

April 28, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 28, 2026, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**HB 895      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 154

**FOOD RETAILERS AND THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDERS – DYNAMIC PRICING AND PERSONAL DATA (PROTECTION FROM PREDATORY PRICING ACT)**

Prohibiting a food retailer and a third-party delivery service provider from engaging in the practice of dynamic pricing or using consumer personal data to set a price for consumer goods or services; prohibiting a food retailer and a third-party delivery service provider from using protected class data to offer, advertise, or sell a consumer good or service under certain circumstances; making a certain violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 255**

**Senators Sydnor and Harris**

Chapter 157

**VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2026 – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class; authorizing the Attorney General and any other person to bring a certain action in the county where the violation allegedly occurred for injunctive relief, damages, or other relief; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 980**

**Delegate Griffith, et al**

Chapter 158

**FAMILY LAW AND HUMAN SERVICES – GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND STATE FOSTER YOUTH OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT (KANAIYAH'S LAW)**

Requiring the Secretary of Human Services to establish and maintain a Guardianship Assistance Program to promote the placement and maintenance of children in permanent guardianship homes by providing guardianship assistance to guardians of minor children; establishing the State Foster Youth Ombudsman in the Department of Human Services; requiring the Ombudsman to provide legal expertise in child welfare, custody and guardianship matters, and appeal and due process; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027**

**HB 1181**

**Delegate Bagnall, et al**

Chapter 159

**FAMILY LAW – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT – VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Altering provisions relating to children who are placed in an out-of-home placement by a local department of social services under a voluntary placement agreement; requiring, by October 1, 2029, the Department of Human Services and the Maryland Department of Health to jointly submit a report to certain entities concerning children who are placed in an out-of-home placement under a voluntary placement agreement; and establishing that certain child support due to the State before the effective date of the Act is uncollectable.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 1559**

**The Speaker, et al**

Chapter 160

**CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS – PLACEMENT**

Prohibiting the placement of children in unlicensed settings under the out-of-home placement program required to be established by the Social Services Administration; altering the duties of the pediatric hospital overstay coordinators; establishing the Child and Youth Placement Review Panel in the Governor’s Office for Children with the Senior Advisor for Children and Families as its head; establishing the Advisory Council on Maryland’s System of Care for Children, Youth, and Families; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**SB 810**

**Senator King, et al**

Chapter 161

**IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT – EXPANDING SENSITIVE LOCATIONS, NOTIFICATION, AND GUIDANCE (MARYLAND VALUES ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring certain public school personnel to notify a county superintendent or a county superintendent’s designee if the individual receives notification of certain immigration enforcement at a school; expanding the definition of sensitive locations relating to a “public school” to include certain locations that distribute food to individuals in need; prohibiting public school personnel from engaging in certain immigration enforcement; requiring certain courthouses to implement a certain policy and update the policy as necessary; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 792**

**Senator Lam**

Chapter 162

**HOSPITALS – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTION – POLICY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring hospitals in the State to adopt a policy describing the protocol of the hospital when there is an immigration enforcement action at the hospital; and requiring hospitals to make the immigration enforcement action policy available to all staff members and provide annual training to ensure the staff’s knowledge and understanding of the policy.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

**HB 972**

Chapter 163

**Delegate Miller, et al**

**MARYLAND FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROMISE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT ( CHARLES J. OTTO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROMISE ACT)**

Establishing the Maryland Fair and Agricultural Education Promise Fund to provide grants that advance agricultural fairs and education in the State; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Fund each year; requiring the Comptroller to pay \$100,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc, and \$100,000 to the Maryland FFA Association from the Fund for agricultural education programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 523**

Chapter 164

**Senator M. Washington**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – WATER RESOURCES – IDENTIFICATION OF VERNAL POOLS (JACK COVER VERNAL POOLS ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources in coordination with the Department of the Environment to identify certain vernal pools in the State; requiring the Department to create and maintain a certain list of vernal pools in the State in a certain manner; and requiring the Department of the Environment to designate staff to receive training in vernal pool identification and to notify the Department of Natural Resources of a location that may qualify for inclusion on the list of vernal pools.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1563**

Chapter 165

**The Speaker, et al**

**EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES AND POST-ACUTE CARE – COVERAGE AND FACILITY STUDIES**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commission to conduct an examination of certain decisions by carriers related to claims or authorization requests for services in, or related to services, in emergency departments; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to conduct a study to quantify bed capacity in hospitals and post-acute settings in the State and make a recommendation on a certain collection and auditing process; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 772**

**Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 166

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY DATABASE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an employment training and opportunity database for the purpose of assisting individuals in the State in finding employment training and other opportunities that may enable the individuals to become eligible and maintain eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to assist individuals in enrolling in programs listed in the database; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 831**

**Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 167

**LABOR LAW – CHILD LABOR PENALTIES, PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS, AND STATE EMPLOYEE LABOR STANDARDS**

Establishing certain civil penalties for violations of law involving the employment of minors; prohibiting employers from allowing the formation of a certain organization or entity under certain circumstances; authorizing certain private employees to petition the Public Employee Relations Board to resolve certain matters under certain circumstances; prohibiting Executive Branch units from applying for a waiver of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

**SB 70**

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

Chapter 168

**ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS – MDIPLOMAWORKS PATHWAY**

Establishing the MDiplomaWorks pathway as an alternative method of earning a high school diploma in the State; establishing the Program as a method to recognize and certify high school diploma achievement through demonstrated academic and career competencies, and workforce experience; requiring an applicant to complete a combination of components as approved by the Maryland Department of Labor; and requiring the Department to publish Program information on its website to inform potentially eligible applicants about the new pathway.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 297**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 169   **Departmental – Labor)**

ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS –  
MDIPLOMAWORKS PATHWAY

Establishing the MDiplomaWorks pathway as an alternative method of earning a high school diploma in the State; providing the MDiplomaWorks pathway is a method to recognize and certify high school diploma achievement through demonstrated academic and career competencies, including workforce experience; and requiring, in calendar years 2027 and 2028, the Department of Labor to publish on its website information on the MDiplomaWorks pathway to inform potentially eligible applicants.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 94**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 170   **Labor)**

COMMERCIAL LAW – EARNED WAGE ACCESS – REVISIONS

Prohibiting a lender from accepting a tip from a consumer or giving a consumer the option to provide a tip; altering the timeline for certain refunds; subjecting certain earned wage access providers and loan lenders to certain consumer loan requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 640**      **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**  
Chapter 171   **Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**

MANDATED REPORTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS –  
REVISIONS

Modifying certain reporting requirements, boards, and commissions for practicability and efficiency; repealing certain reporting requirements that are unnecessary, obsolete, or duplicative; repealing as obsolete the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board, Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board, Two-Generation Family Economic Security Commission, and Commission on Trauma-Informed Care; repealing as unnecessary the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 694**

**Senator Smith**

Chapter 172

**HUMAN RELATIONS – VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY  
DISCRIMINATION LAWS – COMPLAINTS**

Establishing that filing a certain complaint with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights satisfies certain prerequisites to commencing a civil action alleging the violation of a county discrimination law.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 1017**

**Delegate Wells, et al**

Chapter 173

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRIVATE DETENTION  
FACILITIES – ZONING REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting the State or a unit of local government from approving the construction or operation of a building, structure, or other real property for use as a detention facility by a private entity; establishing that a building, structure, or other real property is considered proposed for use as a detention facility, regardless of how the use is described in an application or permit request under certain circumstances; establishing a certain penalty; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action to enforce the Act; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 643**

**Delegate Valderrama, et al**

Chapter 174

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSURE –  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering certain educational and experiential qualifications for a license to practice certified public accountancy.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 742**                    **Senators Guzzone and Zucker**

Chapter 175

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS (MARYLAND PROTECTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ACT)

Repealing the 90–day time limit within which an individual receiving services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration must appeal a loss of eligibility for services; establishing requirements related to eligibility determinations and redeterminations under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; prohibiting the Department from procedurally disenrolling individuals from the Program or home– and community–based services solely on a certain basis except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 1007**                    **Senator Zucker**

Chapter 176

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to change the names of certain grantees, alter the authorized uses of certain grants, and extend the termination date of certain grants.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 707**                    **Senator Ready, et al**

Chapter 177

MENTAL HEALTH LAW – DEFINITION OF DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF OTHERS AND REPORTS ON EMERGENCY EVALUATION PETITIONS (RIGHT TO TREATMENT)

Defining “danger to the life or safety of the individual or of others” for purposes of the involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a facility or Veterans’ Administration hospital and the emergency evaluation of individuals with mental disorders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 748**

**Senator McKay**

Chapter 178

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – ALLEGANY COUNTY**

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Allegany County in the event Allegany County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 1102**

**Delegate Buckel, et al**

Chapter 179

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 480**

**Senator McKay**

Chapter 180

**OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECREATION OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 445**                    **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 181

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – FIREFIGHTERS – PAYMENT OF WAGES AND PAYROLL INFORMATION**

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay for each hour over 168 hours that a firefighter works during a 28–day work period; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each employed firefighter; authorizing a firefighter or the firefighter’s exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance if a county or municipality does not provide the payroll information as required or wages due; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 532**                    **Delegate Solomon**

Chapter 182

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – FIREFIGHTERS – PAYMENT OF WAGES AND PAYROLL INFORMATION**

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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2028**

**SB 439**                    **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 183

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

Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee’s use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and requiring an employer to report an incident of a fire and rescue public safety employee reporting for work while impaired by cannabis to the State Emergency Medical Services Board.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 1015**

**Delegate Solomon, et al**

Chapter 184

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES – EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR RECENTLY RELOCATED INDIVIDUALS (RALPH’S ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide an expedited Medicaid eligibility determination for developmental disabilities services to individuals who received certain services in another state and relocated to the State; and requiring the Department to begin the determination process before an individual establishes residency in the State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

**SB 403**

**Senator McCray, et al**

Chapter 185

**SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent–teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at a book fair, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 358**

**Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 186

**SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent–teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at an in–person book fair on school premises; requiring that the net proceeds of the book sale be used solely for the educational benefit of the school or its students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 413**

**Senator Beidle**

Chapter 187

**STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
BOARD OPERATIONS AND REGULATION OF CREMATORIES  
AND REDUCTION FACILITIES**

Transferring the authority to regulate certain crematories and reduction facilities from the Office of Cemetery Oversight to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; altering the circumstances under which the Governor may remove an appointed member of the Board; altering the quorum of the Board; and specifying that the Board may take action with a simple majority vote of the quorum.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 698**

**Delegate Bhandari, et al**

Chapter 188

**STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
BOARD OPERATIONS AND REGULATION OF CREMATORIES  
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 272**

**Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
Health)**

Chapter 189

**FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – LAVATORY REQUIREMENT AND  
ON-FARM FOOD SERVICE FACILITY LICENSE**

Altering the type of toilet that certain food establishments may use to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory; requiring that the fee for an on-farm food service facility license be determined by the Maryland Department of Health based on certain factors and prohibiting the fee from exceeding \$100; establishing a 1-year term for an on-farm service facility license; and requiring the Department, in consultation with other departments and stakeholders, to adopt regulations governing on-farm service facility licenses.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**HB 1109**      **Chair, Health Committee, et al**

Chapter 190      PUBLIC HEALTH REFORM ACT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to organize the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps; requiring the Department to notify each health officer for a county of a certain procurement to offer the opportunity for the county health department to join the procurement; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to develop a process to assess the health equity impacts of relevant legislation; requiring the Department to convene a workgroup to review local health department recruiting and classification processes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 419**      **Senators Simonaire and Augustine**

Chapter 191      HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE  
THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Authorizing an individual registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in the State to continue to practice massage therapy beyond October 31, 2026; altering the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a massage therapy license; repealing obsolete qualifications for registered massage practitioners; repealing the requirement that the imposition of a certain administrative penalty be subject to certain hearing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 42**      **Delegate Bagnall**

Chapter 192      HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE  
THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Authorizing an individual registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in the State to continue to practice massage therapy beyond October 31, 2026; altering the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a massage therapy license; repealing obsolete qualifications for registered massage practitioners; repealing the requirement that the imposition of a certain administrative penalty be subject to certain hearing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 394**

Chapter 193

**Senator Gile**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY –  
BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS**

Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care practitioners may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner; and adding licensed certified midwives to the list of health care practitioners who may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a certain assessment of the sexual partner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 422**

Chapter 194

**Delegate Bagnall, et al**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY –  
BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS AND LICENSED CERTIFIED  
MIDWIVES**

Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care practitioners may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner; and adding licensed certified midwives to the list of health care practitioners who may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a certain assessment of the sexual partner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1192**

Chapter 195

**Delegate Bagnall**

**STATE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS –  
MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSING**

Expanding the membership of and altering the quorum requirements for the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters; requiring the nomination process to include outreach to underrepresented deaf, deafblind, and interpreter communities; authorizing the Governor to remove certain members of the Board under certain circumstances; altering the date, from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2027, by which the Board must establish certain licensing requirements and by which interpreters must meet certain licensing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 645**

**Senator King**

Chapter 196

STATE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS –  
MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSING

Expanding the membership of and altering the quorum requirements for the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters; requiring the nomination process to include outreach to underrepresented deaf, deafblind, and interpreter communities; authorizing the Governor to remove certain members of the Board under certain circumstances; altering the date, from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2027, by which the Board must establish certain licensing requirements and by which sign language interpreters must meet certain licensing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 644**

**Senator King**

Chapter 197

SALES AND USE TAX – CERTIFICATES INDICATING  
MULTIPLE POINTS OF USE – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing, for purposes of certain laws governing the sales and use tax, a buyer to issue a certain certificate indicating multiple points of use of certain digital codes, digital products, and taxable services under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; providing for the application for and denial, renewal, and revocation of an authorization for a buyer to issue multiple points of use certificates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

**HB 933**

**Delegate Wilkins**

Chapter 198

SALES AND USE TAX – CERTIFICATES INDICATING  
MULTIPLE POINTS OF USE – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing, for purposes of certain laws governing the sales and use tax, a buyer to issue a certain certificate indicating multiple points of use of certain digital codes, digital products, and taxable services under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; providing for the application for and denial, renewal, and revocation of an authorization for a buyer to issue multiple points of use certificates; requiring an authorized buyer to provide and a vendor to verify a multiple points of use certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

**SB 466**

**Senator King**

Chapter 199

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community-based clinical training; limiting to \$100,000, the excess amount of tax credit certificates the Department may carry forward from all prior fiscal years; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 595**

**Delegate Lewis, et al**

Chapter 200

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community-based clinical training; limiting to \$100,000 the excess amount of tax credit certificates the Department may carry forward; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 735**

**Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 201

**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DELAY AND STUDY**

Delaying the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program until taxable year 2030; requiring the Comptroller’s Office, on or before December 1, 2026, to study and make recommendations regarding outreach efforts to encourage eligible taxpayers to claim the State earned income tax credit; and requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to make certain recommendations concerning methods to assist low-income Marylanders with claiming certain credits and obtaining certain assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 519**

**Senator King**

Chapter 202

**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DELAY AND STUDY**

Delaying the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program until taxable year 2030; requiring the Comptroller’s Office, on or before December 1, 2026, to study and make recommendations regarding outreach efforts to encourage eligible taxpayers to claim the State earned income tax credit; and requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to make certain recommendations concerning methods to assist low-income Marylanders with claiming certain credits and obtaining certain assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 468**

**Senator King**

Chapter 203

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – GRANT FOR RECIPIENTS OF STATE CHILD TAX CREDIT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county to provide, by law, a grant to recipients of the State income tax credit for certain dependent children; authorizing the amount of the grant to be reduced by 10% for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof, by which the taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income exceeds the \$15,000 threshold amount, except that the reduction cannot reduce the grant to below zero; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 363**            **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 204

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – GRANT FOR RECIPIENTS OF STATE  
CHILD TAX CREDIT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county to provide, by law, a grant to recipients of the State income tax credit for certain dependent children, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 771**            **Delegate Miller, et al**

Chapter 205

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring each health occupations board to allow an applicant seeking license or certificate renewal to receive continuing education credits for completing a certain human trafficking awareness training program, conduct outreach to make individuals regulated by the board aware of human trafficking awareness training options, and adopt certain regulations related to continuing education credits for a certain human trafficking awareness training program by January 1, 2027; establishing requirements for the training program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 778**            **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 206

**CLINICAL RESEARCH PHARMACIES AND CLINICAL TRIALS –  
PERMITS AND OWNERSHIP**

Establishing a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to issue a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing a health care provider to hold an ownership interest in a clinical research pharmacy under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual from being required to obtain a license, certification, or authorization to practice under certain provisions of law to own or have an ownership interest in a clinical research pharmacy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 427**      **Delegate Guzzone, et al**

Chapter 207

**TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 336**      **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 208

**TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 266**      **Senator Brooks**

Chapter 209

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS – REGULATION OF INVASIVE TREES**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to adopt certain ordinances to regulate the nonnative, highly invasive, deciduous hardwood tree known as tree of heaven and certain invasive trees; and authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to establish a bounty or native tree replacement program to incentivize the removal of tree of heaven and certain invasive trees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 35**

**Delegate Foley, et al**

Chapter 210

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS –  
REGULATION OF INVASIVE TREES**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to adopt certain ordinances to regulate tree of heaven and certain invasive trees; and authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to establish certain programs to incentivize the removal of tree of heaven and certain invasive trees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 578**

**Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**

Chapter 211

**FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED  
SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS – REGULATIONS, LISTS,  
PETITIONS, ESSENTIAL HABITATS, AND TAKINGS**

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update regulations related to the Irreplaceable Natural Areas Program by July 1, 2033, and at least every 10 years thereafter; requiring the Secretary to delist an endangered or threatened species under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to adopt management protocols for designated essential habitats; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate regulations authorizing the taking of black vultures under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 431**

**Senator Brooks**

Chapter 212

**FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED  
SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS – REGULATIONS, LISTS,  
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1047**

**Delegate Hutchinson**

Chapter 213

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DELEGATION OF DUTIES – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring an individual to be registered with the State Board of Physicians to perform limited X-ray machine operations in the State; establishing certain disciplinary procedures for limited X-ray machine operators; recodifying certain provisions of law related to registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and supervised medical graduates; and authorizing a physician assistant to perform X-ray duties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 915**

**Senator Mautz**

Chapter 214

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 438**

**Senators Jackson and Hershey**

Chapter 215

**COMMERCIAL LAW – SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an occupant from using the occupant's self-service storage facility beyond the term of a rental agreement after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal; requiring an operator to give an occupant at least 30 days after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal to remove the occupant's personal property from the self-service storage facility; requiring an operator to give an occupant notice of intent to dispose of the occupant's personal property a certain number of days before the operator disposes of that personal property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 618**

**Delegate A. Johnson**

Chapter 216

**COMMERCIAL LAW – SELF–SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an occupant from using the occupant’s self–service storage facility beyond the term of a rental agreement after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal; requiring an operator to give an occupant at least 30 days after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal to remove the occupant’s personal property from the self–service storage facility; requiring an operator to give an occupant notice of intent to dispose of the occupant’s personal property at least 10 days before the operator disposes of that personal property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 1284**

**Delegate Guzzone**

Chapter 217

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – PRIVATE DUTY NURSING – ON–SITE NURSE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations that authorize a residential service agency to provide training to a licensed nurse that provides private duty nursing services after employment; authorizing a residential service agency to employ a licensed nurse who does not meet certain requirements under certain circumstances; and requiring a residential service agency to provide training and a competency evaluation for certain nurses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 39**

**Senator Lam**

Chapter 218

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RATE METHODOLOGY MODERNIZATION – WORKGROUP ESTABLISHMENT AND STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an independent cost–driven rate–setting study to set community provider rates for community–based behavioral health services; authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to require community providers to submit certain information for the completion of the report; establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization to develop reimbursement methodologies for certain health clinics, outpatient mental health centers, and independent providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 772**      **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 219

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RATE METHODOLOGY  
MODERNIZATION – WORKGROUP ESTABLISHMENT AND  
STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, rather than the Behavioral Health Administration and the Medical Care Programs Administration, to conduct a certain rate-setting study by June 30, 2028; establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization in the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop transparent, cost-based reimbursement methodologies for certified community behavioral health clinics, outpatient mental health centers, and independent outpatient providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 672**      **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 220

PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND –  
ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS

Altering which entities are eligible to receive grants from the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to exclude certain physicians, laboratories, and persons, and include certain nonprofit institutions.  
EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 417**      **Senator Lam**

Chapter 221

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MANDATORY MEETINGS ON  
RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MATTERS – EMPLOYEE  
ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (MARYLAND WORKER  
FREEDOM ACT)

Prohibiting employers and their agents, representatives, and designees from taking certain actions against an employee or applicant for employment because the employee or applicant takes certain actions regarding employer-sponsored meetings during which the employer communicates the opinion of the employer regarding religious matters or political matters; authorizing an employee to file a certain complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 326**

**Senator Lam, et al**

Chapter 222

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND MIDWIVES – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PARITY ACT OF 2026)

Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admissions to mental health facilities and the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program; altering the health care practitioners that may order that a pregnant incarcerated individual be admitted to the infirmary; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related certain examinations for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 377**

**Delegate S. Johnson, et al**

Chapter 223

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND MIDWIVES – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, and the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program; altering the health care practitioners that may order that a pregnant incarcerated individual be admitted to the infirmary; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover certain charges for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 485**

**Delegate S. Johnson**

Chapter 224

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – REVISIONS

Altering the name of the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects to be the State Board of Professional Landscape Architects; altering the definition of “licensed landscape architects” to be “professional landscape architects”; altering certain qualifications for membership on the Board; altering certain duties of the Board; altering certain educational and experience requirements of applicants for a license to practice landscape architecture; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 872**                    **Senator M. Washington**  
Chapter 225                REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – RENTAL DWELLING UNIT – DEFINITION
- Altering the definition of “rental dwelling unit” for purposes of provisions of law governing the reduction of lead risk in housing.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 18**                      **Senator M. Washington**  
Chapter 226                STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK – ESTABLISHED
- Establishing a provisional social work license through which an individual issued a provisional social work license may receive a full license; requiring the Board, beginning November 1, 2026, to issue a provisional license to an applicant who, except for passing the examination otherwise required, has met certain appropriate education and experience requirements; and requiring the Board beginning in 2027, to report certain information regarding the provisional licensing program to certain committees of the General Assembly.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 769**                    **Delegate Woods, et al**  
Chapter 227                STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK – ESTABLISHED
- Establishing a provisional social work license through which an individual issued a provisional social work license may receive a full license; and requiring the Board, beginning in 2027, to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the number of provisional licenses issued, the number of provisional license holders who obtained full licensure, and any recommendations for improving the program and the program’s impact on the health care workforce.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 731**                    **Senator M. Washington**  
Chapter 228                HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS
- Clarifying that the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is a tax–exempt body politic and corporate.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 851**

**Delegate Forbes**

Chapter 229

**HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS**

Clarifying that the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is a tax-exempt body politic and corporate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 423**

**Senator Kramer**

Chapter 230

**RESEARCH FACILITIES AND TESTING FACILITIES THAT USE ANIMALS – PROHIBITIONS AND ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS (ANIMAL RESEARCH MODERNIZATION AND BEST PRACTICES ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting a research facility or a testing facility from using certain dogs and cats for research or testing purposes; prohibiting a research facility or testing facility from performing devocalization procedures on dogs or cats; prohibiting a testing facility from using traditional animal test methods under certain circumstances; applying certain provisions of law regarding the adoption of dogs and cats used for scientific research purposes to testing facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 740**

**Senator Kramer**

Chapter 231

**TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION OF OPERATORS**

Requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator for certain violations; requiring a transportation network company to allow an operator whose account is deactivated to withdraw certain earnings under certain circumstances; requiring a transportation network company to provide notice and certain information to any operator who is deactivated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 480**            **Delegate Fennell, et al**

Chapter 232        **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION  
OF OPERATORS**

Requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator for certain violations; authorizing a transportation network company to rely solely on a passenger report as the basis for deactivation under certain circumstances; requiring a transportation network company to allow an operator whose account is deactivated to withdraw certain earnings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

**HB 374**            **Delegate White Holland, et al**

Chapter 233        **STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Acupuncture Board to make available proof of renewal, rather than issuing a renewal certificate; prohibiting a person from employing an individual to practice acupuncture without a license or aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of acupuncture; and providing that a person who violates the Act, for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 370**            **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 234        **STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Acupuncture Board to make available proof of renewal, rather than issuing a renewal certificate; prohibiting a person from employing an individual to practice acupuncture without a license or aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of acupuncture; providing that a person who violates the Act, for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both; and providing that a subsequent offense is a felony and subject to increased penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 411**

**Senator Augustine, et al**

Chapter 235

**HOSPITALS – CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEES AND PLANS  
– ESTABLISHMENT (SAFE STAFFING ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to comply with certain staffing standards, to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee, and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring the chief nursing executive of each hospital to produce a draft clinical staffing plan and submit it to the clinical staffing committee of the hospital; requiring each clinical staffing committee to finalize a clinical staffing plan; requiring, by July 1, 2028, each hospital to implement a clinical staffing plan; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 624**

**Delegate White Holland, et al**

Chapter 236

**HOSPITALS – CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEES AND PLANS  
– ESTABLISHMENT (SAFE STAFFING ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to comply with certain staffing standards to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring each staffing committee to develop a staffing plan; requiring the chief nursing executive of each hospital to produce a draft clinical staffing plan and submit it to the clinical staffing committee of the hospital; requiring, beginning in 2028, by July 1 each year, each hospital to implement a clinical staffing plan; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 412**

**Senator Augustine**

Chapter 237

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – FORENSIC REVIEW  
BOARDS AND COMMUNITY FORENSIC AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

Repealing the requirement that a forensic review board provide notice to certain individuals within a certain time period after issuing a recommendation; establishing the Community Forensic Aftercare Program in the Maryland Department of Health to monitor committed persons on conditional release and individuals with mental illness or an intellectual disability who are required to be monitored; prohibiting a court from issuing an order that authorizes or requires a Community Forensic Aftercare Program to make certain clinical decisions; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**SB 365**

**Senator Waldstreicher**

Chapter 238

**SECURITY GUARDS – CERTIFICATION RENEWAL – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain certification renewal requirements for security guards; and repealing a \$5 per day certification renewal late fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 446**

**Delegate Martinez, et al**

Chapter 239

**HEALTH – DEMENTIA SERVICES AND BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM AND PROVIDER RESOURCE TOOLKIT**

Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council to include an examination of the capacity of health care providers to deliver care to certain individuals and to identify methods by which the State can assist health care providers in delivering care to certain individuals; establishing the Dementia Services and Brain Health Program in the Maryland Department of Health to lead the State’s public health efforts relating to brain health and dementia; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 555**

**Senator Hayes**

Chapter 240

**HEALTH – DEMENTIA SERVICES AND BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM AND PROVIDER RESOURCE TOOLKIT**

Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing the Dementia Services and Brain Health Program in the Maryland Department of Health to lead the State’s public health efforts relating to brain health and dementia; requiring, by October 1, 2027, the Maryland Department of Health in partnership the Department of Aging, the Council and other entities to develop a provider resource toolkit for dementia care for health care providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1357**

**Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 241

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, beginning April 1, 2028, manufacturers of menstrual hygiene products to include a list of all ingredients listed in order of predominance and displayed prominently in conspicuous type on each consumer-facing package of menstrual hygiene products sold in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1483**

**Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 242

**CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING – OUT-OF-STATE PROVIDERS – USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE**

Repealing the authority of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a temporary telehealth license; and exempting certain State licensure requirements for certain individuals who are licensed in another state and who provide counseling through telehealth to clients in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1377**

**Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 243

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – REDIRECTING SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Health to collaborate with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and certain drop-off sites in the State to separate and redirect certain prescription medications to a State repository program; and requiring each drop-off site participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any prescription medications collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred to a repository.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 1367**

**Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 244

COMMISSION ON RE-IMAGINING HEALTH CARE IN MARYLAND

Establishing a Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care to envision and make recommendations regarding establishing a comprehensive, patient-centered health care system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by December 1, 2027, and a final report of the Commission's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2029.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 653**

**Senator Kagan**

Chapter 245

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE AND ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

Requiring instead of authorizing the Board of Architects to deny, reprimand, or suspend a license to practice architecture or a permit to operate a business through which an individual may practice architecture under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to establish an electronic portal to allow the anonymous reporting of a suspected violation of certain provisions of law relating to the practicing of architecture; authorizing a certain code official to verify a licensee's documents before a permit is processed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1180**

**Delegate Qi**

Chapter 246

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE AND ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

Requiring instead of authorizing the Board of Architects to deny, reprimand, or suspend a license to practice architecture or a permit to operate a business through which an individual may practice architecture under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to establish an electronic portal to allow the anonymous reporting of a suspected violation of certain provision of law relating to the practicing of architecture; requiring a code official to verify a licensee's credentials; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 308**

**Delegates Qi and Hill**

Chapter 247

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PRINCIPAL OFFICES – PRIVATE MAILBOXES**

Authorizing an address in this State supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency to be designated as the principal office of a Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership; and defining “commercial mail receiving agency” as a person that is authorized by the U.S. Postal Service to accept delivery of mail on behalf of another person as a business service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 828**

**Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 248

**STATE FINANCE – DELINQUENT FEDERAL FUNDS (FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT)**

Reserving jurisdiction with respect to certain federal land in the State under certain conditions; authorizing the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management to collect a certain amount of delinquent federal funds; authorizing the Central Collection Unit, under a certain circumstance, to collect certain federal funds owed to the State, place liens on federal property in the State, and direct the Comptroller to withhold certain payments to the federal government; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 599**

**Senators Hester and Hettleman**

Chapter 249

**ON-FARM ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing, beginning July 1, 2028, the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement on-farm organics recycling, compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 for the program; and requiring the Department, beginning December 31, 2028, to annually report to the General Assembly on the impact of the grant program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 429**

Chapter 250

**Delegate Boyce, et al**

**ON-FARM ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing, beginning July 1, 2028, the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement on-farm organics recycling, compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 for the program; and requiring the Department, beginning December 31, 2028, to annually report to the General Assembly on the impact of the grant program.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 833**

Chapter 251

**Delegate Boyce, et al**

**COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND – REESTABLISHMENT**

Reestablishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland with an altered membership and mandate; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 553**

Chapter 252

**Senator Augustine**

**COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND – REESTABLISHMENT**

Reestablishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland with an altered membership and mandate; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report to the Legislative Policy Committee by December 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2027.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 371**

**Senator Carozza, et al**

Chapter 253

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGE PERMITS – ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS**

Repealing a provision of law requiring a person to hold a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) general discharge permit issued by the Department of the Environment before the person may begin construction on any part of a new CAFO; and authorizing the Department to authorize a person to begin construction on any part of a new animal feeding operation under an approval process established by the Department that requires the person to demonstrate compliance with certain requirements, laws, and regulations.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 395**

**Delegate Boyce, et al**

Chapter 254

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGE PERMITS – CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS**

Repealing certain provisions of law requiring a person to hold a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) general discharge permit issued by the Department of the Environment before the person may begin construction on any part of a new CAFO; and authorizing the Department, under certain circumstances, to authorize a person to begin construction on any part of a new animal feeding operation under a certain approval process established by the Department.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 784**

**Delegate D. Jones**

Chapter 255

**AQUACULTURE – PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, AND STRUCTURES ON SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – EXTENSION**

Extending to June 30, 2030, the authorization of a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, to place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**



**HB 85**

**Delegate Charkoudian**

Chapter 260

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – COOPERATIVE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING CORPORATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a cooperative limited equity housing corporation subject to certain requirements; requiring a cooperative limited equity housing corporation to provide a certain notice and offer to certain households under certain circumstances; requiring a cooperative limited equity housing corporation to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027

**SB 130**

**Senator Henson**

Chapter 261

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER – INDIVIDUAL SUBMETERS**

Authorizing the installation of individual water submeters, used to determine the actual use of water, for certain apartment houses and mobile home parks; prohibiting the owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house or a mobile home park, or a contractor hired by the owner, operator, or manager, from imposing certain costs on a unit; authorizing the owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house or a mobile home park to bill an occupant under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 220**

**Delegates Charkoudian and Guyton**

Chapter 262

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER – INDIVIDUAL SUBMETERS**

Authorizing the installation of individual water submeters, used to determine the actual use of water, for each residential unit in an apartment house and mobile home parks; prohibiting the owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house, or mobile home park, or a contractor hired by the owner, operator, or manager, from imposing certain costs on a unit; authorizing the owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house or mobile home park to bill an occupant a certain amount under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 298**                    **Senator Henson**

Chapter 263

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND  
CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**

Altering and expanding the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; and establishing that the Department has statewide jurisdiction over and full police authority for the enforcement of the criminal laws and the parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection of State-owned or State-leased buildings and grounds and extending to the surrounding area, and other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the Board of Public Works.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 338**                    **Delegate Simmons, et al**

Chapter 264

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND  
CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**

Altering and expanding the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; and establishing that the Department has statewide jurisdiction over and full police authority for the enforcement of the criminal laws and parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection of certain State-owned or leased buildings and grounds and other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the Board of Public Works.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 261**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By  
Chapter 265                Request – Departmental – General Services)**

**STATE PROCUREMENT – COMPETITIVE PROOF OF CONCEPT  
PROCUREMENT**

Establishing competitive proof of concept procurements as an authorized procurement method; providing that a competitive proof of concept procurement may have multiple phases of evaluation; requiring a unit of State government to obtain the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer or a designee before conducting a certain competitive proof of concept procurement; altering the required contents of a competitive proof of concept procurement solicitation; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

**HB 281**      **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 266    **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – CRIMINAL  
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**

Altering provisions relating to criminal background investigations for certain individuals who care for or supervise children; requiring certain facilities to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a national and State criminal history records check for each employee, employer, individual, or volunteer; and altering provisions relating to the process under which a certain State or local law enforcement agency conducts a certain name-based check on certain individuals.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 270**      **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**  
Chapter 267    **Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)**

**MILITARY FAMILY INCLUSION ACT**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland Commission on Caregiving, and the Maryland Youth Advisory Council by adding a military-connected individual or organization as a member.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 654**      **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 268    **STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MANDATORY  
RETIREMENT AGE – ALTERATION**

Increasing the age to 62 at which certain members of the State Police Retirement System are required to retire; increasing the age to 62 at which certain retirees must end participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program; and authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

- SB 773**                    **Senator Augustine**  
Chapter 269                HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – VACCINATION  
ORDERS  
Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for  
individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also  
administer the vaccination.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 1135**                    **Delegate Lopez, et al**  
Chapter 270                HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – VACCINATION  
ORDERS  
Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for  
individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also  
administer the vaccination.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 280**                    **Senators Augustine and Zucker**  
Chapter 271                NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – TERMINOLOGY  
Altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve  
and interpret the history of certain populations.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 404**                    **Delegate Mireku–North**  
Chapter 272                NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – TERMINOLOGY  
Altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve  
and interpret the history of certain populations.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 250**      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**  
Chapter 273   **Request – Departmental – Environment) and Delegate Odom**

**ENVIRONMENT – APPROPRIATION OR USE OF WATER AND  
DAM SAFETY – ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose an administrative penalty for certain violations related to the appropriation or use of water and dam safety; repealing a certain limitation on the Department's authority to issue certain orders and send certain notices related to dam safety; requiring the Department to take certain actions before imposing certain civil or administrative penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 258**      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**  
Chapter 274   **Request – Departmental – Critical Area Commission), et al**

**CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL  
AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – STANDARDS AND  
PROCEDURES**

Altering and updating the standards and procedures governing the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program related to the approval of regulations, local program comprehensive reviews, locational standards for growth allocation, correcting mapping mistakes, and tree replanting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 342**      **Delegate Behler, et al**

Chapter 275   **FORESTRY LICENSES – APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS –  
ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that an institution from which an applicant for a forestry license graduates on completion of a certain curriculum has certain approval and accreditation; authorizing an applicant to qualify for a forestry license if the State Board of Foresters determines the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to certain requirements; and requiring an applicant to have at least 2 years of experience in forestry that indicates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice forestry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 654**

**Delegate Behler, et al**

Chapter 276

**NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS  
AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award certain grants and loans for certain purposes; authorizing the Authority to require matching funds in whatever proportion the Authority considers appropriate; repealing certain requirements for certain grants and loans; decreasing from 10% to 7% or \$600,000, whichever amount is greater, of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**SB 638**

**Senator Corderman, et al**

Chapter 277

**NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS  
AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award grants and loans to local jurisdictions to develop certain management plans and encourage revitalization of and reinvestment in certified heritage area resources; decreasing from 10% to 7% or \$600,000, whichever is greater, of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; and increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$9,000,000 the maximum amount of funding that may be transferred to the Fund.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**SB 473**            **Senator Hettleman, et al**

Chapter 278

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – FOR-HIRE DRIVERS AND  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATORS – HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING  
AND LIABILITY**

Requiring an applicant for certain for-hire driver's licenses to submit to the Public Service Commission documentation verifying that the applicant completed a certain human trafficking awareness training program; and prohibiting licensed taxicab drivers, for-hire drivers, or transportation network operators and applicants for a transportation network operator's license from being held civilly or criminally liable for reporting or responding to in good faith a suspected incident of human trafficking.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 829**            **Delegate Ebersole, et al**

Chapter 279

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – FOR-HIRE DRIVERS AND  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATORS – HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING  
AND LIABILITY**

Requiring an applicant for certain for-hire driver's licenses to submit to the Public Service Commission documentation verifying that the applicant completed a certain human trafficking awareness training program; prohibiting licensed taxicab drivers, for-hire drivers, or transportation network operators and applicants for a transportation network operators license from being held civilly or criminally liable for reporting or responding to in good faith a suspected incident of human trafficking; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 649**

**Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 280

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE FUEL SOLD AT RETAIL – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, UNITS OF MEASURE, AND FEES**

Requiring the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to display certain information in a conspicuous manner; requiring all electricity possessed, offered, or exposed for sale and sold at retail as a vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in units of kilowatt–hours; authorizing the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to charge a certain fee which is required to be itemized on the customer’s receipt; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 969**

**Delegate Allen, et al**

Chapter 281

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE FUEL SOLD AT RETAIL – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, UNITS OF MEASURE, AND FEES**

Requiring the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to display certain information in a conspicuous manner; requiring all electricity possessed, offered, or exposed for sale and sold at retail as a vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in units of kilowatt–hours; authorizing the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to charge certain fees for certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 159**

**Senator A. Washington**

Chapter 282

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – VEHICLES AND AMBULANCES – REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to coordinate, with Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Operating Programs, the minimum equipment, supplies, and medications needed for early childhood care, including neonatal care, to be available on emergency medical services vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 656**

**Senator Henson**

Chapter 283

PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS (CROWN AND CARE ACT – PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM HARMFUL HAIR CHEMICALS)

Making a violation of certain provisions of law regarding the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale certain cosmetic products an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; providing that a person who violates the is liable for certain civil damages resulting from actual harm sustained by an individual; requiring the Department of Health and the Attorney General to develop a plan for a special fund to support research and treatment related to conditions caused by harmful chemicals in cosmetic products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 1533**

**Delegate Alston, et al**

Chapter 284

PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS (CROWN AND CARE ACT – PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM HARMFUL HAIR CHEMICALS)

Making a violation of certain provisions of law regarding the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale certain cosmetic products an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; providing that a person who violates the Act is liable for certain civil damages resulting from actual harm sustained by an individual; requiring the Department of Health and the Attorney General to develop a plan for a fund to support research and treatment of conditions caused by harmful chemicals in cosmetic products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 487**                      **Senator Henson**

Chapter 285

**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – SAFETY CORRIDORS (VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROTECTION ACT OF 2026)**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to implement a program of safety corridor speed monitoring systems for use in areas determined to be of high risk to vulnerable road users; and authorizing a local jurisdiction to use speed monitoring systems in safety corridors under certain circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 940**                      **Senator Henson**

Chapter 286

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY TESTING – SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS ACTION PLAN**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop a statewide action plan for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels to address water discoloring, taste, and odor at community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 1196**                      **Delegate J. Long, et al**

Chapter 287

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY TESTING – SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS ACTION PLAN**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop a statewide action plan for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels to address water discoloring, taste, and odor at community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**SB 758**            **Senator Watson, et al**

Chapter 288

**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – CANDIDATE OR PROPOSITION SIGNS – DISPLAY PERIOD**

Altering, to 45 days before voting and early voting for a primary election, general election, or vote on a proposition, the time period during which a common ownership community may restrict the display of candidate or proposition signs.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 855**            **Delegates Holmes and Healey**

Chapter 289

**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – CANDIDATE OR PROPOSITION SIGNS – DISPLAY PERIOD**

Altering, to 45 days before voting and early voting for a primary election, general election, or vote on a proposition, the time period during which a common ownership community may restrict the display of candidate or proposition signs.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 734**            **Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 290

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION AND CLARIFICATION**

Altering the dates by which certain local employers are required to pay the State Retirement and Pension System a certain amount of the charges certified to the local employer; clarifying the interest rate a county government is charged for certain delinquent amounts owed to the State Retirement and Pension System; clarifying that an eligible government unit that satisfies certain requirements is eligible to participate in a certain system of the State Retirement and Pension System under certain circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

**HB 1139**

Chapter 291

**Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –  
ADMINISTRATION AND CLARIFICATION

Altering the dates by which certain local employers are required to pay the State Retirement and Pension System a certain amount of the charges certified to the local employer; clarifying the interest rate a county government is charged for certain delinquent amounts owed to the State Retirement and Pension System; clarifying that an eligible governmental unit that satisfies certain requirements is eligible to participate in certain systems of the State Retirement and Pension System under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 399**

Chapter 292

**Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS  
BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP – EXTENSION

Extending the reporting date and the termination date for a workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions and not the entire General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 338**

Chapter 293

**Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS  
BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP – EXTENSION

Extending the reporting date from December 1, 2025, to October 1, 2026, and the termination date from 2026 to June 30, 2027, for a workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to report to the Governor and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 337**                    **Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 294                **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 678**                    **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 295                **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 789**                    **Delegates Forbes and Griffith**

Chapter 296                **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –  
MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY – HELICOPTER  
PILOTS**

Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System assigned as helicopter pilots in a State law enforcement aviation unit to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 491**            **Senator Salling**

Chapter 297

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –  
MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY – HELICOPTER  
PILOTS**

Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System assigned as helicopter pilots in a State law enforcement aviation unit to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 777**            **Senator Salling**

Chapter 298

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT –  
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE RETRAINING AND PLACEMENT  
PROGRAM AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS (LOCAL WORKFORCE  
SOLUTIONS INVESTMENT ACT)**

Altering the program the Maryland Department of Labor is required to establish for the retraining and placement of certain hospital employees; requiring the Department to allocate money from the Hospital Employees Retraining Fund to local workforce development boards under certain circumstances; altering certain workforce development programs to require inclusion of local workforce boards; requiring the Department to provide funding to local workforce boards; requiring local workforce boards to provide certain grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1025**           **Delegates Rose and Miller**

Chapter 299

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING –  
EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

Repealing the option for an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to pass a practical and written examination administered by the State Board of Cosmetology in order to be licensed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 347**      **Delegate Pruski, et al**

Chapter 300

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE  
PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal suffering from hypertension are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law and are presumed to be disabled if certain requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1016**      **Delegate Pruski, et al**

Chapter 301

**NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES –  
LICENSED ARCHITECTS – EMPLOYER WORKFORCE  
RELOCATION AND OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYERS**

Applying certain provisions of law establishing that certain noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in certain employment contracts are null and void as being against the public policy of the State to licensed architects employed by certain employers that relocate the majority of its employees outside the State or have its principal place of business outside the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 557**      **Delegate Harrison, et al**

Chapter 302

**OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION –  
CRIMINAL HISTORY – PREDETERMINATION REVIEW  
PROCESS**

Providing that “department” does not include the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for purposes of certain provisions prohibiting a department from refusing to issue an occupational license or certificate based on a certain conviction under certain circumstances; establishing a predetermination review process for occupational licenses and certificates in certain departments of State government; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of up to \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 1178**

**Delegates Harrison and Toles**

Chapter 303

**MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION – LIMITATIONS**

Requiring a municipality that is seeking to annex land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality or any part of the municipality is located to notify the members of the General Assembly for the district in which the land is located and for the district to which the land is being annexed by electronic communication and the United States Postal Service.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1400**

**Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 304

**SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – PENALTIES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR REGISTRATION CARD**

Authorizing the suspension or revocation of a shellfish aquaculture harvester permit or shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card for certain violations; prohibiting a person whose permit or registration card has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the Act from engaging or working in any aquaculture activity during the suspension or revocation; authorizing a certain leaseholder and the Department of Natural Resources to complete a process to remove gear or transfer a shellfish aquaculture lease; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 166**

**Senator Bailey**

Chapter 305

**SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – PENALTIES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR REGISTRATION CARD**

Authorizing the suspension or revocation of a shellfish aquaculture harvester permit or shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card for certain violations; prohibiting a person whose permit or registration card has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the Act from engaging or working in any aquaculture activity during the suspension or revocation; authorizing a certain leaseholder and the Department of Natural Resources to complete a certain process to remove gear or transfer a shellfish aquaculture lease; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 647**

**Senator Bailey**

Chapter 306

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM AND  
STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – LINE-OF-DUTY  
CATASTROPHIC INJURY DISABILITY**

Requiring a certain line-of-duty disability allowance to be paid to a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System or the State Police Retirement System who is found to be totally and permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, for the further performance of duty, and unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

**HB 1395**

**Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 307

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT  
WARRANTIES**

Requiring, to make a claim under a warranty for certain agricultural equipment, a consumer to provide written notice to certain parties to report a nonconformity, defect, or condition occurring in certain agricultural equipment; requiring certain parties to correct the nonconformity, defect, or condition in a certain manner; and requiring certain parties to provide a consumer with the opportunity to replace agricultural equipment or receive a refund under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 103**

**Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 308

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER CONTRACTS –  
PROHIBITED WAIVERS**

Altering certain exemptions relating to a prohibition on a consumer contract that sets a shorter time to bring an action under or on the consumer contract under certain circumstances; prohibiting a consumer contract from waiving, limiting, impairing, or disclaiming certain remedies if authorized by federal or State law, subject to certain exemptions and a certain exception; prohibiting a waiver by agreement of certain provisions in the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- HB 175**            **Delegate Ziegler, et al**  
Chapter 309        INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION – ALTERATIONS
- Increasing from \$300 to \$600 the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax that an individual may claim for certain expenses incurred for a donation of deer meat to certain organizations; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 1279**           **Delegate Ruff, et al**  
Chapter 310        CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECT TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS
- Adding applications promoting certain workforce housing to the types of applications that certain regulations governing the application process for the catalytic revitalization project tax credit must emphasize.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 1149**           **Delegates Young and Hornberger**  
Chapter 311        STATE FINANCE – CLAIMS OF THE STATE – SETTLEMENT
- Authorizing the Comptroller to settle a claim of the State that is in arrears, regardless of how long the claim has been in arrears, under certain circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 1346**           **Delegate Amprey**  
Chapter 312        STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – EXPEDITED DOCUMENT PROCESSING AND FEES
- Establishing an expedited processing fee for certain documents filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and requiring the Department to process documents filed at least 1 hour before the Department’s close of business within 1 hour after the documents are received.  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2028

**HB 996**

**Delegate Amprey**

Chapter 313

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to notify a person who files a charter document if the Department does not accept the document; requiring the Department to accept a corrected charter document under a certain circumstance; authorizing certain governing bodies of certain corporations to take certain actions without a meeting of the governing body subject to certain conditions; repealing the authority of certain persons to maintain a suit in a State court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 631**

**Senators West and Waldstreicher**

Chapter 314

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to notify a person who files a charter document if the Department does not accept the document; requiring the Department to accept a corrected charter document under a certain circumstance; authorizing certain governing bodies of certain corporations to take certain actions without a meeting of the governing body subject to certain conditions; repealing the authority of certain persons to maintain a suit in a State court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 163**

**Senators West and McCray**

Chapter 315

**INCOME TAX – ADDITION MODIFICATION FOR FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT INCOME – STUDY**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller, by December 1, 2026, to study and report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding certain matters related to an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income exempt from federal tax by federal law or treaty but not State tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 582**            **Senator Jennings, et al**  
Chapter 316        CONSUMER PROTECTION – UNSOLICITED LOANS
- Prohibiting a person from sending a check or other negotiable instrument to an individual under certain circumstances; establishing that an individual who receives a check or other negotiable instrument is not liable for the amount of the check or negotiable instrument under certain circumstances; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 453**            **Senator Jennings**  
Chapter 317        HORSE RACING – LAUREL PARK – ARABIAN BREED RACING AUTHORIZATION
- Authorizing a licensee at Laurel Park to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses; and making the Act an emergency bill.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 911**            **Delegate McCaskill, et al**  
Chapter 318        HORSE RACING – LAUREL PARK – ARABIAN BREED RACING AUTHORIZATION
- Authorizing a licensee at Laurel Park to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under certain circumstances; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 579**            **Senator Jennings, et al**  
Chapter 319        COUNTIES – NO-COST PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR VOLUNTEER AND RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
- Requiring counties in which a volunteer fire company is located to offer no-cost preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines to volunteer firefighters volunteering and retired volunteer firefighters who volunteered with the volunteer fire company; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a certain annual examination or applying for a certain grant; requiring the volunteer fire companies to maintain a list of volunteer firefighters and retired volunteer firefighters; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 535**      **Delegate Arentz, et al**

Chapter 320

**FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES –  
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REVENUE**

Increasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the maximum amount of annual revenue a business may generate from the sale of cottage food products to be considered a cottage food business.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 613**      **Delegate T. Morgan, et al**

Chapter 321

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – WAIVERS FOR  
LIVING SHORELINES AND NONSTRUCTURAL SHORELINE  
STABILIZATION MEASURES – REGULATIONS AND SCORING  
SYSTEM**

Authorizing a person to use living shorelines as a certain erosion control measure; applying the Act only to a shoreline stabilization project for which any portion of the project is in an area that is not designated as appropriate for structural stabilization measures by Department mapping; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment require the Department to take certain action during the evaluation of a certain waiver request; requiring the Department to develop a certain scoring system; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 663**      **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 322

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – FEDERAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY – REPORTING**

Requiring, beginning on or before July 1, 2026, and every 6 months thereafter, the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on any changes in federal environmental policy that have been deemed legally valid by a final decision of a federal court and, if there has been a change in federal environmental policy, on the steps the State is taking to respond to that change.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026



**HB 547**      **Delegate Fair, et al**

Chapter 327

**INCOME TAX – ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT  
EQUIPMENT SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION AND PARENT OF  
A STILLBORN CHILD CREDIT**

Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, by December 1, 2026, and each December 1 thereafter, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on additional types of equipment that the Secretary recommends should qualify for the subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for enhanced agricultural management equipment; allowing a certain parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate has been issued; etc.  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

**HB 1012**      **Delegate Fair, et al**

Chapter 328

**PUBLIC HEALTH – LOCAL SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS  
– AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county or municipality to establish a local suicide fatality review team to coordinate with certain local child fatality review teams and the State Suicide Fatality Review Committee; authorizing a team to review suicide deaths in the county, identify factors associated with suicide, promote coordination among certain entities, and develop recommendations to prevent suicide; providing that certain information acquired by a local team is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act; etc.  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 719**      **Senators Love and Hester**

Chapter 329

**SEWAGE SLUDGE – PER– AND POLYFLUOROALKYL  
SUBSTANCES – REGULATION**

Establishing restrictions on the land application, on or after October 1, 2028, of sewage sludge with total concentrations of certain regulated per– and polyfluoroalkyl substances equal to or greater than certain levels; authorizing a person to commingle sewage sludge to reduce the total concentration of regulated PFAS in the final material to levels below 25 parts per billion, subject to certain regulations; establishing certain monitoring protocols; authorizing the establishment of pretreatment standards; etc.  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**HB 925**

**Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 330

**SEWAGE SLUDGE – PER– AND POLYFLUOROALKYL  
SUBSTANCES – REGULATION**

Establishing restrictions on the land application, on or after October 1, 2028, of sewage sludge with total concentrations of certain regulated per– and polyfluoroalkyl substances equal to or greater than certain levels; authorizing, on or after October 1, 2028, a person to commingle sewage sludge to reduce the total concentration of regulated PFAS in the final material to levels below 25 parts per billion and subject to certain regulations and requirements; establishing certain monitoring protocols for certain substances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 257**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 331

**MEL NOLAND WOODLAND INCENTIVES AND FELLOWSHIP  
FUND – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly the amount of proceeds from a certain agricultural land transfer tax that are attributable to the taxation of certain instruments of writing that transfer title to parcels of land that are entirely woodland that were distributed to the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and requiring the Department to report any uncertainties regarding certain amounts.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 533**

**Delegate Stein**

Chapter 332

**MEL NOLAND WOODLAND INCENTIVES AND FELLOWSHIP  
FUND – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly the amount of proceeds from a certain agricultural land transfer tax that are attributable to the taxation of certain instruments of writing that transfer title to parcels of land that are entirely woodland that were distributed to the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and requiring the Department to report any uncertainties regarding certain amounts.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**SB 21**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 333

**NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – MARYLAND GOLDEN AGE PASS**

Establishing that the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass is entitled to free day–use entry at certain State parks and is authorized to launch a boat at any State park without paying a boat launch fee; altering the days of the week on which the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass may camp overnight in a State park at a discounted fee; and establishing that the free day–use entry applies to everyone in the vehicle with the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass under certain circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 37**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 334

**MARYLAND SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAMS – PARTICIPANT DISQUALIFICATION – REVISIONS**

Revising provisions related to the disqualification of a program participant from the Maryland Children’s Service Animal Program, the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program, or the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program; providing that a nonprofit training entity may disqualify a Program participant if the training entity determines the participant’s involvement presents a direct threat to others; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 83**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 335

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE – FEDERAL AND COURT ACTIONS**

Altering the grounds for discipline by certain health occupations boards to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and altering the grounds for discipline of a naturopathic doctor by the State Board of Physicians to include being convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SB 96**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 336

SHEILA E. HIXSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS – TERMINOLOGY – ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS

Altering certain terminology used in the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans that refers to active service members to refer to service members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 161**

**Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 337

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARK ENTRY FEE – EXEMPTIONS

Altering the individuals and vehicles that may enter a State park without paying a certain fee on presentation of a valid veteran identification card, a driver's license or other State-issued license or identification card that indicates the holder is a veteran, or any other form of identification that establishes the holder's veteran status or former Maryland National Guard status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1160**

**Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 338

CALVERT COUNTY – CALVERTHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

Altering the statutory reference to the name Calvert Memorial Hospital to be CalvertHealth Medical Center, Inc., and its successors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1513**

**Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 339

CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$80,957,080 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public buildings, roads, and facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**SB 703**                    **Caroline County Senators**

Chapter 340                CAROLINE COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS

Repealing a requirement that before a certain date each year, a dog owner or keeper must apply for a license from a certain county employee; and repealing a requirement that a certain county employee issue a tag to a dog owner or keeper.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 878**                    **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 341                WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND  
HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION AND PERMANENT PARTIAL  
DISABILITY – CARROLL COUNTY CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers’ compensation law to include, subject to certain conditions, Carroll County correctional deputies who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial disability or death; and altering a certain definition of “public safety employee” so as to apply a certain workers’ compensation provision relating to permanent partial disability benefits to correctional deputies employed by Carroll County.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 449**                    **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 342                WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND  
HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION AND PERMANENT PARTIAL  
DISABILITY – CARROLL COUNTY CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers’ compensation law to include, subject to certain conditions, Carroll County correctional deputies who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial disability or death; and altering a certain definition of “public safety employee” so as to apply a certain workers’ compensation provision relating to permanent partial disability benefits to correctional deputies employed by Carroll County.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 927**            **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 343

**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$27,000,000 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, 2026

**SB 614**            **Dorchester County Senators**

Chapter 344

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Dorchester County in the event Dorchester County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees’ Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 744**            **Dorchester County Delegation**

Chapter 345

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Dorchester County in the event Dorchester County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees’ Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

**HB 590**            **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 346

HOWARD COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – USE OF PROCEEDS HO. CO. 12–26

Altering the name of the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Fund to be the Howard County Agricultural Preservation and Innovation Fund; and specifying that certain transfer tax proceeds that are distributed to the Fund are to be used to support the Agricultural Land Preservation Program and other programs, services, or initiatives to enhance the commercial viability or environmental sustainability of agriculture in the County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

**HB 597**            **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 347

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS MC 17–26

Altering the beginning and ending dates for the Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program, from beginning on April 1, 2024, to April 1, 2026, and from ending 7 years after the beginning date to 9 years after the beginning date; and altering the dates on which the Public Service Commission must submit certain pilot program reports to the Governor and the General Assembly, from the sixth year after the beginning of the pilot program to the seventh year after the beginning of the pilot program and from December 31, 2031, to December 31, 2035.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**HB 1247**           **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 348

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – ALTERATIONS PG 425–26

Altering the definition of “extraordinary development district” for the purpose of provisions of law governing tax increment financing to include a certain immersive entertainment venue; expanding the purposes for which bond proceeds may be used by Prince George’s County or the revenue authority of Prince George’s County to include the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of an immersive entertainment venue in an extraordinary development district; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 600**      **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 349

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION**

Increasing the amount of a certain required bond from \$25,000 to \$250,000 that the Treasurer and any Deputy Treasurer gives to the State of Maryland, the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; authorizing, instead of requiring, the Metropolitan Commission to conduct certain studies, plans, and estimates and altering the scope of those studies, plans, and estimates; and altering certain civil and criminal penalties for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

**SB 714**      **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 350

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES AND SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – TOILET AND LAVATORY FACILITIES**

Exempting mobile food service facilities and semipermanent food service facilities located in Washington County from the requirement that a food service facility have a lavatory and toilet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendments have been assigned chapter numbers:

**HB 604**      **Delegate Solomon**

Chapter 155

**ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2026**

Altering the collective bargaining process for certain State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee certain aspects of collective bargaining and establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse in negotiations between certain parties; requiring that each budget bill submitted by the Governor contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

CONTINGENT

**SB 28**

Chapter 156

**Senator McCray, et al**

**ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2026**

Altering the collective bargaining process for certain State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee certain aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse in negotiations between certain parties; requiring that each budget bill submitted by the Governor contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

**CONTINGENT**

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber  
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