



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2025
Schedule 9

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 20, 2025

SB 396 **Senator McKay**

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS

Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible for certain disability benefits; and authorizing certain 9–1–1 specialists to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as employees of a participating governmental unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, §§ 1-202 and 7-202 and SP, §§ 29-109, 29-111, 31-2A-01, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-04, and 31-2A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

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SB 397 **Senator McKay****MOTORCYCLES – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION (IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARY “PAPPY” BOWARD)**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years of age who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual’s passenger.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 398 **Senator McKay****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT**

Repealing a certain provision of law requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to expunge certain cases involving charges of possession of cannabis on or before a certain date; and establishing procedures for the automated expungement of certain cases by the Department and the Judiciary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 399 **Senator McKay****NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan’s Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

NR, § 5-1203(b), (y), and (kk) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 400 **Senator Gile****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES – REGULATION (PREVENTING ABDUCTION IN YOUTH TRANSPORT ACT OF 2025)**

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is an immediate and serious risk of dangerous or disruptive behavior; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a civil action against certain transportation companies under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HU, §§ 8-715 through 8-717 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 401 **Senator McCray****TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND AREA RAIL COMMUTER RAIL AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHMENT (MARC RAIL AUTHORITY ACT OF 2025)**

Establishing the Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) Rail Authority and the powers and duties of the MARC Rail Authority, acting on behalf of the Department of Transportation, with respect to the supervision, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of MARC railroad facilities projects; authorizing the MARC Rail Authority to issue certain revenue bonds to finance the cost of MARC railroad facilities; establishing the MARC Rail Authority Fund; and requiring certain funds and revenues to be deposited in the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TR, §§ 7-1301 through 7-1333 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 402 **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MAXIMUM PENALTY INCREASE**

Increasing the maximum penalty that may be assessed for a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system located in Baltimore City from \$40 to \$60.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 403 **Senator McCray**STATE PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES –
CONTRACT MODIFICATION

Requiring a procurement contract for construction or services to include a clause requiring contract modification for increased costs for compensation and benefits as a result of statutory changes increasing required compensation or benefits or collective bargaining.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 13-218(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 404 **Senator Sydnor**JUVENILE LAW – POLICE RECORD CONCERNING A CHILD –
CONFIDENTIALITY EXCEPTION

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-27(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 405 **Senator Salling**VEHICLE LAWS – FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES – HUMAN
SAFETY OPERATORS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 406 **Senator Beidle, et al**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 407 **Senator Beidle, et al**

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING LICENSURE AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION – RECIPROCITY DISCUSSIONS (MARYLAND BORDER STATES ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

SB 408 **Senator King**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SOCCER OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Soccer Opportunities Program in the State Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to participate in soccer in their communities; authorizing a youth soccer nonprofit organization to submit a grant proposal meeting certain criteria to the Department for a program; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029 an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 2-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 409 **Senator King**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – POWERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Expanding the acceptable names authorized for an economic development authority established by a county or municipal corporation; expanding the powers of an authority, subject to limitations in the articles of incorporation of the authority; authorizing an authority to issue certain bonds in accordance with certain requirements; expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EC and The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 410 Senator Waldstreicher**CRIMINAL LAW – MAIL AND PACKAGE THEFT**

Altering the prohibition against taking and breaking open a letter; providing that a person may not knowingly and intentionally open mail addressed to another without permission of the person or an authorized designee; providing certain penalties for violations of the Act; prohibiting the theft of mail under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from possessing an arrow key under certain circumstances; and providing for concurrent jurisdiction in the District Court and circuit court to try a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 4-301 and 4-302 - amended and CR, §§ 3-905 and 3-905.1 - added and § 3-905 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 411 Senator Waldstreicher**HEALTH INSURANCE – POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION SCREENING – REQUIRED COVERAGE AND AUTHORIZED COST SHARING**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for postpartum depression screening; authorizing the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to subject a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on coverage for postpartum depression screening; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 412 Senator Waldstreicher**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MARYLAND 529 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$4,850, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain contributions made to a Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer Prepaid College Trust account, Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan, or Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-208(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 413 Senator Waldstreicher**CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER CONTRACTS –
LIMITATIONS PERIODS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 14-1328 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 414 Senator Waldstreicher**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PARENT OF STILLBORN CHILD**

Allowing a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth or a certificate of fetal death has been issued; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 415 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS –
DENIAL OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT OR LICENSE FOR UNPAID
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Prohibiting the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections from issuing or renewing a commercial license or permit in the county if the applicant has unpaid personal property taxes except under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections to issue or renew a commercial license or permit if the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has paid any previously unpaid personal property taxes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, § 12-906 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 416 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$36,900,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 417 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing a person to hunt in Carroll County on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 418 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Repealing certain limitations on the prospective employees or volunteers of Carroll County for whom the Department of Human Resources of Carroll County may request a criminal history records check.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 10-232(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings