(e) and 8-1101 through 8-1103 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 199 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM AND TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Providing that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, rather than the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, is responsible for payment to a physician, qualified health care provider, and hospital for providing certain services to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CP, §§ 11-1007(b) and 11-1008(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 200 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans)**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – RENAMING

Renaming the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to be the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans; and providing that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans is the successor of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 32-101(f), 35-101(b), and 35-201 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 201 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Removing officer-involved deaths from the information required to be provided by local law enforcement agencies and collected, analyzed, and reported by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy under a certain provision of law; altering the annual due dates for certain reports required to be submitted by the Office; repealing a certain periodic reporting requirement for the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center in the Governor's Office for Crime Prevention and Policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 3-507, 4-107, 4-401(d), and 4-1601(d) - amended and CP, §§ 10-219, 11-928(f), and 17-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 202 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATABASE SYSTEM, DNA COLLECTION, AND PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 2-504 and 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 203 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Creating an exception for vehicles carrying fluid milk products to the prohibition against driving a vehicle subject to an exceptional hauling permit on the interstate highway system; altering certain weight limits and tolerances under an exceptional hauling permit; altering the preventive maintenance documents that an individual operating under an exceptional hauling permit must possess; and altering certain record-keeping requirements and the application of certain administrative penalties under an exceptional hauling permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 24-113.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 204 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

PROPERTY TAX – DEADLINE TO SET COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TAX RATES – ALTERATION

Altering, from July 1 to June 1, the deadline by which the governing body of a county or municipal corporation is required to set its property tax rate for the next taxable year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TP, §§ 6-302(a) and 6-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 205 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

HUMAN SERVICES – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; and expanding the definition of “health practitioner” to include certain emergency medical services providers in certain provisions of law relating to adult protective services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 1-201 and FL, §§ 14-101(g) and 14-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 206 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Prevention and Policy)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT COLLECTION, TESTING, AND TRACKING GRANT FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the name of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund to be the Rape Kit Collection, Testing, and Tracking Grant Fund; revising the purpose of the Fund to provide law enforcement agencies with multiyear funding to pay for testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits; authorizing the Fund to be used for equipment, supplies, personnel, and outsourcing necessary to test sexual assault evidence collection kits collected before or after the establishment of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 207 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

DRUNK AND DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND FAILURE TO REMAIN AT THE SCENE – REVOCATION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke the driver’s license of a person who has been convicted of, or been granted probation before judgment for, impaired driving that contributes to an accident, or fails to remain at the scene of an accident, that results in the death or life-threatening injury to another person; authorizing a person whose driver’s license is revoked under the Act or for homicide by motor vehicle while impaired to apply for license reinstatement after a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, §§ 16-205(b), 16-208(b), and 16-404.1(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 208 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities; providing the purpose of the Program is to increase access to assistive technology services and devices for individuals with disabilities, support the State’s efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages, including underrepresented populations, and ensure statewide access to assistive technology lending libraries; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 7-114(b) - amended and §§ 7-1201 through 7-1205 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 209 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORT

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report with information regarding the Commission to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, § 16-802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 210 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLLS, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES – TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENTS

Increasing from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status determination authorizing the temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, or other charges by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 4-312(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 211 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL CONFORMITY – DEFINITIONS OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

Altering certain definitions of “health benefit plan” to conform to federal regulatory requirements for hospital indemnity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-1201(i)(3)(ix), 15-1301(l)(2)(iv), 15-1401(h)(2)(iii), and 31-101(g)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 212 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING SERVICES – PROGRAM REPEAL AND CONSOLIDATION**

Repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities of the Committee to the Department of Aging; authorizing the Department to enter into agreements and contracts, adopt regulations, and adopt policies and procedures to implement and coordinate services to older adults; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, Various Sections - repealed and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 213 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**HEALTH – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT FUND – USE**

Altering from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027, the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for expenses associated with maternal and child health population health improvements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 19-210 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 214 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)**CANNABIS – SALE AND DISTRIBUTION – TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL OFFENSES**

Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10–108 of the Criminal Law Article; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 1-313 and 6-207 - amended and § 36-1104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 215 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)**

CANNABIS – ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS AND CANNABIS EVENTS

Limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration to hold certain cannabis events; providing certain fees for a cannabis event registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, §§ 36-101(c-1) and (ee-1) and 36-407.1 - added and §§ 36-101(i), 36-404(g)(3), and 36-407 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 216 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSING – LOAN REPAYMENT, EDUCATION, AND SUNSET EXTENSION (BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES ACT OF 2025)

Altering the name of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to be the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and altering the purpose of the Program; altering certain education requirements for licensure in registered nursing and licensure by endorsement in registered nursing; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain period of time; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, HO, and Various Chapters, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 217 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATION AND SUNSET EXTENSIONS**

Continuing certain health occupations boards and the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and Committee; and altering the membership of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HO, §§ 2-502, 6-202(a), 6-602, 12-802, 17-6A-31, and 17-702 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 218 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES – SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION FOR WORKPLACE FRAUD**

Requiring, under certain circumstances, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to notify a licensing authority when a licensee is found in violation of certain workplace fraud provisions; requiring licensing authorities to suspend or revoke the licenses of licensees who are reported by the Commissioner; and establishing certain appeal and license reinstatement procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-912 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 219 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)**UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND – ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS – AMOUNT**

Altering, from 1% to up to 2%, the additional percentage the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board may direct the Workers' Compensation Commission to assess on awards and settlements if the Board determines that the reserves of the Fund are inadequate to meet anticipated losses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, § 9-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 220 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION –
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES – MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING

Repealing a requirement that the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission and the Comptroller of Maryland enter into a memorandum of understanding for cooperative activities in inspections and other enforcement activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 1-321 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 221 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)

CANNABIS – WHOLESALER LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a cannabis wholesaler license; and altering the maximum fee certain applicants for cannabis licenses must pay for initial licensing or renewal of licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 36-101(kk), 36-401(d) and (e), 36-403(c) and (d), and 36-404(f) and (g)(1) - amended and §§ 36-101(kk) and 36-412 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 222 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

PUBLIC HEALTH – CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 13-4502(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 223 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – SOCIAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Renaming the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program to be the Social Connections Program; repealing certain provisions of law related to the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program; establishing the Social Connections Program to provide certain communication to eligible older adults to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement; authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 3.5-701 and 3.5-702 and HU, § 7-806(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 224 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**OPIOID–ASSOCIATED DISEASE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS – APPEALS AND MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Authorizing a local health department or community–based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary’s designee rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-902, 24-904, and 24-905 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 225 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – APPLICATION YEAR AND PARTICIPATION OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing an optional self-employed enrollment program governing the participation of self-employed individuals in the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; repealing certain requirements related to the payment of contributions to the Program by participating self-employed individuals; excluding participating self-employed individuals from certain provisions of law governing the payment of benefits under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

LE, §§ 8.3-101(b), 8.3-201, 8.3-601, and 8.3-703(a) and (b)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 226 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES FUND – PURPOSE AND USE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund to match purchases made with FMNP, SNAP, and WIC benefits at certain farmers markets and farm stands, support nonprofit farmers markets by providing logistical and marketing support to increase the use of federal nutrition programs at these markets, and to support nonprofit organizations or other responsible persons to implement the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 10-2003 and 10-2004 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 227 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers’ Fund)

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PAYMENT FROM UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND – REVISIONS

Altering the process by which an award is payable from the Uninsured Employers’ Fund; requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to make the Fund a party to a claim filed against an uninsured employer; authorizing a covered employee or the dependents of a covered employee to apply to the Director of the Fund for payment from the Fund; altering requirements related to notice of claims, payment of awards, and reimbursement of awards; and requiring the Fund to pay certain additional awards under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, § 9-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 228 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE – QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

Altering certain requirements relating to programs of instruction for applicants for certain limited lines credit insurance licenses; and requiring the insurer that provides the program of instruction to retain records relating to the program of instruction while in use and for a period of at least 5 years after its last use.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, §§ 10-104 and 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 229 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – USER FEE ASSESSMENT – REPEAL OF SUNSET

Repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law related to the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Chapters 696 and 697 of the Acts of 2022, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 230 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

HUMAN SERVICES – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
– AUDITS

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless it is determined more audits are required, with which the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services conducts or contracts for financial and compliance audits of local departments of social services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, § 3-602 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 231 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT –
ALTERATIONS

Repealing the condition that must be met for a certain exclusive representative to meet with a new employee by video or similar technology; providing that a certain employee organization has the right to membership dues deductions until the employee organization ceases to be the exclusive representative of a bargaining unit; altering certain requirements for the deputy directors appointed by the Public Employee Relations Board; and altering certain procedures regarding the timing of exclusive representation elections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 22-207(b)(4), 22-209(d)(1), 22-305, 22-307, and
22-405(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 232 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS – RESTORATION AND RECEIPT OF BENEFITS AND USE AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

Requiring, subject to a certain provision of law, the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to the fraudulent use of the beneficiary's Electronic Benefits Transfer card and restore the benefits without further action from the household; requiring, on or before January 1, 2026, each operator of an automated teller machine to ensure that the machine has the functionality to process and dispense cash from an Electronic Benefits Transfer card; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HU, §§ 5-609 and 5-610 and FI, § 1-401(d) - amended and FI, § 1-407 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 233 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – DISPENSERS – VETERINARIANS

Altering the definition of “dispenser” for purposes of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include certain licensed veterinarians when dispensing controlled substances in the usual course of providing professional services; and providing that the Program is not required to disclose prescription drug monitoring data to veterinarians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 21-2A-01 and 21-2A-06(b)(2) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 234 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOMELESS SHELTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a homeless shelter certification program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to develop certain operational and building standards for homeless shelters and minimum standards for the protection of the rights of shelter residents; and requiring the operator of a homeless shelter to participate in a certain Homeless Management Information System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1401 through 6-1408 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 235 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT RESTORE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Project Restore Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development; authorizing the Department to distribute Program funds to certain place-based community development organizations and units of local governments; requiring certain recipients of Program funds to distribute subgrants to certain qualified entities; and specifying the eligible uses of Program funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 6-1401 through 6-1403 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 236 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MODERNIZATION

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to submit certain information to the Secretary of Planning under certain circumstances; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 2-303(d), EN, § 9-507(b), and SF, §§ 5-306, 5-307, 5-503, and 5-7A-02 - amended and SF, §§ 5-311, 5-407, and 5-502 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 237 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)

STATE GOVERNMENT – VETERANS – BURIAL AT STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES (BURIAL EQUITY ACT)

Expanding eligibility for burial in a State veterans' cemetery to include members of the National Guard and the military reserves; removing the residency requirement for certain veterans for burial in a State veterans' cemetery; and establishing a burial fee equal to the annual plot allowance established by the National Cemetery Administration for National Guard and military reserves service members and their eligible dependents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-906(a), (f), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 238 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM – LOCAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, §§ 4-901(e), 4-911, and 4-914 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 239 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN AND ASSESSMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a duplicative provision of law requiring each county government, local school system, and local health department, in consultation with the local emergency manager, to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment in a manner and frequency established by the Department of Information Technology.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 3.5-405 - repealed and §§ 3.5-406 and 3.5-407 - renumbered

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 240 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AND YOUNG FARMERS

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for purposes of communicating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission issues relating to young and beginning farmers in the State; and repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 2-201, 2-202, and 2-203(a) and (c) - amended, § 2-206 - added, and §§ 2-1001 through 2-1005 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 241 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

CYBER MARYLAND PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Transferring the Cyber Maryland Program from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Labor; altering the duties of the Program; altering the purposes for which the Cyber Maryland Fund may be used; repealing certain funding requirements related to the Program; and altering the membership of the Cyber Maryland Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EC, § 10-491 - transferred and LE, § 11-1701 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 242 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MARYLAND
DIGITAL SERVICE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Digital Service within the Department of Information Technology to support improved service delivery to Maryland residents and agency staff through user-centered design, software development, and product management best practices; requiring the Service to assist units of State government to prioritize the development and procurement of user-friendly, accessible, and multilingual digital platforms to ensure that all Maryland residents can easily access and use government services and information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, §§ 3.5-901 through 3.5-905 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 243 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – RESEARCH DUTIES AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON BLACK MALES – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs conduct research, make recommendations, and submit a certain report on certain areas relating to black males; and repealing the authorization that the Special Secretary of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs create an Advisory Committee on Black Males.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 9-303.2 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 244 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY REVISIONS

Altering the duties of the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the duties of the Office of Security Management in the Department of Information Technology; altering the content of a certain report on the activities of the Office and the state of cybersecurity preparedness in the State; and altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies and a statewide cybersecurity strategy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 14-104.1(b) and SF, §§ 3.5-2A-04 and 3.5-303(a)(1) and (5) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 245 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS – SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 4-414 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 246 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST – ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Expanding the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include providing monetary and other assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families; and authorizing the Maryland Veterans Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-913(b) and 9-914.2(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 247 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – ISSUANCE OF LOANS AND ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue loans, in addition to grants, for certain purposes relating to reducing direct greenhouse gas emissions from certain multifamily residential buildings; and expanding the sources of savings that the Department may include when calculating the achievement of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HS, § 4-211(d) and PU, § 7-224(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 248 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Service and Civic Innovation)

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION – MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM SERVICE YEAR OPTION PATHWAYS – REVISIONS

Altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor’s Volunteer Council to be the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; and repealing the Executive Fellows Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 21-106(b)(5) and (8), 21-204(d)(6) and (7), 21-205, 21-206, 21-209, 21-301, and 21-302 - amended and § 21-306 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 249 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

PESTICIDE AND PEST CONTROL – REVISIONS TO PESTICIDE APPLICATOR’S LAW AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS

Establishing requirements for the commercial application of general use pesticides, the commercial application of restricted use pesticides, and the private application of restricted use pesticides; requiring a certified private applicator to ensure that certain individuals working under the certified applicator’s supervision meet certain requirements; specifying the responsibility and liability of certified applicators for the application of certain pesticides; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, §§ 5-209, 5-210.5, and 5-901 through 5-906 - repealed and § 5-209 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 250 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – FEES, PENALTIES, FUNDING, AND REGULATION

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to establish by regulation a fee for the Responsible Personnel Training Program Certification; requiring a holder of a license to transfer oil into the State to pay a certain fee when oil owned by the licensee is first transferred into the State; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EN, Various Sections - added, amended, repealed, & renumbered & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. & 205. - amended & § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 251 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – TRAINING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS – REVISIONS

Altering the format of training on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided by the State Ethics Commission to certain State employees and regulated lobbyists to be either through online training or live presentation; and altering the scope of disclosure for the employment of an individual or a member of the individual's immediate family reported in a financial disclosure statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-205(d) and (e), 5-505(c)(2)(i), and 5-607(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 252 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

CHILD CARE CENTERS – CERTIFICATED STAFF RATIO REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-404(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 253 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE FACILITY PERMIT – RESEARCH FACILITIES – CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 7-239.1 through 7-239.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 254 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES – BOARD AND COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide oversight of the War Memorial Building; altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund Board of Trustees; altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission; and repealing the War Memorial Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-932 through 9-939 - repealed, § 9-908.1 - added, and §§ 9-914, 9-914.1, and 9-917 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 255 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – CHIEF OF STAFF AND AIDES – APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; and establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 13-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 256 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING

Altering an annual compliance fee paid by certain owners of covered buildings under certain circumstances to include the energy use attributable to the building's failure to meet certain energy targets; requiring certain regulations to include a certain annual reporting fee to cover certain costs; and requiring the Department of the Environment to deposit alternative compliance fees into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 2-1602(c) and SG, § 9-20B-05(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 257 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – NOTICE TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, § 9-311.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 258 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING LICENSES AND STAMPS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the fees for resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses, angler's licenses, and trout stamps; and repealing the exemption from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp under certain circumstances for a holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

NR, §§ 4-216, 4-604, and 4-614 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 259 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – ELECTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 2-303.1, 2-304, and 10-301.1(d) through (h) - amended and § 10-301.1(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 260 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – FORMS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that certain departments or units of State government annually submit a report on the management of forms to the Department of General Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 10-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 261 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORT

Continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

BOP, § 2-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 262 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; authorizing the resolution of a county council establishing the date of a special election to fill a vacancy in the county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive to direct that a special primary election not be held and that the vacancy be filled solely through a special general election; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 8-202(a), 8-401(a) and (b), 9-502(a) and (d), and 9-504(a) - amended and §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 263 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – LICENSE RESTORATION

Extending from 90 days to 4 years the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 9A-309(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 264 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

PLANT DISEASE CONTROL – NURSERIES – INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION, AND LICENSING FEES

Increasing the inspection fee that a nursery is required to pay to the Secretary of Agriculture in a specified manner; increasing the annual certification fee that a nursery is required to pay from \$100 to \$150; and increasing the annual license fee that a broker or dealer is required to pay from \$100 to \$150.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 265 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining “Reservoir Augmentation” as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; providing for the modification, renewal, denial, or revocation of a reservoir augmentation permit under the Program; and requiring certain revenues to be used for the operation and oversight of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 1-601(a), 9-301, and 9-320(b) and Chapters 122 and 123 of the Acts of 2023, § 3 - amended and EN, § 9-303.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 266 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY – PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Altering the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; and requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LU, § 1-201 and SF, §§ 5-7A-01 and 5-7B-05(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 267 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY – PROCESS

Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EL, § 4-102(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 268 **Senator Brooks**

HIGHER EDUCATION – UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS – OUT-OF-STATE TUITION EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

Altering, from 3 years to 2 years, the number of years before an academic year for which an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes to be eligible to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 15-106.8(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 8, 2025

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Senator McCray

RATIFYING THE FEDERAL CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Ratifying the federal Child Labor Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by U.S. House Joint Resolution 184 of 1924, to provide the U.S. Congress with the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18 years.

Assigned to: Finance