



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 31, 2025
Schedule 18

PLEASE NOTE: February 3 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *January 27, 2025*

SB 703 Senator McCray

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS – CHILD SUPPORT

Requiring that all child support received in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program and prohibiting the consideration of child support in computing the amount of assistance received; and prohibiting a local department of social services from considering any child support collected when computing the amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to provide.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, §§ 5-310(a) and 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 704 **Senator Hester**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct an evaluation on the use and potential use of artificial intelligence in public schools; requiring that the evaluation consist of a survey of local school systems and a review of available systems that use artificial intelligence to assist with student learning; requiring the Department of Information Technology to assist the State Department of Education in performing its review; and requiring the Department to issue a final report on the results of the evaluation by December 15, 2026.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 705 **Senator Hester**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – REPORTING GUIDELINES

Altering the content of certain reports by the Department of Information Technology relating to the Information Technology Investment Fund; and requiring the reports to be written, as practicable, in a manner that is clear and avoids technical jargon, structured to include an executive summary of key information, and made publicly available on the Department's website.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SF, § 3.5-309(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 706 **Senators Zucker and Guzzone****GAMING – PROBLEM GAMBLING – PREVALENCE STUDY AND FUND REVENUE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling, with an initial study to be completed on or before July 1, 2030; requiring the Secretary of Health, on or before November 1 each year, beginning in 2026, to submit a report to the General Assembly on how the funds in the Problem Gambling Fund have been expended on treatment and prevention programs; and altering the distribution of certain fantasy competition and sports wagering proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HG, § 19-804 and SG, §§ 9-1D-04 and 9-1E-12(b) - amended and SG, § 9-1A-33(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 707 **Senator Zucker****VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – REPEAL OF TIME LIMITATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 22-406(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 708 **Senator Zucker****SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF SPORTS WAGERING CONTENT – REQUIRED**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-1E-17(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 709 **Senators Waldstreicher and Jackson****CRIMINAL LAW – MASKED INTIMIDATION – PROHIBITION
(UNMASK HATE ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally harassing, intimidating, or threatening another person while hiding or concealing their face; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of up to \$500 or both for a first offense, and for subsequent offenses, imprisonment of up to 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or both; and establishing certain affirmative defenses for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-810 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 710 **Senator King****CRIMINAL LAW – MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL
NEGLIGENCE**

Prohibiting a person from driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; and providing that driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a negligent manner does not constitute a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-212.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 711 **Senator McKay****OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECREATION
OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board to advise the Secretary of Natural Resources on the operation, acquisition, regulation, and general oversight of off-highway recreational vehicle trails and recreation in the State and to review certain expenditures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-1011.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 712 **Senator Brooks**

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATOR MEMBERS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include an educational support member who is actively working in a public school as a noncertificated, nonsupervisory public school employee and an administrator member, that may be a principal, an assistant principal, or any other administrative level; and providing for the qualifications, terms, powers, and elections of the new members.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 713 **Senator Brooks**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – MANDATORY DISCLOSURES FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS (INFORMED ENROLLMENT ACT)

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 15-140 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 714 Senator Brooks**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DISCIPLINE–RELATED DATA – COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate certain discipline–related data in an electronic spreadsheet format for the Department’s website, make the data available to the public, and report certain discipline–related information each year; and requiring the Department to maintain a certain risk ratio and State comparison threshold used to identify a school’s disproportional disciplinary practices and report disproportionality data for high–suspending schools.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 715 Senators Brooks and Watson**STUDENT SERVICE HOURS – FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 716 Senator Brooks, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – NUCLEAR ENERGY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND PROCUREMENT (DECARBONIZATION INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2025)**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard; including nuclear energy generated by certain nuclear energy reactors as a Tier 1 renewable source; establishing a certified nuclear renewable energy credit for use in meeting certain renewable energy portfolio standard requirements; establishing a procurement process for the Public Service Commission to evaluate and approve an application for nuclear energy generation projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 717 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – SALARIES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS – INCREASE**

Increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 2-333(b)(1) and PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, §§ 2-101(b) and 9-104(a) - amended

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

SB 718 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025 EDITION
– LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 719 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – EMERGENCY SERVICES
TAX**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to impose an emergency services tax on all property subject to the county property tax to pay costs of emergency services; prohibiting the county commissioners from initially imposing or subsequently increasing an emergency services tax until after a public hearing is held; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 7-401 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 720 **Senators Augustine and Lam****HOSPITALS – CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEES AND PLANS – ESTABLISHMENT (SAFE STAFFING ACT OF 2025)**

Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee for developing a clinical staffing plan for the hospital that establishes the appropriate number of clinicians needed to administer quality health care by setting and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring each clinical staffing committee to implement a clinical staffing plan beginning January 1, 2026; and requiring the clinical staffing plan be posted on the hospital’s website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 19-388 through 19-390 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 721 **Senator Henson****FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT**

Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, 4-506(k) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 722 **Senators Henson and Augustine****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION**

Defining the term “ecological restoration” as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through specified measures; and requiring the Department of the Environment to update its regulations, as appropriate, to incorporate the definition of ecological restoration or be consistent with the definition of ecological restoration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 1-1001 and 1-1002 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 723 **Senators Feldman and Kagan****PUBLIC ETHICS – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BLIND TRUST – GOVERNOR**

Requiring the Governor to place certain interests into a certain certified blind trust or divest of certain interests within 6 months after taking the oath of office; requiring the Governor to enter into a nonparticipation agreement with the State Ethics Commission for any interests not included in a blind trust; requiring a certain business entity to report to the Ethics Commission any interest held in the business entity by the Governor or a restricted individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, §§ 5-501(t), 5-301, 5-303, and 5-903 and SG, § 3-204 - amended and GP, § 5-501.1 and SF, § 5-17-503 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 724 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES – HEIR–OCCUPIED PROPERTY AND REGISTRY**

Authorizing the tax collector in Baltimore City to withhold from tax sale certain property occupied by an heir of a deceased owner of the property; requiring certain property occupied by an heir of a deceased owner of the property to be withheld from tax sale in Baltimore City; requiring Baltimore City to establish a registry for interested parties to designate property to be withheld from tax sale under certain provisions of law; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TP, § 14-811(a), (b), and (h) - amended and § 14-811(j) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 725 **Senator Ellis****CHARLES COUNTY – GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE AND VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS**

Authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation license and up to 1,500 additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery facility in Charles County on a vessel on the Potomac River that can be accessed by the pier in Colonial Beach, Virginia; and authorizing the Governor to reconstitute the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission for the purpose of awarding the license.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 9-1A-05(a) and 9-1A-36(f), (h)(1), (i)(1), (r)(1), and (t) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 726 **Senator Ellis****CANNABIS LICENSEES – BONA FIDE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND LABOR PEACE AGREEMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to consider certain factors in determining if a labor organization is a “bona fide labor organization”; requiring a cannabis licensee, under certain circumstances, to execute a certain labor peace agreement and to maintain and abide by the agreement; authorizing a certain labor organization to file a protest with the Administration against the renewal of a cannabis license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AB, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 727 **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT**

Requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide at least 10 years’ notice and hold a certain public hearing at least 5 years before taking any action that results in a certain displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation services in Charles County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-811 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 728 **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING**

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium in Charles County and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association in Charles County to successfully complete a certain training curriculum on the responsibilities of a member of the governing body, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, §§ 11-109 and 11B-106.1(g) - amended and § 11B-106.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 729 Charles County Senators**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – COUNTY GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Authorizing a county to apply for the appointment of special police officers in order to protect the county's employees and public officials while present in the county; and authorizing a certain special police officer employed by a county to exercise the powers of a police officer under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 3-303 and 3-307 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 730 Charles County Senators**GAMING – CHARLES COUNTY GAMING PERMIT REVIEW BOARD – REPEAL**

Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 731 Charles County Senators**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BASEBALL STADIUM LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 18-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 732 **Senator Love****SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMITS – PER– AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES – CONCENTRATION LIMITS**

Requiring certain sewage sludge utilization permits issued or renewed by the Department of the Environment to limit the concentration of certain per– and polyfluoroalkyl substances to 1 microgram per kilogram, the level established in certain health–based standards, or the level established by the Department under the Act; establishing requirements for the demonstration of compliance with the limits established under the Act; and authorizing the Department to establish certain additional limits by regulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 9-231.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 733 **Senator King****CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – GENDER–NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**

Altering terminology in the Maryland Constitution that refers to constitutional officers to be gender–neutral.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, Art. V, Art. VI, and Art. IX, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 734 **Senator McKay****BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSING – DEFINITION OF STORAGE WAREHOUSE**

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self–service storage facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 17-1201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 735 **Senator Folden, et al****REAL TIME FOR VIOLENT CRIME ACT (GERI'S LAW)**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, §§ 3-702, 3-708, and 11-502 and CP, § 5-202 - amended and CS, § 11-507.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 736 **Senator Folden****NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE DAMAGE PREVENTION AND REIMBURSEMENT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Wildlife Damage Prevention and Reimbursement Fund to reimburse a person for damage caused by deer, geese, and other wildlife to crops and other agricultural products; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept requests for grants from the Fund for projects that seek to prevent damage caused by deer, geese, or other wildlife; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of at least \$50,000 to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 10-423.2 - added

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

SB 737 **Senator Folden****PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2025**

Prohibiting certain persons from exercising a right of condemnation to acquire property for the purpose of constructing a power line or a generating station that produces electricity from wind energy or solar energy; and prohibiting the State or any of its instrumentalities or political subdivisions from acquiring by condemnation property that is encumbered by certain conservation easements or will be used for the construction of a power line or a certain generating station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 7-103, 7-207(b), and 7-208(b) - amended and § 7-207.1(h) - added and RP, § 12-101(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 738 Senator Folden**FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON BEER AND WINE LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from 5 ounces to 6.5 ounces of wine by the glass that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a certain customer for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 20-1001.3 and 20-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 739 Senator Folden**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS AND VICTIMS**

Authorizing a police officer to arrest a certain person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person battered another person with whom the person has had a sexual relationship within the past year; and altering the definition of “victim of domestic violence” in provisions relating to a certain domestic violence program to include an individual who has received certain injuries from another individual with whom the individual has had a sexual relationship within the past year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 2-204(a) and FL, § 4-513 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 740 Senator Folden**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – WARRIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS (SFC MATTHEW FAST ACT FOR WARRIOR HEALTHCARE)**

Requiring each health care facility to screen each patient for information on whether the patient is a warrior community member, include on the patient’s medical record whether the patient is a warrior community member, and meet certain standards established by The Joint Commission for the purpose of improving health care equity for warrior community members; and defining “warrior community member” to mean a service member, a veteran, a certain spouse, a certain child, or a certain stepchild.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-2501 and 24-2502 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 741 **Senators Lam and Augustine****FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**

Altering the circumstances under which a certificate of need for changing bed capacity in a health care facility is required; establishing the Workgroup on Forensic Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Workgroup to develop a certain form to be used by judges in a proceeding related to incompetency to stand trial; establishing the Forensic Mental Health Treatment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring courts to remit certain fines and monetary penalties into the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 24-2501 and 24-2502 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added and CP, HG, and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

SB 742 **Senator Smith****VEHICLE LAWS – INSPECTION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require the biennial inspection of certain motor vehicles that are at least 6 model years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-103 - amended and § 23-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 743 **Senator Smith****CIVIL ACTIONS – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION –
LIMITATION OF TORT LIABILITY**

Limiting the liability of the Maryland Transit Administration as to a tort action to \$400,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 7-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 744 **Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HEARING NOTICE**

Altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; and providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 22-209 and 22-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 745 **Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSE – RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 22-1005.2(k) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 746 **Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES – GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITIES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; and clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward the maximum number of nine Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 22-1607 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 747 **Senators Kramer and Lam****TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION OF OPERATORS – POLICY AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

Altering the definitions of “transportation network company” and “transportation network operator” for purposes of provisions of law regarding transportation network companies; requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator unless the deactivation is consistent with the company’s deactivation policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 10-101(l) and (m) and 10-401 - amended and § 10-409 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 748 **Senator Kramer****PUBLIC HEALTH – ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS – INFORMATION ON PREVALENCE AND TREATMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 18-110 - amended and § 18-111 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 749 **Senator Kramer****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – APPLICANTS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; and requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board of Dental Examiners if the applicant pays the application fee and provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets all qualifications and requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 4-306 - amended and § 4-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 750 **Senator Kramer**

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty at certain State institutions of higher education; establishing separate collective bargaining units for faculty and contingent, contractual, or temporary faculty; and authorizing the bargaining units to combine into a single bargaining unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 22-101(d) and SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and (12) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 751 **Senator Henson**

HEALTH FACILITIES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – FAMILY COUNCILS

Providing for the composition of a family council for certain assisted living programs; authorizing a family council to be created and, under certain circumstances, led by the owner, operator, or staff of an assisted living program; requiring certain assisted living programs to give new and prospective residents information about the family council; requiring certain assisted living programs to respond in writing to certain communications from the family council within 14 calendar days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 19-1815 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 752 **Senator Kramer**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2025

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to determine and make available online the State annual average wage applicable to the rate of contribution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LE, §§ 8-607(b), (c), and (d)(1) and 8-804 - amended and § 8-803 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 753 **Senator Kramer****OFFSHORE WIND TURBINES AND ACCESSORY INSTALLATIONS –
AIRCRAFT DETECTION LIGHTING SYSTEMS**

Requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, that any wind turbine and accessory installation associated with a qualified offshore wind project or an offshore wind transmission project be installed with an aircraft detection lighting system approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-218 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 754 **Senator Kramer****COMMERCIAL FINANCING – SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN LENDING
ACT**

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to certain disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FI, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1214 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 755 **Senator A. Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE –
STUDENTS IN INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE RELATIONSHIPS**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to consider students who are in informal kinship care relationships as independent for the purpose of qualifying for certain student financial assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 18-303 and 18-303.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 756 **Senator A. Washington****ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GAS COMPANIES, GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES, AND WATER COMPANIES – PERIODIC AUDITS**

Requiring each electric company, gas company, gas and electric company, and water company in the State to submit an audit of utility operations, customer usage, and customer billing to the Public Service Commission every 3 months beginning December 31, 2026; and requiring the Commission to post the audit on its website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 757 **Senator A. Washington****GENETIC TESTING – PROHIBITION ON DISABILITY, LIFE, AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 27-909.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 758 **Senator Kagan****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTIONS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Establishing certain requirements for elections of the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association; requiring that the governing body of a condominium accommodate unit owner organizing activities relating to the governance of the condominium; prohibiting unit owners and lot owners from being charged for examining certain records of the condominium or homeowners association in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 11B-118 - renumbered, §§ 11-109(c)(17) through (22) and 11B-118 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 759 **Senator Kagan****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 760 **Senator Feldman****BETTER SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT OF 2025**

Exempting from certain requirements relating to offering health benefit plans to small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization located in the State.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-1201(i)(2), 15-1202(b), 15-1204.1, and 31-101(aa) - amended and § 15-1201(r-1) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 761 **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****MOTOR VEHICLES – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS –
AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing civil penalties issued under an automated traffic enforcement program to be included in an installment payment plan agreement with the clerk of the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 7-504.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 762 **Senator McKay**

LAW ENFORCEMENT – RECORDS OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION – EXPUNGEMENT

Requiring a certain record relating to an administrative investigation of misconduct by a police officer to be expunged under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 3-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 763 **Senator McKay**

GARRETT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of “hotel” for purposes of the hotel rental tax in Garrett County to include a transient vacation rental unit; requiring certain short-term rental platforms and managers to perform certain duties and be subject to certain penalties related to the collection and remittance of the hotel rental tax; altering the rate of interest on unpaid county hotel rental tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

LG, §§ 20-401 and 20-425 - amended and § 20-405.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 764 **Senator Zucker, et al**

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

GP, § 7-326 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 765 **Senator Zucker, et al****OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDERS – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN – EXEMPTION**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt regulations setting the maximum number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement provider; and establishing an exemption from the limitation on the number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement provider under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

FL, § 5-525.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 766 **Senator Jackson****DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – JURISDICTION**

Altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 4-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 767 **Senator Jackson****CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Providing that full-time deputy sheriffs and correctional deputies at the rank of major and below in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office have the right to organize and negotiate with the County Commissioners of Calvert County and the Calvert County Sheriff with regard to certain wages and employee health care premium share in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 2-318(c)(1) - amended and § 2-318(h) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 768 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP
– CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 20-206(g), 25-201, and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 769 **Senator Guzzone****COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION EXPANSION PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program in the State Department of Education to provide funding to eligible schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision of the child nutrition programs.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-606 - added

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

SB 770 **Senator Gile****APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH
MINORS – REQUIRED INFORMATION, REVIEW PROCESS, AND
REPORTING – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information; requiring county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information relating to certain boundary-violating behavior; requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to follow certain procedures when hiring certain applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-113.2 - amended and § 6-113.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 771 **Senator Gile****PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS – INSURANCE AND LIABILITY**

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a peer-to-peer car sharing program's motor vehicle liability insurance policy on a replacement vehicle to be secondary coverage for a shared vehicle driver; altering certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; providing that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is not required to provide coverage to a shared vehicle drive for the use of a shared vehicle that is not a replacement vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

IN, § 10-6A-05 - repealed and IN, § 19-520 and TR, §§ 18.5-102, 18.5-108, and 21-202.1(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 772 **Senator Gile, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include a son, daughter, or stepchild or surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who is or was eligible for the Chapter 35 Dependent Education Assistance benefit; and authorizing certain methods for verifying eligibility of these individuals for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 18-601(d)(2) and (f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 773 **Senator Hershey****HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – CALCULATION OF COST SHARING CONTRIBUTION – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts paid by or on behalf of an enrollee or a beneficiary when calculating the enrollee's or beneficiary's contribution to a cost sharing requirement for certain health care services; requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts for certain high-deductible health plans after an enrollee or a beneficiary satisfies a certain requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-118.1 and 15-1611.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 774 **Senators Hershey and Zucker****PROPERTY TAX – VALUATION OF OPERATING PROPERTY OF RURAL BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, subject to certain limitations, to use a certain method when determining the value of the operating property of a provider of rural broadband service; authorizing the Department to use a certain replacement cost approach only if the value determined is less than the value determined using a certain income approach; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 8-109 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 775 **Senators Kagan and Jackson****WORKGROUP TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE 3-1-1 NONEMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3-1-1 Nonemergency Telephone System; requiring the Workgroup to review a certain study completed by the Department of Information Technology in order to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the study; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 776 Senator Beidle**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE RISE IN ADVERSE DECISIONS IN THE STATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to review existing State adverse decision reporting requirements for all health payers in the State and make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

SB 777 Howard County Senators**HOWARD COUNTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS HO. CO. 4–25**

Requiring that the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association in Howard County include certain funds; requiring that certain funds for the reserve account of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association in Howard County be deposited by a certain day each fiscal year; 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 778 Senator Gallion**ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring an owner, lessor, lessee, or operator of an agricultural building to apply to the Department for an exemption from certain building energy performance standards.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, § 2-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 779 **Senator Gallion, et al****CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025**

Specifying that certain requirements under the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are to be carried out to the extent economically practicable, including requirements concerning achieving certain direct greenhouse gas emissions reductions from certain buildings, measuring and reporting direct emissions data to the Department of the Environment, achieving certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and achieving zero-emission vehicle goals relating to the State vehicle fleet and local school buses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, §§ 2-1505(e), 2-1505, and 2-1602(a) and (b), LE, § 3-416, PS, § 12-503, and SF, §§ 4-810 and 14-418 - amended

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

SB 780 **Senator Gallion, et al****PREKINDERGARTEN – 3-YEAR-OLDS – PRIVATE PROVIDERS
(PARENTAL CHOICE FOR PREKINDERGARTEN ACT)**

Altering the definition of “Tier I child” for purposes of publicly provided prekindergarten to not include 3-year-olds and only include certain 4-year-olds; authorizing an eligible private prekindergarten provider to elect to enroll 3-year-olds in publicly provided prekindergarten; requiring an eligible private provider that elects to enroll a Tier I 3-year-old to enter into a certain memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Education and the county board of education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, §§ 7-1A-01 through 7-1A-03, 7-1A-05, and 7-1A-06 - amended and § 7-1A-04.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 781 **Senator Corderman****TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PARK
DEDICATED TO VETERANS’ CARE**

Establishing the Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans’ Care to study issues and estimate costs related to the establishment of a State park dedicated to providing recreational opportunities and therapeutic services to veterans; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 782 Senator Corderman**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VERDICT OF NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE – ELIGIBILITY FOR EVALUATION FOR DISCHARGE**

Establishing that a person committed to the Maryland Department of Health after a verdict of not criminally responsible for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree is not eligible for discharge for at least 10 years after the date the person was committed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 783 Senator Carozza, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT FIGHTS – SCHOOL INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE**

Requiring a principal or school administration to investigate each student fight or physical struggle; prohibiting a school employee from disciplining a student who, after an investigation, more likely than not used reasonable force necessary to protect the student or to escape the attack; and requiring a principal or school administration to expunge certain documentation from a student's disciplinary record under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 784 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

EMERGENCY BILL

Annotated Code, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 785 **Senator Ready**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – UNPAID PARENTAL LEAVE –
DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER

Altering the definition of “employer” to exclude employers who are covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for the current year from being required to provide to employees a certain unpaid parental leave benefit in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, § 3-1201(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 786 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRIVATE DETENTION FACILITIES –
DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES

Prohibiting a person from depriving an individual in a private detention facility of any right, privilege, or immunity secured or protected by the United States Constitution, the Maryland Constitution, the Maryland Declaration of Rights, or any state or federal law; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to investigate a violation of the Act; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to file a civil action against a person for a violation of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 1-202 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED *January 27, 2025***SJ 4** **Senator Lam, et al**

USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Stating that the General Assembly joins certain other state legislative bodies, counties, and municipalities in passing a Back from the Brink resolution on reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons; urging members of the State’s Congressional Delegation to cosponsor a certain federal resolution related to the use of nuclear weapons; and urging the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SJ 5 **Senator Lewis Young**

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – CURRICULUM –
IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY

Acknowledging the importance of teaching a culturally diverse curriculum in elementary and secondary schools in the State; providing that curricula taught in elementary and secondary schools should include the history of communities that have experienced discrimination; and affirming the State of Maryland's commitment to a complete education.

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment