

April 14, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 14, 2026, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Joseline A. Peña–Melnik, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 637 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 7

PUBLIC HEALTH – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES – PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION AND REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (THE VAX ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Health to issue recommendations for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services based on certain evidence–based scientific and clinical guidance; requiring the Secretary, before adopting a recommendation for a certain preventive service, to hold a notice and comment period, obtain a certain analysis from the Maryland Health Care Commission, and cite the basis for the recommendation; altering the health insurance coverage requirements for certain immunizations, screenings, and services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 385

Chapter 8

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES – PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION AND REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (THE VAX ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Health to issue recommendations for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services based on certain evidence-based scientific and clinical guidance; requiring the Secretary, before adopting a recommendation for a certain preventive service to hold a notice and comments period, obtain a certain analysis from the Maryland Health Care Commission, and cite the basis for the recommendation; altering the authority of pharmacists to administer certain vaccinations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1221

Chapter 9

Delegates Foley and Hutchinson

PUBLIC SAFETY – SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS – SAFETY (JILLIAN AND LINDSAY WIENER SHORT-TERM RENTAL SAFETY ACT)

Requiring certain short-term rental units to post certain evacuation diagrams and certain emergency telephone numbers in the unit and to provide certain fire extinguishers and smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in the unit; requiring a certain short-term rental host to replace a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm under certain circumstances; requiring certain counties or Baltimore City to require, through local law or regulation, certain inspections and to report certain information to the State Fire Marshal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 624

Senator Feldman

Chapter 10

PUBLIC SAFETY – SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS – SAFETY (JILLIAN AND LINDSAY WIENER SHORT-TERM RENTAL SAFETY ACT)

Requiring certain short-term rental units to post certain evacuation diagrams and certain emergency telephone numbers in the unit and to provide certain fire extinguishers and smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in the unit; requiring a certain short-term rental host to replace a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm under certain circumstances; requiring certain counties or Baltimore City to require, through local law or regulation, certain inspections and to report certain information to the State Fire Marshal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 280

Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

Chapter 11

HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS – CODIFICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 205 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 12 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

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USE DISORDERS – CODIFICATION OF FEDERAL
REQUIREMENTS**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 861 **Senators Zucker and Feldman**

Chapter 13 **ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR
AGRITOURISM**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that consider certain best management practices for stormwater management for agritourism; and requiring Montgomery County and the Montgomery Soil Conservation District jointly, in consultation with the Department, to review certain processes for reviewing and approving certain stormwater management plans and submit their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1071 **Delegate Foley, et al**

Chapter 14 **ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR
AGRITOURISM**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 804

Chapter 15

Delegate Wolek, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging including personnel, partnership development, and any programs, services, or activities within the Department; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Secretary to annually report by January 1 to certain committees of the General Assembly on the total amount in the Fund, the total number of deposits, including amounts and sources, and the amounts and purposes of the expenditures from the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 860

Chapter 16

Senator Zucker, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging; authorizing the Fund to be used for administrative expenses including personnel, partnership development, and other programs within the Department; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1142

Chapter 17

Delegate Wilkins

TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE STRUCTURES

Establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal governments within the State; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 472

Chapter 18

Delegate Feldmark, et al

**INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT –
ALTERATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Limiting the excess amount of tax credit certificates to \$20,000,000, that the Department of Commerce may carry forward and issue in subsequent taxable years for a credit against the State income tax for certain costs related to certain theatrical productions in the State; prohibiting the Secretary from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts totaling more than \$2,000,00 in the aggregate for a single theatrical production; and extending the termination date of the credit to June 30, 2032.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 440

Chapter 19

Senator Guzzone, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 118

Chapter 20

Delegate Queen

**MARYLAND MONEY TRANSMISSION ACT – DEFINITION OF
MONEY TRANSMITTER – ALTERATION**

Altering, for a certain licensing requirement, the definition of “money transmitter” under the Maryland Money Transmission Act to exclude a certain person designated as an agent of a payor for the purpose of the agent’s provision of payroll processing services under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 261

Senator Beidle

Chapter 21

MARYLAND MONEY TRANSMISSION ACT – DEFINITION OF MONEY TRANSMITTER – ALTERATION

Altering, for a certain licensing requirement, the definition of “money transmitter” under the Maryland Money Transmission Act to exclude a certain person designated as an agent of a payor for the purpose of the agent’s provision of payroll processing services under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 492

Senator Beidle

Chapter 22

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MASSAGE THERAPY – ADVERTISING

Prohibiting licensed massage therapists, registered massage practitioners, and third parties directed by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners from placing, publishing, or distributing certain advertisements; and requiring that if an advertisement for massage therapy lists the name of a licensed massage therapist or a registered massage practitioner, the name displayed on the advertisement must be consistent with the name of the individual that is on the Board issued license or registration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 975

Delegate Guzzone, et al

Chapter 23

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MASSAGE THERAPY – ADVERTISING

Prohibiting licensed massage therapists, registered massage practitioners, and third parties directed by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners from placing, publishing, or distributing certain advertisements; and requiring that if an advertisement for massage therapy services lists the name of a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner, the name displayed on the advertisement must be consistent with the name of the individual on the Board issued license or registration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1002

Chapter 24

Delegate Lopez, et al

NURSING FACILITIES – INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER

Prohibiting certain facilities from involuntarily transferring or discharging a resident to certain housing or before receiving certain confirmations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice or new notice; requiring that a certain notice or new notice be provided to certain residents at least a certain period of time before an involuntary discharge or transfer; establishing time requirements that apply to the discharge or transfer of a resident if a new notice of involuntary discharge or transfer is provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 493

Chapter 25

Senator Beidle

NURSING FACILITIES – INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER

Prohibiting certain facilities from involuntarily transferring or discharging a resident to certain housing or before receiving certain confirmations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice or new notice; requiring that a certain notice or new notice be provided to certain residents at least a certain period of time before an involuntary discharge or transfer; establishing time requirements that apply to the discharge or transfer of a resident if a new notice of involuntary discharge or transfer is provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 380

Chapter 26

Delegate S. Johnson

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD FOR INACTIVE STATUS

Clarifying that applicants for licensure as an optometrist and certain applicants for reinstatement are required to pass all sections of each part of a licensure examination; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry give examinations to licensure applicants; prohibiting the Board from placing a licensee on inactive status for more than 6 consecutive years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 186

Chapter 27

Senator Augustine

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY –
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD FOR
INACTIVE STATUS

Clarifying that applicants for licensure as an optometrist and certain applicants for reinstatement are required to pass all sections of each part of a licensure examination; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry give examinations to licensure applicants; prohibiting the Board from placing a licensee on inactive status for more than 6 consecutive years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 907

Chapter 28

Senator Love, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1389

Chapter 29

Delegate D. Jones, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 7

Chapter 30

Delegate Guzzone

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIMITED LICENSES TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY

Authorizing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists to issue a limited license to practice music therapy; providing the purpose of the limited license is to permit an individual to practice music therapy while completing certain licensing requirements; and allowing a licensee with a limited license to practice music therapy under the supervision of a fully licensed music therapist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 88

Chapter 31

Senator Gile

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIMITED LICENSES TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY

Authorizing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists to issue a limited license to practice music therapy; providing the purpose of the limited license is to permit an individual to practice music therapy while completing certain licensing requirements; and allowing a licensee with a limited license to practice music therapy under the supervision of a fully licensed music therapist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 293

Senator Jackson

Chapter 32

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE –
NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, NURSE
MIDWIVES, AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES –
DISCLOSURE (NYELI ROSE LEWIS ACT OF 2026)

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, nurse midwives,
and licensed certified midwives to notify each resident and
prospective resident at certain times if the nursing home, assisted
living program, nurse midwife, or licensed certified midwife either
does not maintain professional liability insurance or professional
liability insurance coverage has lapsed and has not been renewed; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 442

Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 33

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE –
NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, NURSE
MIDWIVES, AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES –
DISCLOSURE (NYELI ROSE LEWIS ACT OF 2026)

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, nurse midwives,
and licensed certified midwives to notify each resident and
prospective resident in writing or by written electronic
communication if the nursing home, assisted living program, nurse
midwife, or licensed certified midwife either does not maintain
professional liability insurance or professional liability insurance
coverage has lapsed; and requiring conspicuous posting of the
information that the professional liability coverage has not been
maintained.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 957

Chapter 34

Delegate Wu, et al

CYBERSECURITY – STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE – ALTERATIONS

Requiring each local school system to designate a local point of contact for certain communications, to comply with, and certify compliance with, the State minimum cybersecurity standards, and to conduct a cybersecurity maturity assessment every 2 years; requiring the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology to annually review and, if necessary, update the State minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring the Department to advise local school systems on certain functions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 601

Chapter 35

Senator Hester, et al

CYBERSECURITY – STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE – ALTERATIONS

Requiring each local school system to designate a local point of contact for certain communications, to comply with, and certify compliance with, the State minimum cybersecurity standards, and to conduct a cybersecurity maturity assessment every 2 years; requiring the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology to annually review and, if necessary, update the State minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring the Department to advise local school systems on certain functions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 363

Chapter 36

Senator Mautz

MARYLAND–IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 413

Chapter 37

Delegate Kerr, et al

MARYLAND–IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 322

Chapter 38

Delegate Kerr, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including an administrator of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 260

Chapter 39

Senator Jackson

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including an administrator of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 784

Chapter 40

Senator Jackson

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT – APPLICATION OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a certain provision of law exempting all persons that acquire or are assigned certain mortgages, mortgage loans, or installment loans under certain circumstances from certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 947

Chapter 41

Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – INVASIVE BLUE CATFISH PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program to include the Blue Catfish Gill Net Program and any other program the Department of Natural Resources considers effective in curbing the spread of the blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and requiring the Department to report by December 1 each year beginning in 2026, to certain committees of the General Assembly on the activities of the Pilot Program during the immediately preceding year, including findings and recommendations related to the Program.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 610

Chapter 42

Senator Mautz

NATURAL RESOURCES – INVASIVE BLUE CATFISH PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program to include the Blue Catfish Gill Net Program and any other program the Department of Natural Resources considers effective in curbing the spread of the blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and requiring the Department to report by December 1 each year beginning in 2026, to certain committees of the General Assembly on the activities of the Pilot Program during the immediately preceding year, including findings and recommendations related to the Program.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 910

Chapter 43

Senator Mautz

HEALTH INSURANCE – GRADUATE–LEVEL CLINICAL INTERNS – REQUIRED REIMBURSEMENT

Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate–level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 1094

Chapter 44

Delegate Hutchinson, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – GRADUATE-LEVEL CLINICAL INTERNS – REQUIRED REIMBURSEMENT

Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate-level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances; providing the services are reimbursable if provided at an outpatient health care facility by a graduate level counseling clinical, social work clinical, or psychology clinical intern under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 734

Chapter 45

Delegate Roberson

PROPERTY TAX – AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENT – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS

Altering the date from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030, by which certain community solar energy generating systems must be approved by the Public Service Commission in order for land that is used by the community solar energy generating systems to qualify for the agricultural use assessment; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to issue a preconstruction determination under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to rescind a preconstruction determination under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 344

Chapter 46

Senators King and Hester

PROPERTY TAX – AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENT – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS

Altering the date from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030, by which certain community solar energy generating systems must be approved by the Public Service Commission in order for land that is used by the community solar energy generating systems to qualify for the agricultural use assessment; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to issue a certain preconstruction determination under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to rescind a preconstruction determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 452

Chapter 47

Delegate Guyton, et al

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from suspending or revoking a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State, reprimanding or censuring a licensee, or placing a licensee on probation solely on the basis of the licensee discussing or recommending the use of cannabis or a product that contains cannabidiol on an animal for potential therapeutic effect or health supplementation purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 54

Chapter 48

Senator Lam

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from suspending or revoking a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State, reprimanding or censuring a licensee, or placing a licensee on probation solely on the basis of the licensee discussing or recommending the use of cannabis or a product that contains cannabidiol on an animal for potential therapeutic effect or health supplementation purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 395

Chapter 49

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 and establishing certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; requiring peer-to-peer car sharing programs to be responsible for providing certain security on a primary basis for third-party liability claims under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1186

Chapter 50

Delegate Rogers, et al

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 and establishing 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 driver for the use of a shared vehicle that is not a replacement vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 272

Chapter 51

Senator Gile

HEALTH INSURANCE – SCALP COOLING SYSTEMS – REQUIRED COVERAGE

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 393

Chapter 52

Delegate Nkongolo, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – SCALP COOLING SYSTEMS – REQUIRED COVERAGE

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 838

Chapter 53

Delegate Cullison, et al

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST AGREEMENTS

Authorizing licensed certified midwives to enter into therapy management contracts; repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber–pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 562

Chapter 54

Senator Gile

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST AGREEMENTS – TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDERS

Authorizing licensed certified midwives to enter into therapy management contracts; repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber–pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 724

Chapter 55

Senator Lewis Young

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COST–OF–LIVING ADJUSTMENTS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the Consumer Price Index used to determine the cost–of–living adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System in certain years.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1138

Chapter 56

Delegate Forbes

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the Consumer Price Index used to determine the cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System in certain years.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 872

Chapter 57

Delegate Coley, et al

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – SEAT
PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers if the Seat Pleasant Police Department becomes a participating governmental unit; and providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Seat Pleasant Police Department's participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 720

Chapter 58

Delegate Patterson, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – DOUGLAS J. J. PETERS VETERANS OF
THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP –
REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the prohibition on awarding the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship after June 30, 2030; and repealing the limitation on renewing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the scholarship recipient received an initial scholarship before June 30, 2030.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 7

Chapter 59

Senator Simonaire, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – DOUGLAS J. J. PETERS VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the prohibition on awarding the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship after June 30, 2030; and repealing the limitation on renewing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the scholarship recipient received an initial scholarship before June 30, 2030.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 262

Chapter 60

Senator Simonaire, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred by certain teachers during a taxable year for the purchase of certain classroom supplies to include full-time teachers employed in certain prekindergarten programs in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 478

Chapter 61

Delegate Patterson, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred by eligible teachers during a taxable year for the purchase of certain classroom supplies to include prekindergarten classroom teachers employed in publicly funded prekindergarten programs at eligible public providers or lead teachers or consulting teachers employed in a publicly funded prekindergarten program at an eligible private provider in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 123** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 62 **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 747** **Delegate Kipke, et al**
Chapter 63 **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 343** **Delegate Rosenberg**
Chapter 64 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES**

Requiring a recipient of certain funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide information about certain housing counseling services that are available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to certain prospective residents; and requiring the Governor to appropriate \$90,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter for community development organizations to partner with certain housing counseling agencies providing housing counseling services.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 136** **Senators Kramer and Bailey**
Chapter 65 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICERS**

Applying certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for State employees to police officers of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission who, in an official capacity, are authorized to make arrests and who are not supervisory, managerial, or confidential employees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 848

Chapter 66

Delegate Stein

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE – TRASH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt regulations that incorporate by reference sections 30.7.5 and 31.7.5 of the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (2024 Edition) and authorize the placement of trash and recycling in corridors and exits in accordance with the NFPA Life Safety Code.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 621

Chapter 67

Senators Watson and Salling

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE – TRASH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt regulations that incorporate by reference sections 30.7.5 and 31.7.5 of the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (2024 Edition) and authorize the placement of trash and recycling in corridors and exits in accordance with the NFPA Life Safety Code.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 444

Chapter 68

Senator Kramer

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – INTERMEDIATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for intermediate care facilities that offer substance use disorder treatment services; providing a certificate of need is not required for a change in bed capacity at certain facilities offering certain treatment services if a written notice is filed with the Commission 45 days before the facility's establishment, the facility is consistent with the State Health Plan, will result in more efficient service delivery, and is in the public interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 498

Chapter 69

Delegate Cullison

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – INTERMEDIATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for intermediate care facilities that offer substance use disorder treatment services; providing a certificate of need is not required for a change in bed capacity at certain facilities offering certain treatment services if a written notice is filed with the Commission 45 days before the facility's establishment, the facility is consistent with the State Health Plan, will result in more efficient service delivery, and is in the public interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 619

Chapter 70

Delegate Cullison

INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 333

Chapter 71

Senator Kramer

INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 174

Chapter 72

Delegate Cardin

**MOTOR VEHICLES AND MARINE VESSELS –
TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a marine vessel or multiple individuals who jointly co-own a marine vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the marine vessel on the death of the owner or each co-owner; and altering certain provisions of law governing the transfer-on-death designation for motor vehicles to allow multiple individuals who jointly co-own a motor vehicle to designate a transfer-on-death beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 145

Chapter 73

Senator West

**MOTOR VEHICLES AND MARINE VESSELS –
TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a marine vessel or multiple individuals who jointly co-own a marine vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the marine vessel on the death of the sole owner or each co-owner; and altering certain provisions of law governing the transfer-on-death designation for motor vehicles to allow multiple individuals who jointly co-own a motor vehicle to designate a transfer-on-death beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 20

Chapter 74

Delegate Amprey

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED
EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT**

Reestablishing a related event promoter's permit in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter's permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requiring a holder of a State caterer's license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 225 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 75 **Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Maryland Horse Industry Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2036, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 254 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 76 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ADAPTATION ACT

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to facilitate community participation in project planning and development; establishing the Resilience Through Restoration Capital Grant Fund to provide funding for nature-based restoration projects intended to reduce the State's climate change vulnerability; requiring, by October 1, 2027, the Department to develop a website, guidance, and training for certain tools and resources; requiring, by December 31, 2035, the Department to take certain actions relating to climate change; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 227 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 77 **Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – AUTHORIZATIONS
AND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the authority of the Treasurer of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Treasurer of the Service; increasing the threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or less for estimated contract costs under which the Service may use the small procurement process; and altering the process for providing notice of the establishment or adjustment of certain rates charged for Service projects, products, or services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 228 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 78 **(By Request – Departmental – Maryland Environmental**
 Service)

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – AUTHORIZATIONS
AND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the authority of the Treasurer of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Treasurer of the Service; increasing the threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or less for estimated contract costs under which the Service may use the small procurement process; and altering the process for providing notice of the establishment or adjustment of certain rates charged for Service projects, products, or services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 247 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 79 **Request – Departmental – Critical Area Commission), et al**

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL
AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – VARIANCES – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain standards and requirements for variances from land use requirements under the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 286 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 80 **Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM –
REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

Requiring an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 38 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 81 **Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM –
REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

Requiring an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1578 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 82 **Request – Departmental – Maryland Department of Social and**
Economic Mobility)

STATE PROCUREMENT – PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES –
REAUTHORIZATION AND REVISIONS

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to cannabis licensing, public-private partnerships, offshore wind projects, video lottery terminals, and sports wagering licensees; altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 228 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 83 **Departmental – Labor)**

HORSE RACING – PROHIBITED ACTS – SLAUGHTER OF
RACEHORSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Prohibiting a person from slaughtering or causing the slaughter of a racehorse in the State for certain commercial purposes; prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, transferring, offering for sale, importing into the State, or transporting a racehorse if the person knows or reasonably should know that the racehorse will be slaughtered for certain commercial purposes; requiring certain fines collected by the State Racing Commission to be distributed to the racing Special Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 231 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 84 **Departmental – Labor)**

HORSE RACING – PROHIBITED ACTS – SLAUGHTER OF RACEHORSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Prohibiting a person from slaughtering or causing the slaughter of a racehorse in the State for certain commercial purposes; prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, transferring, offering for sale, importing into the State, or transporting a racehorse if the person knows or reasonably should know that the racehorse will be slaughtered for certain commercial purposes; requiring certain fines collected by the State Racing Commission to be distributed to the racing Special Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 284 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 85 **State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMPROMISING EVENTS

Requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after the dealer first has knowledge that certain crimes have occurred or certain security features have been compromised; and providing that a person who violates the Act is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Secretary of up to \$250 for a first offense and up to \$1000 for a second or subsequent violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 160 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 86 **Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMPROMISING EVENTS

Requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after discovering certain crimes have occurred or certain security features have been compromised; providing a civil penalty of up to \$250 for a first violation of the Act and up to \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violations; and providing that the license of a person who knowingly and willfully violates the Act may be suspended or revoked.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 176 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 87 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR
RESTITUTION PAYMENTS, CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, AND
DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and the Child Support Administration to certify certain information about certain restitution, child support, and State debt obligors to a video lottery operator for purposes of enforcing a requirement to intercept certain prize payouts at a video lottery facility; requiring a video lottery operator to provide certain notice to a debtor that wins a prize to be paid by the licensee and withhold all or part of the prize; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 289 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 88 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR
RESTITUTION PAYMENTS, CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, AND
DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and the Child Support Administration to certify certain information about certain restitution, child support, and State debt obligors to a video lottery operator for purposes of enforcing a requirement to intercept certain prize payouts; requiring a video lottery operator to provide certain notice to a debtor that wins a prize to be paid by the operator and withhold all or part of the prize; authorizing certain debtors to appeal the proposed transfer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 226 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 89 **Departmental – Disabilities)**

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – HOUSING PROGRAMS AND
AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of Disabilities to establish affordable and accessible housing programs; authorizing the Department to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with certain programs and units of the Department to solicit and accept funds, partner with individuals and entities, and promote certain activities that support certain projects; prohibiting an affiliated foundation from influencing determinations regarding eligibility for any program, benefit, or services administered by the Department; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 22 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 90 **Disabilities)**

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – HOUSING PROGRAMS AND
AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of Disabilities to establish affordable and accessible housing programs; authorizing the Department to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with certain programs and units of the Department to solicit and accept funds, partner with individuals and entities, and promote certain activities that support certain projects; prohibiting an affiliated foundation from influencing certain determinations made by the Department; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 276 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 91 **Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)**

**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC
ACCESS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM
– REVISIONS**

Altering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, including by establishing requirements regarding an automated external defibrillator (AED) coordinator, repealing certain provisions of law regarding regional council AED committees, and exempting certain law enforcement agencies from being required to obtain a certificate for an AED deployed in a patrol vehicle of the law enforcement agency; establishing certain certification qualifications for grocery stores and restaurants under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 24 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 92 **(By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for**
Emergency Medical Services Systems)

**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC
ACCESS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM
– REVISIONS**

Altering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, including by establishing requirements regarding an automated external defibrillator (AED) coordinator, repealing certain provisions of law regarding regional council AED committees, and exempting certain law enforcement agencies from being required to obtain a certificate for an AED deployed in a patrol vehicle of the law enforcement agency; and establishing certain certification qualifications for grocery stores and restaurants under the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 278 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 93 **Aging)**

HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND
COMMISSION ON AGING (THE LONGEVITY READY
MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to lead implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan which is a multisector plan on aging that transforms programs, services, policies, institutions, and systems to address the growing population of older adults in the State; requiring the Department to maintain a publicly accessible resource on the Department’s website for monitoring implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan; and requiring the Department of Aging to staff the Commission on Aging.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 113 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 94 **Aging)**

HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND
COMMISSION ON AGING (LONGEVITY READY MARYLAND
ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to lead implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan which is a multisector plan on aging that transforms programs, services, policies, institutions, and systems to address the growing population of older adults in the State; repealing, adding, and altering certain duties of the Secretary: requiring the Secretary to maintain a publicly accessible resource on the Department’s website for monitoring implementation of the Plan; requiring an updated Longevity Plan every four years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 648 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 95 **Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS – UNIFORM
REDETERMINATION PROCESS – AGE

Reducing the age at which certain eligible energy customers qualify for a certain redetermination process for enrollment in energy assistance programs from 65 to 60.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 301 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 96 **Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISION OF
STATE ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

Providing for command and control of State active duty personnel
during mobilizations of the Maryland National Guard.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 128 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 97 **(By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISION OF
STATE ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

Providing for command and control of State active duty personnel
during mobilizations of the Maryland National Guard.
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 231 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 98 **Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT
PROGRAM – APPLICABILITY

Delaying the decentralization of the Guaranteed Access Grant
Program until the 2029–2030 financial aid award year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 207 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 99 **(By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT
PROGRAM – APPLICABILITY

Delaying the decentralization of the Guaranteed Access Grant
Program until the 2029–2030 financial aid award year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 293 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 100 **Departmental – Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center)**

MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER –
EXTERNAL DATA SHARING WITH THIRD-PARTY DATA
CENTERS FOR MULTISTATE REPORTING – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to provide certain student and workforce data to a third-party data center under certain circumstances; requiring each third-party data center to agree to comply with certain requirements relating to the data the center receives; requiring the Center to enter into a written data sharing agreement with certain third-party data centers; requiring the Center to submit a report to certain committees within 30 days of entering into a certain agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 56 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 101 **(By Request – Departmental – Maryland Longitudinal Data**
System Center)

MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER –
EXTERNAL DATA SHARING WITH THIRD-PARTY DATA
CENTERS FOR MULTISTATE REPORTING – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to provide certain student and workforce data to a third-party data center under certain circumstances; requiring each third-party data center to agree to comply with certain requirements relating to the data the center receives; requiring the Center to enter into a written data sharing agreement with certain third-party data centers; requiring the Center to submit a report to certain committees within 30 days of entering into a certain agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 269 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 102 **Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

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

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to financial disclosure statements for State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available to the public the records and statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 80 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 103 **(By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

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

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to financial disclosure statements for State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available to the public the records and statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 262 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 104 **Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – COUNCIL FOR OPEN DATA –
MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Renaming the Council on Open Data to be the Council for Open Data; altering the membership and member terms of the Council; and altering the Council’s responsibilities to include advising on data initiatives and priorities and identifying and exploring ways in which partnerships may be developed and strengthened to connect Maryland data with communities and social service organizations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 200 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 105 **(By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – COUNCIL FOR OPEN DATA –
MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Renaming the Council on Open Data to be the Council for Open Data; altering the membership and member terms of the Council; and increasing the Council’s responsibilities by including advising on data initiatives and priorities, and identifying and exploring the means by which partnerships may be developed to connect Maryland data with communities and social service organizations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 263 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 106 **Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – BUS STOPS

Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by a county or municipal corporation or a contractor for a county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 100 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 107 **(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – BUS STOPS

Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by the county or municipal corporation or a contractor for the county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 265 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 108 **Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM – DESIGNATION OF CONTACT PERSON

Requiring the State Board of Elections to designate a contact person for the Address Confidentiality Program; and providing the contact person acts as the contact for inquiries about the Program from local boards of elections and Program participants on matters related to the implementation of the Address Confidentiality Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 91 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 109 **(By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM – DESIGNATION OF CONTACT PERSON

Requiring the State Board of Elections to designate a contact person for the Address Confidentiality Program; providing that the contact person acts as the contact for inquiries about the Program from local boards of elections and Program participants on matters related to the implementation of the Address Confidentiality Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 243 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 110 **Departmental – Planning)**

LAND USE – COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERAL PLANS –
ALTERATION OF ELEMENTS

Altering the required elements of comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions; establishing requirements and guidelines for each element; and requiring certain State agencies to provide charter counties and other local jurisdictions with assistance and information relevant to the preparation of each element.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 197 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 111 **(By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

LAND USE – COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERAL PLANS –
ALTERATION OF ELEMENTS

Altering the required elements of comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions; establishing requirements and guidelines for each element; requiring certain State agencies to provide charter counties and other local jurisdictions with assistance and information relevant to the preparation of each element; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 255 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 112 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources), et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS
MARYLAND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program to include the promotion of community participation in tree planting and stewardship and the planting and maintenance of native trees and shrubs through community forestry activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 164 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 113 **(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS
MARYLAND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program to include the promotion of community participation in tree planting and stewardship and the planting and maintenance of native trees and shrubs through community forestry activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 229 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 114 **Departmental – Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REVENUE
BOND LIMIT – INCREASE

Increasing, from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, the limit on the amount of certain revenue bonds that the Maryland Transportation Authority may have outstanding and unpaid on June 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 188 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 115 **Departmental – Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REVENUE
BOND LIMIT – INCREASE

Increasing, from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, the limit on the amount of certain revenue bonds that the Maryland Transportation Authority may have outstanding and unpaid on June 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 248 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 116 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IDENTIFICATION
CARDS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS – REPEAL OF COLOR
PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an
identification card, a driver’s license, or a moped operator’s permit
issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration be in color.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 87 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 117 **Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IDENTIFICATION
CARDS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS – REPEAL OF COLOR
PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an
identification card, a driver’s license, or a moped operator’s permit
issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration be in color; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 251 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 118 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES – REPEAL
OF NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that a notarized bill of sale be submitted
to the Motor Vehicle Administration when transferring ownership of
a certain used vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 125 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 119 **Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES – REPEAL
OF NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that a notarized bill of sale be submitted
to the Motor Vehicle Administration when transferring ownership of
a certain used vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 253 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
Chapter 120

VEHICLE LAWS – HEAVY WEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR PERMITS – REGULATIONS

Altering the requirements for regulations related to the issuance of a heavy weight port corridor permit.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 149 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
Chapter 121

VEHICLE LAWS – HEAVY WEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR PERMITS – REGULATIONS

Altering the requirements for regulations related to the issuance of a heavy weight port corridor permit.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 240 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**
Chapter 122

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS – GUIDANCE MATERIALS AND NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Requiring a local planning commission to notify the Department of Planning when beginning the review of the local jurisdiction's comprehensive plan; requiring the Department, within 60 days of receiving the notification, to provide guidance materials relating to State law, best practices for local comprehensive plans, and any other resources to support the plan's review; and requiring the Department to develop and maintain certain guidance materials in consultation with certain other State agencies and offices.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 238 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 123 **Departmental – Planning)**

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY AND HERITAGE
AREAS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the voting membership of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; increasing the number of voting members of the Authority that constitutes a quorum from 9 to 10; repealing the requirement that the Authority send copies of boundary maps to certain county clerks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 226 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 124 **Planning)**

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY AND HERITAGE
AREAS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the voting membership of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; increasing the number of voting members of the Authority that constitutes a quorum from 9 to 10; repealing the requirement that the Authority send copies of boundary maps to certain county clerks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 236 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 125 **Departmental – Labor)**

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BLOOD TESTING OF
CONTESTANTS – TIMING

Extending from 30 to 90 days the period of time before applying for a license to participate in a boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest and before participating in the contest during which certain blood testing may be conducted for purposes of submission of the results to the State Athletic Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 32 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 126 **(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BLOOD TESTING OF
CONTESTANTS – TIMING

Extending from 30 to 90 days the period of time before applying for a license to participate in a boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest and before participating in the contest during which certain blood testing may be conducted for purposes of submission of the results to the State Athletic Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 241 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 127 **Departmental – Labor)**

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – STATE
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – SUNSET EXTENSIONS

Continuing the State Board of Barbers, the State Board of Cosmetologists, the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors, and the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 133 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 128 **(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – STATE
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – SUNSET EXTENSIONS

Continuing the State Board of Barbers, the State Board of Cosmetologists, the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors, and the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 242 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 129 **Departmental – Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Altering requirements related to the confidentiality of unemployment insurance information to ensure compliance with federal law and regulations; altering existing confidentiality requirements related to inspection of employment records and claim information by agents of child support enforcement units; establishing exceptions to confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 216 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 130 **Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Altering requirements related to the confidentiality of unemployment insurance information to ensure compliance with federal law and regulations; altering existing confidentiality requirements related to inspection of employment records and claim information by agents of child support enforcement units; establishing exceptions to confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 259 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 131 **Departmental – Labor)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND AND REGULATION OF ENTITIES – REVISIONS

Repealing certain fees charged to certain banking institutions by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; altering certain provisions relating to the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, including the purpose and administration of the Fund; altering the date by which the Commissioner may match certain investments in the Fund from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2030; altering and providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 43 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 132 **Labor)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND AND REGULATION OF
ENTITIES – REVISIONS

Repealing certain fees charged to certain banking institutions by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; altering certain provisions relating to the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, including the purpose and administration of the Fund; altering the date by which the Commissioner may match certain investments in the Fund from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2030; altering and providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 234 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 133 **Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE EMPLOYEES AND DEPUTY STATE
FIRE MARSHALS – REPEAL OF PAY RATE RESTRICTION ON
PROMOTION

Repealing a requirement that a certain police employee or deputy State fire marshal is entitled to a certain pay rate on promotion to a higher rank if a certain other police employee or deputy State fire marshal in the same rank is at a lower pay rate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 74 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 134 **Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE EMPLOYEES AND DEPUTY STATE
FIRE MARSHALS – REPEAL OF PAY RATE RESTRICTION ON
PROMOTION

Repealing a requirement that a certain police employee or deputy State fire marshal is entitled to a certain pay rate on promotion to a higher rank if a certain other police employee or deputy State fire marshal in the same rank is at a lower pay rate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 274 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 135 **Health)**

STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists, in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law), by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 119 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 136 **(By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists, in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law), by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 273 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 137 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS
PROGRAM (SHOP) ENROLLMENT – EFFECTIVE DATES

Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 14 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 138 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS
PROGRAM (SHOP) ENROLLMENT – EFFECTIVE DATES

Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 275 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 139 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – ISSUANCE –
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies to issue a Medicare supplement policy to an individual who meets certain criteria during certain special enrollment periods.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 134 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 140 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – ISSUANCE –
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies to issue a Medicare supplement policy to an individual who meets certain criteria during certain special enrollment periods.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 277 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 141 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS –
ENFORCEMENT

Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 139 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 142 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS –
ENFORCEMENT

Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 232 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 143 **Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD –
TUITION ASSISTANCE

Expanding the institutions to include trade, or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 142 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 144 **(By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD –
TUITION ASSISTANCE

Expanding the institutions to include trade or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1232 Delegate Edelson (By Request – Baltimore City
Chapter 145 Administration), et al

**BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN
DOWNTOWN RISE DISTRICT – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

Exempting an economic development project located in a certain area of downtown Baltimore City from Baltimore City property taxes if the owner of the economic development project and the Baltimore City Board of Estimates enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement and certain other requirements are met; and requiring by January 1 each year, the City of Baltimore to report to the City Council and the General Assembly an analysis of the economic development projects for which the City entered into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 756 Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City
Chapter 146 Administration)

**BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN
DOWNTOWN RISE DISTRICT – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

Exempting an economic development project located in a certain area of downtown Baltimore City from Baltimore City property taxes if the owner of the economic development project and the Baltimore City Board of Estimates enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement and certain other requirements are met; and requiring by January 1 each year, the City of Baltimore or a designated agency to make a certain report to the President of the Baltimore City Council regarding the program.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1095 Calvert County Delegation

Chapter 147 **CALVERT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – TOBACCO
BARNs**

Authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property that was formerly used solely as a tobacco barn; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1155 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 148

CALVERT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – LONG-TERM
CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSET
MANAGEMENT

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into certain contracts for
infrastructure and asset management under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1623 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 149

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – VILLAGE OF DRUMMOND –
AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZATION MC 20–26

Constituting the Village Council of Drummond as the governing body
of the special taxing district constituted as the Village of Drummond
in Montgomery County; providing for the structure, membership,
duties, and obligations of the Village Council; altering the eligible
uses of funds derived from the Village’s annual special tax levy; and
providing for the Village’s annual appropriations process.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1428 **Delegate Anderson**

Chapter 150

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ALTERATIONS

Adding two student members to the Somerset County Board of
Education; altering who appoints an individual to fill a vacancy on
the board to be the County Commissioners of Somerset County
instead of the Governor; increasing the annual compensation for the
chair and regular members of the board to be \$6,000 and \$5,000,
respectively; and altering the actions the board may take during an
executive session.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 508 **Senator Carozza**

Chapter 151

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ALTERATIONS

Adding two student members to the Somerset County Board of Education; altering who appoints an individual to fill a vacancy on the board to be the County Commissioners of Somerset County instead of the Governor; increasing the annual compensation for the chair and regular members of the board to be \$6,000 and \$5,000, respectively; establishing a scholarship for a student member of the board to be used for the student’s higher education; and altering the actions the board may take during an executive session.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 554 **The Speaker**

Chapter 152

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES –
RENAMING AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP**

Adding the Chair of the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to the Legislative Policy Committee; and updating the committees of the General Assembly that receive certain required reports and notices.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 844 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 153 Services)**

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code and the Public Local Laws of Maryland; 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

Sincerely,

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