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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2025

SB 1016 Senator Ellis

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE – LAND–GRANT INSTITUTION – FUNDING (LAND–GRANT EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring, to address a certain funding disparity, that the Governor include at least \$5,000,000 to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in the annual budget bill each fiscal year until a total amount of \$321,181,312 is appropriated; and authorizing the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to use funds made available by the Act for development of infrastructure and academic programs, investment in faculty, scholarships, and certain other institutional needs.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 15-140 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1017 Senator Mautz

SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS – EXEMPTION

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 11-214.1 - amended Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1018 Senator Kramer

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – ITEMIZED RECEIPTS AND OPERATOR DATA REPORTING

Requiring a transportation network company to provide an operator and a passenger an itemized digital receipt that contains certain information as soon as practicable after the operator provides transportation network services to the passenger; requiring a transportation network company to report, on or before February 1 each year, certain information to the Public Service Commission; and requiring the Commission, by March 1 each year, to submit the compiled information to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 10-403.2 and 10-409 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1019 Howard County Senators

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) LICENSE

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set the annual license fee and the hours and days of sale for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 AB, § 23-1004.2 - added Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1020 Senator Hershey

ENVIRONMENT – ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II PROGRAM – APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from adopting the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations to be effective before motor vehicle model year 2031; and prohibiting the Department from applying certain provisions of law governing enforcement and penalties under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle or plug—in hybrid electric vehicle delivery requirements for an applicable motor vehicle model year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EN, §§ 2-1103 and 2-1106 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1021 Senators C. Jackson and Muse

BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES – REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE OR TRANSFER OR GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION

Prohibiting certain owners of a cemetery from selling or transferring the cemetery without the approval of the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; authorizing a governmental unit to acquire an abandoned cemetery under certain circumstances; and establishing requirements for the sale, transfer, or government acquisition of a cemetery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BR, § 5-505 - repealed and §§ 5-505 and 5-507 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1022 Senator C. Jackson

COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – SUBSCRIPTION ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing a certain LMI subscriber to hold a subscription to a community solar energy generating system located in a different electric service territory from the one in which the LMI subscriber resides; providing that a certain LMI subscriber shall receive the same bill credit value as an LMI subscriber who resides in a certain electric service territory; and requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a process for exchanging community solar bill credits between systems located in different electric service areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, § 7-306.2(a)(4) and (7) and (d)(3) - amended and § 7-306.2(o) - added Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1023 Senator C. Jackson

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – FIRE AND RESCUE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, §§ 20-601 and 20-606 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules